



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

ALMOST A DINNER

There may be times of sudden fright when safety lies in sitting tight. —Jumper the Hare.

Jumper the Hare is Peter Rabbit's big cousin as everybody knows. He lives in the Green Forest. He doesn't like the Green Meadows. He wants to be in among trees and bushes. He is called the Snowshoe Rabbit. In a way this name seems to fit, although he isn't a true rabbit. And of course he doesn't have real snowshoes. However, he gets over the snow as if he did have real snowshoes. This is because his toes are long and widespread, and the soles of his feet are covered with hairs which in winter are longer than in summer. Because of these hairy soles he can race at full speed over ice and crusted snow without slipping.

Jumper wears a white coat in winter and a brown coat in summer. The snow is no whiter than that winter coat of his. So when he sits still on the snow he is not easily seen.

Mistress Moon was looking down on a white world. She saw Too-Smart, son of Reddy Fox, hunting over in a swamp. This was his first winter. While he now had a mate, Soft-Eyes, and a home, he still had much to learn of the Great World and the folks in it. Too-Smart was hunting. He was constantly testing the air with his nose for a tell-tale scent. His sharp ears were all the time set to catch the faintest sound and he was using his eyes as they were meant to be used.

He was a good hunter. Foxes have to be good hunters or they do not live long. So far this evening Too-Smart had had no luck at all. He was hungry. This was nothing unusual. The truth is, he had been hungry most of the time since the coming of winter.

Just ahead of him, scattered a few feet apart, were several small white mounds. They were old stumps covered with snow. The young fox stood still and looked those mounds over. He was looking to see if there was a hole in the snow close to any one of those stumps, a hole such as a mouse might make who was living under the stump. So he looked each stump over carefully. There was no hole to be seen anywhere. The snow was covered with a light crust, and this glistened in the moonlight. One of those white mounds did not glisten, but Too-Smart didn't notice this. He moved on, passing between several of those glistening white mounds. One of the nearest was the one that did not glisten in the moonlight. For a few moments he sat just a few feet away while he looked and listened and sniffed, then he got to his feet and moved on.

When the young fox had disappeared among the trees a funny thing happened. That mound he had sat so near seemed suddenly to sprout two ears. They stood straight up. They were white, all but the tips; the tips were black. At once that white mound was no longer a mound. It was Jumper the Hare sitting up on his hind legs and looking in the direction that fox had gone. Satisfied that the fox was not coming back,



The young fox stood still and looked those mounds over.

Jumper settled down again and laid his long ears back on his shoulders. He once more looked like just a little mound of snow. Too-Smart had almost had a dinner, but he didn't know it. He never had seen Jumper the Hare, so knew nothing about him.

SOUTH MELVILLE W. I.

On January 14, members of South Melville W. I. were entertained at the home of Mrs. James D. Flood, Mrs. Morgan McGaughey opened the meeting.

Roll call was responded to by six members and the collection amounted to \$1.25. Thank-you letters were received from the Orphanage and from a shut-in for remembrances at Christmas, and the treat given to all the children of the district by the Institute was settled for.

Ten members decided to purchase material for sewing and it was also decided to secure a box of books from the Public Library. Mrs. Ellison Toole invited the members for the next meeting when the lunch committee will be Mrs. Emmett McQuaid and Mrs. James D. Flood.

TRINITY Y. P. U.

The weekly meeting of the Trinity Y. P. U. was held Tuesday evening in Epworth hall with a large attendance of members, several of whom were welcomed as new members by the president, Evelyn Underhay, who conducted the business meeting. It was announced that the group is already rehearsing one play, while another is being prepared.

There was discussion on the proposed inter-denominational fireside church service to be held in February. The treasurer's report was given by Gordon Yeo.

Following a lively recreation period led by Edwin Toombs, a few innings of bible baseball was played. Bill Moase as umpire, choosing questions from St. Luke, which is being studied by the group. Mary MacLure, assisted by Gordon Yeo, and Lela Craswell, for the commission on stewardship and training, conducted the devotional period, based on the theme of "God and the New Year."—S.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

THE RAREST COUP

Requests for illustrations of rare coups often reach this writer, and periodically someone brings up the rarest of all plays — the "another" play.

