

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

MRS. LIGHTFOOT CHOICE
Enough in safety is at least far better than a dangerous feast.

What was the matter with mother? This is what the two handsome young Deer following Mrs. Lightfoot around in the Green Forest wanted to know. They were as two fine looking young Deer as ever followed mother's white tail through the Green Forest. No longer were they spotted with white. Their coats were now very much like father's and mother's.

They were big enough to feel grown up, although they had yet to live through their first winter. So, although they might feel grown up, they were far from being so, for as yet they knew little of the Great World and the dangers in it.

Also, they were still quite satisfied to go where mother led the way and to do just what she did. They didn't know it, but in this way they were learning import-

ant things. They were learning what to do and what not to do, and that is all that any Deer needs to know.

Lately mother had been wandering about this way and that, and father had been tagging along—part of the time anyway. Mother seemed anxious. She seemed to be looking for something. Finally, one of the twins asked her if she was looking for something.

"Yes, my dear," replied Mrs. Lightfoot. "I'm looking for a place for us to spend the winter." Now, of course, the young Deer hadn't the least idea what winter was like. They had been born in May. They had gambled about through the long summer days as they followed mother here and there. They had watched Old Mother Nature paint much of the Green Forest in reds and yellows and browns through the early fall. They had watched the red leaves and yellow leaves and brown leaves flutter to the ground and the trees become bare.

But as yet they had seen no snow and had no idea what winter would be like. Why did mother think they had to have a special place in which to spend the winter? Why couldn't they spend it in any one of many places mother had led them to? What sort of a place did she want anyway? One of them ventured to ask her this.

"I want a place that first of all has plenty of food within reach of you children," said Mrs. Lightfoot. "We've seen lots of places with plenty of food within reach," said one of the twins.

His mother took no notice of



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"And I want a place where the trees grow close enough to give up protection in bad weather," she said.

"It seems to me we've seen a lot of places like that," said the other twin.

"So we have, my dear, so we have," replied his mother. "There are plenty of places where we can lie snug and protected from rough Brother North Wind when he brings snow and sleet."

"What are those?" asked the other twin.

"You'll find out in time," said his mother. "It is true that we have found plenty of sheltered places. The trouble with most of them has been, that they are not safe."

"Why aren't they safe?" chorused the twins.

"Because they are where one of our hungry enemies might be likely to look for us, and that would never do!" exclaimed mother.

Late that afternoon they came to a place that Lightfoot, who had been tagging along, didn't approve of at all.

"This is where we will make our yard this winter," declared Mrs. Lightfoot. And Lightfoot and the twins knew by the way she said it, that that was just where it would be.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

TOO MUCH HATE

Most players seem unable to resist the impulse to take in tricks as quickly as they can. This is by no means a fruitful idea in some cases — for example, in such a deal as the following.

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
North East South West
1♠ Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

West naturally led his top heart, and South's first mistake was in holding up the ace. This gave West the chance to make the spade shift which would have embarrassed declarer so much.

West, however, could scarcely know that South had slipped; he continued hearts.

With East following suit to the second heart, South could see that there was no serious threat in that suit, but, after winning with the ace, he nevertheless rattled off the five diamond tricks as though determined to get those home, no matter what happened later.

Unfortunately for himself, however, when he next led a club from the board, East made a brilliant play — he put up the queen! This was quite a blow to declarer. If he took the trick he would never get back to his own hand for another club trick, whereas if he allowed East's queen to hold he still would make nothing but the ace in clubs. The up shot was that South came out with only eight tricks.

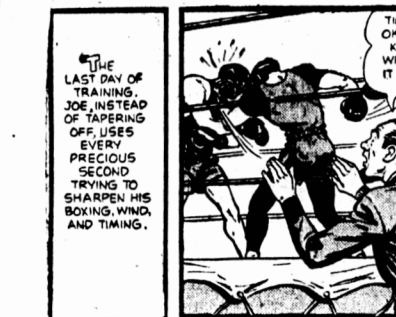
South should not have been in such a hurry to cash the entire diamond suit! He should have led to the diamond king and immediately returned a club, putting in his own jack or ten. West, of course, would cash two hearts but declarer would then control West's next play and, after running the diamonds, would be in a position to take another club finesse.

Obviously, if declarer had attacked the club suit early, it would not have done East any good to put up the club queen on the first lead from dummy.

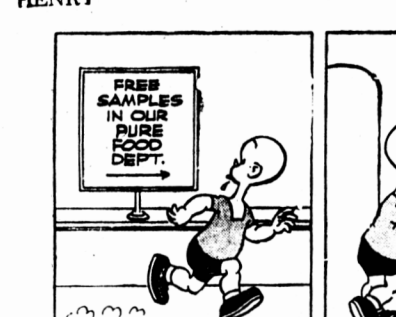
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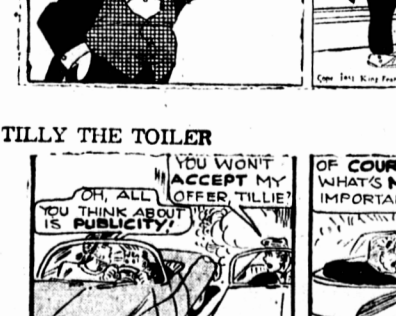
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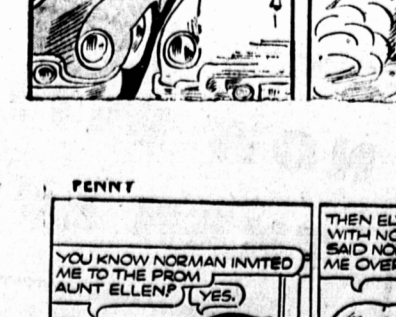
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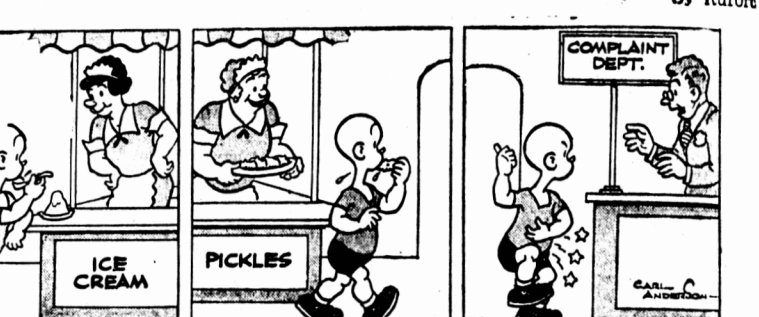
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