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By Thornton W. Burgess

A WELL KEPT SECRET

Who keeps a secret must have wit. And make the wisest use of it. —Old Mother Nature.

Among the furred and feathered folk of the Green Forest and the Green Meadows and all the other places in the Great World, there are no secrets so precious as the locations of their homes. Most of them try to hide their homes. A Johnny Chuck is one of these. He makes a sandy doorstep that can be seen from quite far away. Of course he has to do something with the sand that he digs out, and he can't carry it away. There is too much of it. But Johnny has well-hidden back doors, sometimes two or three. There is no sandy doorstep on any one of these.

Too-Smart and Soft-Eyes two young foxes who had made their first home, but were not yet using it, couldn't hide the entrance but

they were still trying to keep that house a secret. Of course it was an underground home. It was an old chuck home made over to suit their needs. As yet they had very little use for that house in the ground. They are outdoor folk, and even in winter prefer to sleep outside in good weather no matter how cold it may be. By and by in the spring that underground house would be a nursery. Then it would not be so easy to keep it a secret. But until then they would do their best to keep other folks from knowing that it was their home. So it was that for days at a time neither of them entered that house. This was especially true when there was snow on the ground, snow that would take footprints.

One day they discovered a most unpleasant visitor. It was a dog, a found stray to hunt foxes. He had found the entrance to that underground home, and he was sniffing all around it. But there was no fox smell. Neither Too-Smart nor Soft-Eyes had been near that house for several days. The dog sniffed and sniffed. He may have known that it had been a fox home, but he decided that there were no foxes living there then. He went off, still sniffing. Finally he found the scent of Too-Smart, and at once began to bark as he followed the trail. Too-Smart had left. The young fox led the dog far away, then by a smart trick broke the trail. When he was sure that the dog had given up, he rejoined his pretty mate.

"Do you suppose that dog'll come back and visit our house again?" asked Soft-Eyes a little anxiously. "He may, but he doesn't know that that house is being used. All



Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

AN INDISPENSABLE EIGHT-SPOT

It is customary for bridge writers to indicate all low cards with x's — but this cannot always be done, because an eight-spot (or lower card) is often of vital consequence. Consider this deal, with particular regard to the diamond suit.

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

Hand diagram showing cards for South and North. South: ♠ 988, ♥ 862, ♦ QJ35, ♣ AK6. North: ♠ 7632, ♥ 10, ♦ K432, ♣ J987.

The bidding: South 1♠, West 2♥, East 2♠, North 2♥, South 3♥, West 3♠, East 3♥, North 3♥, South 4♥, West 4♠, East 4♥, North 4♥, South 4♥.

South's second and third-round bidding was rather "sporty," but he more than justified himself in the play.

West decided to open the diamond ten. Dummy played low and South won to the eight and the diamond queen was returned through East, who was marked with the king by East's opening. East recognized that fact, and since he was sure that South would discard if the diamond queen was not covered, East played the king.

Declarer ruffed the trick, then ran off his remaining trumps, carefully observing West's discard, while keeping in dummy the J-8 of diamonds, one heart and the original three clubs. West saw the handwriting on the wall, but he could do better than hold two cards each in hearts, diamonds and clubs. Now declarer cashed the ace and king of clubs, and instead of making the give-up play of discarding a heart on the diamond jack, he confidently led a heart to the ace and then threw West in with the heart king. West's forced return of a diamond from the 9-7 was successfully finessed in dummy with the J-8.

It may seem that East could have broken up this squeeze by refusing to cover the diamond queen, but this is not true — all he could have done was to make South's problem a shade more difficult. Readers will, of course, work out this variation for themselves.

BEDSIDE TELEVISION

CANBERRA (Reuters) — "Bedside television" of part of the Queen's tour of Australia will be provided for hospital patients, although Australia has no general television service. Postmaster-General Hubert Anthony Tuesday said bedside facilities will be available only to those with "highest priority," as there are only a few television cameras and receivers in the country.

Lightest of any Canadian trees is the eastern cedar, of which a cubic foot weighs about 19 pounds.



