

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

TOO-SMART AND SOFT-EYES HAVE A VISITOR

Politeness very often pays in odd and unexpected ways. —Old Mother Nature.

There was trouble at the new home at the edge of the woods. The two young foxes who had made over an old woodchuck den into a first class new home for themselves, were quite upset. Soft-Eyes, visiting home to see that all was well, had discovered that someone had intruded there. There was a strange scent all through the long hall and the bedroom, a scent she had never found before. Who the visitor could have been she had no idea. She hurried to find

Too-Smart and tell him. Together they returned to the house. Too-Smart entered it at once. When he came out he looked as disturbed as was his pretty mate.

"Have you any idea who could have been in there?" asked Soft-Eyes. "Too-Smart shook his head. "No," said he. "It is a new scent to me."

"What are we going to do about it?" Soft-Eyes wanted to know. "We are just going to keep watch. Perhaps the stranger will never come back. It may have been someone who was looking around, and now has gone on," replied Too-Smart.

"I hope that's it," said Soft-Eyes. So the two young foxes took



He shuffled as he walked.

turns in hunting, one staying near the home while the other looked for something to eat. Occasionally both of them hunted at the same time near enough to their den, as a Fox home is called, to keep watch of it. It was on one of these occasions that Too-Smart discovered a stranger at the edge of the woods. He barked a call to Soft-Eyes, and she hurried to join him. Then they moved over to the entrance of their home and stood just outside, watching the stranger at the edge of the woods. At first he seemed to be just looking around. He moved rather slowly as if searching for some-

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

"JINX" HAND

In almost every duplicate game there is one hand that dominates the inevitable postmortem. Often, it is a freak of such outlandish design that a wide variety of scores was bound to result, but at other times there is nothing particularly strange about the deal itself — merely about its influence on the players involved. For example, the "Jinx hand" for many pairs in a recent duplicate was this:

North dealer
Both sides vulnerable.
Match-point duplicate.

109854	♠	Q832		
7	♥	53		
A1074	♦	Q986		
AQ7	♣	32		
J	N	E	S	K
AJ82	♠	AK7		
KJ5	♥	KQ10964		
J96	♦	1022		
54	♣			

At one table, where North-South reached the fantastic contract of six spades doubled, the East-West pair, having defeated that contract seven tricks, collected the rather impressive score of 2,000 points, and it is safe to say that they felt this was a "top" that would stand against all comparison. So they were not only astonished but understandably disgusted to find that another East-West pair had been presented with an even more luscious plum! At this other table the bidding had gone as follows:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Dble.
Redbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

North's redouble was based on the conviction that, since he had passed originally, South certainly could not expect better values than North was ready to supply. Unfortunately, however, South's three-heart bid had been a slight stretch, and the outcome did not reward North's "vote of confidence."

West opened his singleton spade. Declarer won and led a club to the queen. Catastrophe! Spades and clubs were merrily cross-ruffed by the defenders until they had a total of seven tricks, and this four-trick redoubled penalty was worth 2,200 points!

Ogun, the god of iron, is a powerful influence in the lives of Yoruba natives in Nigeria.

By Alex Raymond

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Send applications for the six weeks' Home Management Course without delay to the Director, Vocational School, Charlottetown. The tentative date for the start of this course is January 18. However, any change in this date will be published in the press.

SQUARE DANCING

Community Centre
Starting Wednesday
January 13
Every Wednesday 9-12

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Prince Edward Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company will be held at the Town Hall in the Town of Summerside on Tuesday the 26th day of January 1954 at the hour of 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon.

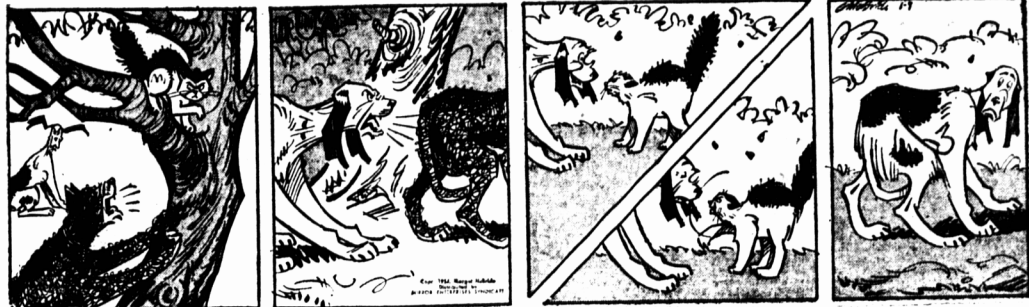
Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson



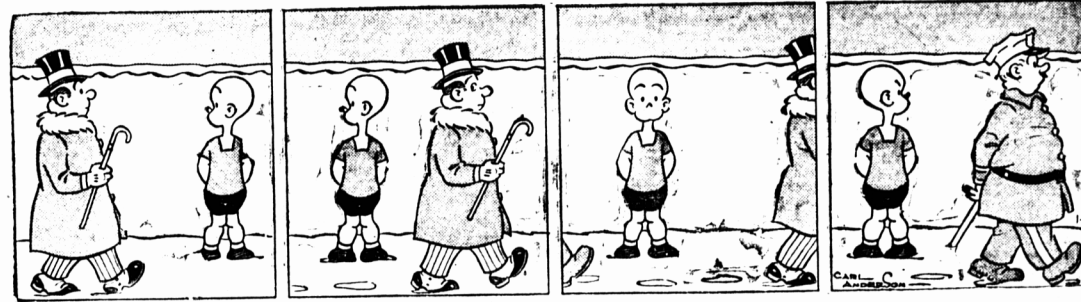
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By Clifford McBride



Henry

By Carl Anderson



Pogo

By Walt Kelly



Rip Kirby

By Alex Raymond



King of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher



Lil Abner

By Al Capp



Dotty Dripple

By Buford



Tippy and "Cap" Stubbs

By Edwina



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By George McManus



PENNY

By Harry Haenigsen

