

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

## YOUNG HOOTY IS CURIOUS

Alas, that some folks take delight in seeing other suffer fright.

When a piece of cloth is so worn that it is ragged around the edges it is said to be worn to a frazzle. When folks are so worn out with work and worry that they feel as that worn out cloth looks, they say they are worn to a frazzle. Mr. and Mrs. Hooty, the two big

Owls who had lived for a long time in the Green Forest, the ones who just by hooting can make Peter Rabbit and other small folk shiver and shake, were worn to a frazzle. Anyway, they felt that way.

It had been bad enough when their two children, Young Hooty and Sister Hooty, had been babies in the nest and growing as only baby birds can grow. Mother and father had almost worn their wings off trying to keep those growing youngsters supplied with food. It was bad enough then, but it was worse now that the children had left the nest and were out in the Great World. In addition to the constant hunting for food, sometimes by both night and day, there was added worry lest something happen to them when left to themselves.

"When they were in the nest,

they stayed put. They had to. We always knew where we would find them. But now they are out in the Great World we never know where they are. Now that they are learning to use their wings we never know where we may find them when we get back from hunting their food, or what mischief they may get into," complained Mrs. Hooty.

"Young Hooty is the worst of the two. When I get back, he never is in the place where I left him. He thinks he knows it all already. He is going to get into a lot of trouble before he knows as much as he thinks he does now," declared his father.

"Perhaps he takes after you when you were young," said Mrs. Hooty slyly.

It was true that Young Hooty was more venturesome and harder to keep track of than was his sister. He had been the first to leave the big nest high in a tree and try his big wings. He was the first to learn to climb up a tree before he could use his wings well enough to fly up in it. When father and mother were off hunting he seldom could keep still long at a time. He almost never was in the tree in which they had left him. You see he had not as yet been badly frightened. He didn't know the meaning of fear. What he needed most was a bad fright.

"Sooner or later, he will get one, and it will do him a world of good," declared Hooty.

"It will if something dreadful doesn't happen to him," agreed Mrs. Hooty worriedly.

One day when father and mother were away hunting, for they had to hunt by day as well as by night to keep the young Owls supplied with food, Blacky the Crow chanced to light in a tree near the one in which Young Hooty was sitting half asleep. He was in a spruce tree well hidden by the green branches. Blacky didn't see him, for Young Hooty was sitting perfectly still. Blacky began to caw to let others of his flock know where he was.

Now the young Owl often had heard Blacky's voice at a distance, but he never had seen Blacky. He had been warned to keep out of the harsh cawing he had a great

## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

### WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SAFETY PLAYS?

Most bridge players have heard of the term "safety play," but few have anything but the foggiest notion of what is meant in a practical sense. Give them such a hand as the following and tell them to make the safety play—and they're lost!

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:  
K Q  
Q 9 7  
A K 9 6 2  
A Q 3

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
6NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Six diamonds is the normal contract at rubber bridge, though enterprising pairs would select six notrump at duplicate. Either contract should be fulfilled, but it is doubtful that either would be, by the average declarer!

Let's assume that West opens the spade ace, then leads a low spade. Observe, declarer must run the

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