

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

A QUEEN WITHOUT A THRONE
Who rules a home is queen indeed, Of other thrones she has no need. —Old Mother Nature.

"My, but I'm glad to see you!" cried Peter Rabbit. He was speaking to Queen Bumble Bee. "Why are you especially glad?" asked Queen Bumble Bee. "Because now I'm sure that Sweet Mistress Spring is here to stay. If she were not you wouldn't be out. By the way, where did you spend the winter? I suppose a lot of you Bees spent it together," said Peter.

"Where did you sleep?" was Peter's next question. "You are thinking of Honey Bee," replied Queen Bumble Bee. "I am told that she, and all the other members of her family, spend the winter together. But it isn't that way with us Bumble Bees. I spent the winter alone. "Do you mean there wasn't a

single other Bee with you?" asked Peter. "That's what I mean," replied Queen Bumble Bee. "Well, where are all the others?" demanded Peter. "There aren't any others right around her that I know of," was the surprising reply. "Do you mean that you are all alone in the world?" asked Peter.

"I suppose there are others somewhere, but I don't know where. So, I am all alone," said Queen Bumble Bee. "What became of all the others that were with you last summer?" Peter wanted to know. "They all died last fall," replied the big Bee. "What did you do, sleep all winter?" asked Peter. "Of course," replied Queen Bumble Bee. "What else could I do?"

"Where did you sleep?" was Peter's next question. "In a small hollow log over in the dear Old Briar-patch," was the surprising reply. Peter really blinked this time. "Do you mean to tell me that you were a close neighbor of mine all winter?" cried Peter. "I don't know whether I was a neighbor of yours or not. I'm just telling you where I slept through the winter," hummed the big Bee.

"Are you staying over there now?" asked Peter. "I'm not staying anywhere yet. I'm looking around for a place to make a home," replied Queen Bumble Bee. "Have you got anybody to help you do that?" asked Peter. "Do what?" Queen Bumble asked in her turn. "Help you build a home, of course," said Peter.

"Nobody helps me build a home. Besides, I told you I am the only Bumble Bee around here. Now could I have anybody help me if I am the only one?" replied Queen Bumble. "But-but-but," Peter stopped. "But what?" asked Queen Bumble.

Peter shook his head. "What's the good of making a home if you are all alone?" he cried. "I don't be all alone after a while," retorted Queen Bumble.

Contract Bridge
By Josephine Culbertson

A LUCKY SLAM

Over any appreciable period of time, bad bidding and play get exactly what they deserve, but it can't be denied that an occasional "flyer" has remarkable success. For example:

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

♠ 7 4 3	♥ A Q J 8	♦ K Q 9	♣ A 7 2
♠ K Q J 10 8 6	♥ N	♦ W	♣ E
♠ K 9 3	♥ S	♦ S	♣ Q 10 9 8
♠ 7 4	♥ A 9 2	♦ 5	♣ 10 7 6 4
♠ J 5	♥ 5 2	♦ A J 10 8 6	♣ K 4 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ 1♠ 3♣ Pass
3NT Pass 6NT (!) Pass
Pass Pass

Apparently, North bid three diamonds on the first round only to lure his partner into a false sense of security, because when South innocently went to three notrump, North took off his mask and overbidded in an unscrupulous, leaped all the way to the stambly. West led the spade king, and South, probably with no concrete idea except to limit his loss, held up the ace. South won the second spade and took a heart finesse, then ran his five diamond tricks, discarding a club and a spade from dummy.

East had thrown off a club on the second trick, but when he had to find two more discards on the diamonds, he was very unhappy. Realizing that he could not afford to give up his potential heart stopper, he reduced to the queen-ten of clubs. Thereupon, South again finessed hearts, cashed the heart ace for a spade discard, and won the last three, fulfilling tricks with the three clubs.

Aside from the fact that great luck was needed in fulfilling the six-notrump contract, it is interesting to observe that if South had landed at six diamonds, he would have been helpless. At a diamond contract the initial spade hold-up could not be employed, since East could ruff a spade continuation, and without that hold-up (assuming the best defense) South could not execute the squeeze play that was his only chance.

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Tired Feet

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MOUNT HERBERT W. I.
The regular monthly meeting of the Mount Herbert Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. David Mutch on March 15th. The meeting opened with the Ode, followed by the Creed in unison.

Minutes of February meeting were read and signed. Roll call was answered by nine members. Two visitors were present. One member paid ten dollars to music fund and one member balance of ten dollars. Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Jenkins gave ten dollars as a gift to music fund.

It was moved by Mrs. Kenneth Jenkins and seconded by Mrs. Vernon Norman that every member present an article not under twenty-five cents, at next meeting to be used for bazaars.

Fruit and cards were sent all sick members. Two notes of thank-you were read.

A letter of appreciation was received from Mrs. Stewart Pierce on behalf of the "Parents' Council for Mentally Retarded Children" to which a small donation was given. It is felt other institutes should do likewise.

A letter of appreciation to be written to the R. C. M. P. for talk and films presented to pupils in Mount Herbert School. Two bills were paid.

LIBERAL CONVENTION THIRD DISTRICT OF QUEENS

A Convention to nominate two Liberal Candidates to contest the next Provincial Election will be held at the MOUNT STEWART COMMUNITY HALL on Tuesday, March 29th, at 2.00 P.M.

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Henry

I hear you're the kind of guy who'll give your back! ...

Grandma

Power mower? Oh, yes, it's in the garage! Help yourself! ... Thanks, Grandma, we'll bring it back in a few hours! ...

Mickey Mouse

Sniff? I've lost Bernice's trail again! ... Excuse me, but have you seen a cow about this high? Her name's Bernice! ...

Bringing Up Father

Everything is ready in the conference room, sir! ... My goodness! It looks like an important meeting! ...

Mugs and Skeeter

Hello, bride! Pretty parakeet! ... Can you talk? ... Come on, buy something! ...

Etha Kent

Gee, Mrs. Kett! That was a terrific dinner! ... No, thanks, Artie! ...

Tilly the Toiler

This is my night to howl! ... Yes, this is my night to howl! ...

Joe Palooka

I talked Thelen on the phone. Jerry took her an' donee 'n' lunch, then he took 'em down 'n' th' burnin' up! ...

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That's what they did to other ranchers who didn't pay sneak for protection! ...

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