To hear is to obey — so here is a simple-as-possible exposition of this remarkable trick-smothering maneuver.

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠ (final bid)	Pass

West makes the normal opening, the king of hearts, then follows up with the ace and a third round (A shift of suits would not change the outcome).

South, after ruffing the third trick, finesse the spade queen through West. Needless to say, West refuses to cover, because by not covering he apparently insures his spade king. South now leads and passes the spade jack — and when East shows out the situation is revealed.

Since South has lost two hearts and apparently must lose a spade as well as a diamond, the game contract looks very bad — but it is not quite hopeless! South cashes his clubs tricks, then his top diamonds. Now he simply exits with his last diamond, and he is fortunate enough to lose this trick to East.

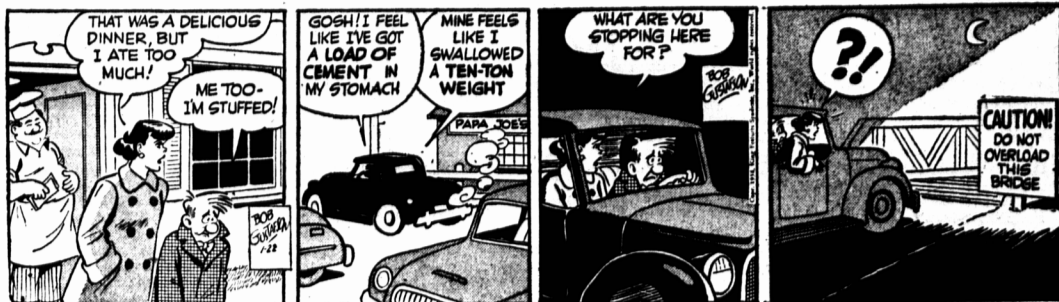
When East returns (as he must) a heart or a club, South ruffs with the spade nine — and West is helpless. If he over-ruffs South's nine with the king, dummy in turn over-ruffs him with the ace, and declarer's spade ten takes the last trick. If conversely, West under-ruffs South's spade nine the last diamond is discarded from dummy, and the spade ace is still there for the final trick.

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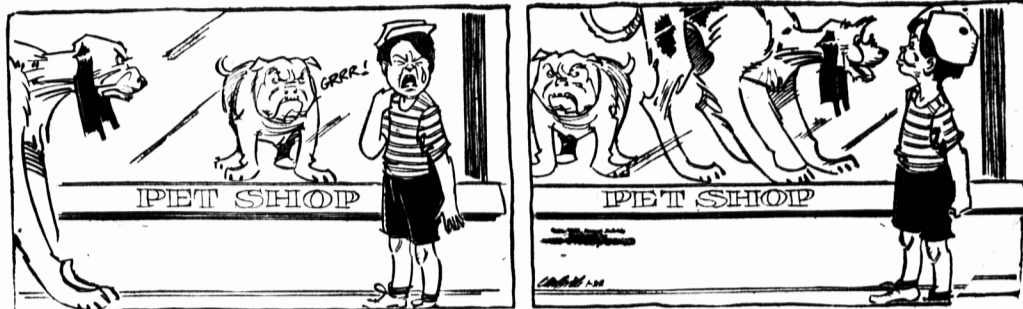
Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson



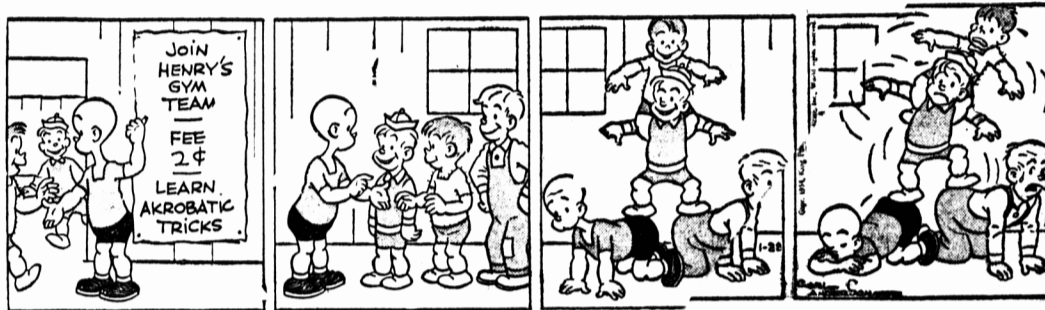
Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