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND MARCH OF DIMES

The fourth March of Dimes campaign of the P. E. I. Chapter of the Polio Foundation is now under way. This campaign enables the Chapter to continue its assistance to indigent victims of polio during their post treatment and rehabilitation phase. Please send your dimes to the P. E. I. March of Dimes, Bank of Commerce, Charlottetown.

Rip Kirby



By Alex Raymond

King of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher.



L'il Abner

By Al Capp

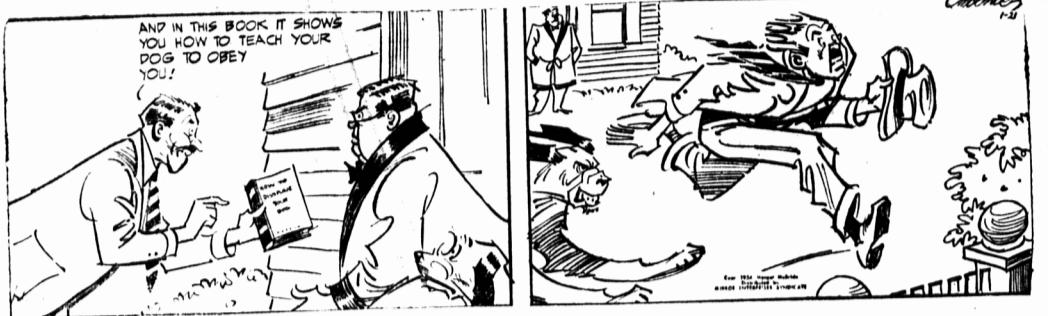


Tilly The Toiler



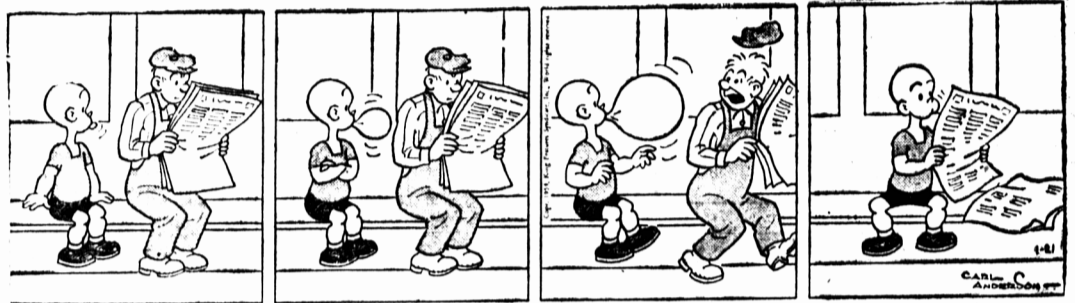
Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



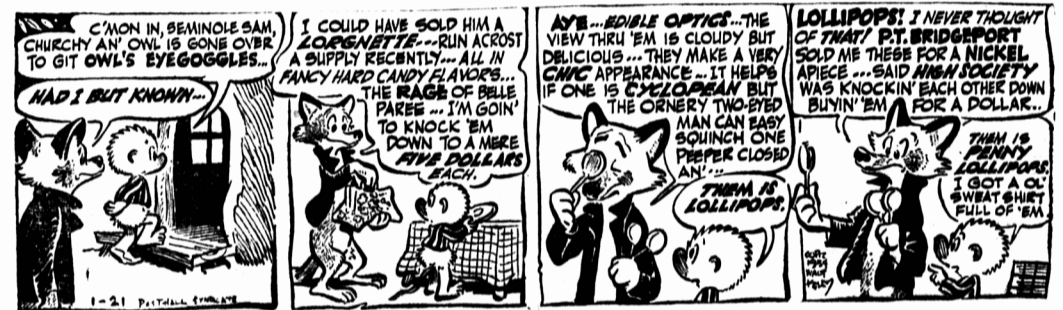
Henry

By Carl Anderson



Pogo

By Walt Kelly



Dotty Dripple

By Buford



Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By Edwina



Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



PENNY

By Harry Hoehnigen