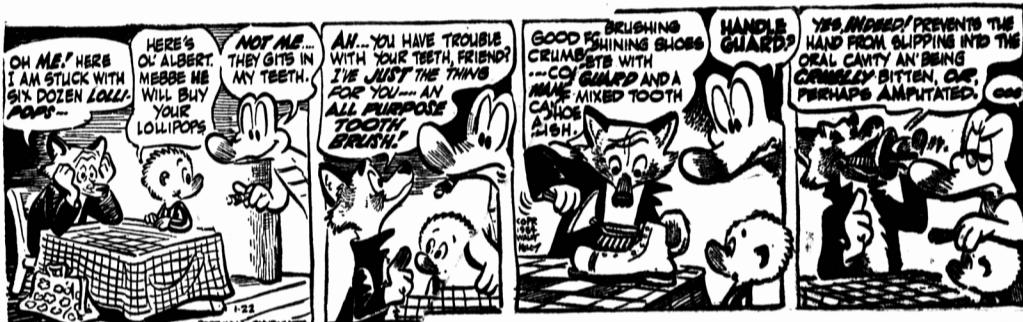
Henry

By Carl Anderson



Pogo

By Walt Kelly



Dotty Dripple

By Buford



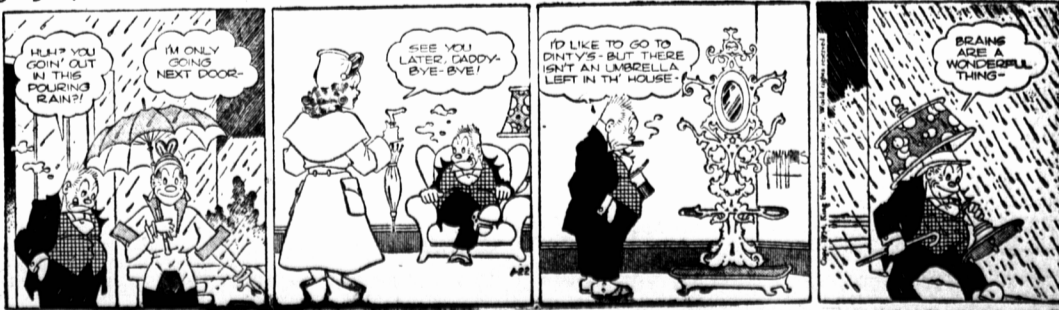
Tippy and "Cap" cubs

By Edwina



Binging Up Father

By George McManus



PENNY

By Harry Hoeriger



SPRING PARK VILLAGE SPECIAL MEETING

Special meeting of Ratepayers of the Village of Spring Park in Spring Park Hall Monday, January 25, at 7:30 P. M., for the purpose of approving a tax rate and voting money required for year 1953.

Signed:—

J. EDMOND ARSENAULT,
HOWARD DOUGLAS,
RANDOLPH MANNING,
Commissioners.

Rip Kirby



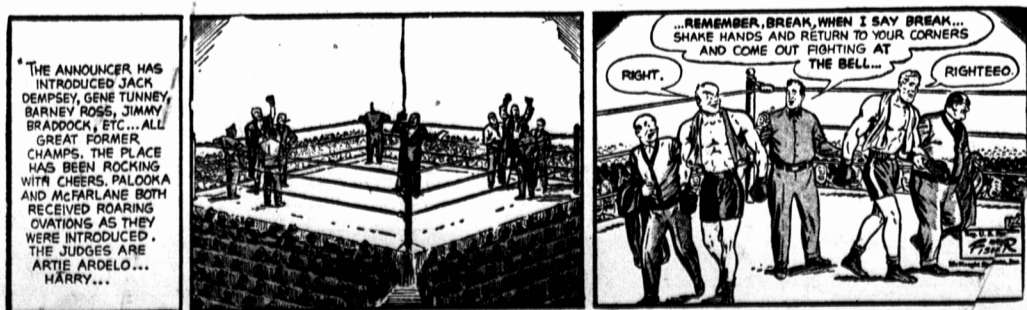
King of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher



L'il Abner

By Al Capp

