

# NOTICE

Meeting of the Confederation Wing R. C. A. F. Association, will be held Friday, March 16, at 8 p.m., at Wing Headquarters above the Bank of Commerce. Any former members of the Airforce are cordially invited to attend.

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# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

**A FAMILY LIKENESS**

A family likeness sometimes may be a true relationship betray. — Old Mother Nature

"Whose footprint did you say that is?" asked Farmer Brown's boy as he stooped over to look closely at a footprint in the mud of a small drainage ditch among cocoanut palms of the plantation where he was staying on Robinson Crusoe's island way down in the Tropics, as the Land-of-always-summer is called.

"I said it is the footprint of a Manicoo. It may be Mr. Manicoo's or it may be Mrs. Manicoo's. I can't tell as to that," replied the friend who had pointed the footprint out to him.

"What in the world is a Manicoo? That is a new name to me. If that isn't a Possum's footprint then I've never seen one, and Uncle Billy Possum and I are old acquaintances," replied Farmer Brown's boy.

"I guess Cousin Manicoo was catching Crabs," said his friend. "Do you see all those little holes in the bank? They were dug by Crabs. There goes one now."

Sure enough, a small Crab scuttled along sideways but fast and disappeared in one of the holes. The two boys kept still for a few minutes. Presently a little Crab, a



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very little one, cautiously came out of a hole. Then another appeared, and another, and more until a lot of them were sliding this way and that along the edge of the water. At the first movement of one of the watchers every Crab scuttled for his or her own home.

"Cousin Manicoo, whoever he is, would have to work fast to catch a dinner of those," said Farmer Brown's boy with a chuckle. Those scuttling little Crabs had been funny to see.

"He may seem slow at most times, but he can be quick enough at other times, especially when there is something good to eat," replied his friend.

"I suppose you mean he is a good grabber when he turns crabber," said Farmer Brown's boy, and grinned at his own joke.

The other shook his head reprovingly. "That is rather awful as a joke but it happens to be true," said he. "A good grabber has to be a good grabber and Cousin Manicoo is not far from here right now. He probably is living in the neighborhood. I tell you what, Tommy, we'll go home and get a couple of traps and set them over here. Then if we have luck you may have a chance to see Cousin Manicoo."

They did not have far to go and soon were back with the traps. They were set carefully and skillfully so as not to awaken suspicion.

"I hope we will have him in the morning," said Tommy. "I'm anxious to see what he is like."

"Don't be impatient," replied the other. "He may not be Crab hungry for several days, and be looking for other food. He eats almost anything that can be eaten—meat, fish, insects, fruit, eggs. He isn't the least bit fussy about his food, not even about its freshness."

"That sounds for all the world like Uncle Billy Possum," replied Tommy. "He eats anything and everything, and he doesn't seem to care whether it is fresh or old, sweet or smelly."

The next day the traps were empty and undisturbed. The next day the bait had been taken from one of the traps without springing it. Tommy wondered how it had been done.

"Ants," replied the other. "I hadn't thought of them. Of course they could and would do it easily if they wanted the bait," agreed Tommy.

On the third morning one of the traps held a prisoner fast by one leg. "Possum!" cried Tommy. "Manicoo!" cried his friend. Both were right. The family looks were unmistakable. Cousin Manicoo is a member of the Possum family.

## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

### SEIZING AN OPPORTUNITY

The opening lead gave today's declarer the chance for a trick-saving coup.

North dealer  
North-South vulnerable.

♠ 53	♠ 10
♥ KQ9	♥ A J 8 7 6
♦ A J 8 6 2	♦ 3 2
♣ A 7 5	♣ K Q 10 8

The bidding:—

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	3 ♥	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Double	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass

East had reason to feel that with the red suits so well controlled, and with West bidding clubs at the five-level, even as an obvious sacrifice, the enemy would find it difficult to make an 11-trick contract. Unfortunately, however, West mis-read the double as calling for a lead of East's suit, and so laid down the ten-spot.

This was an unfortunate selection for the defenders! East captured dummy's heart queen and returned his singleton club. Dummy's ace won, and declarer, planning his line of play on the good suspicion that East had the high diamonds and no more clubs, ran off every one of his seven trumps, keeping only the K-8 of hearts and the A-J of diamonds in dummy, while he himself still had the two diamonds and two clubs.

Obviously, East was now in trouble! He had to hold the J-8 of hearts against dummy's K-9, and thus had to reduce to the K-Q of diamonds, blank. With the stage thus set, and with the situation not at all hard to read, declarer led a diamond to the ace and returned the diamond jack, throwing East in. On East's forced heart return, dummy collected the two tricks which completed the doubled contract.

If West had opened a club, there might have been a different story!

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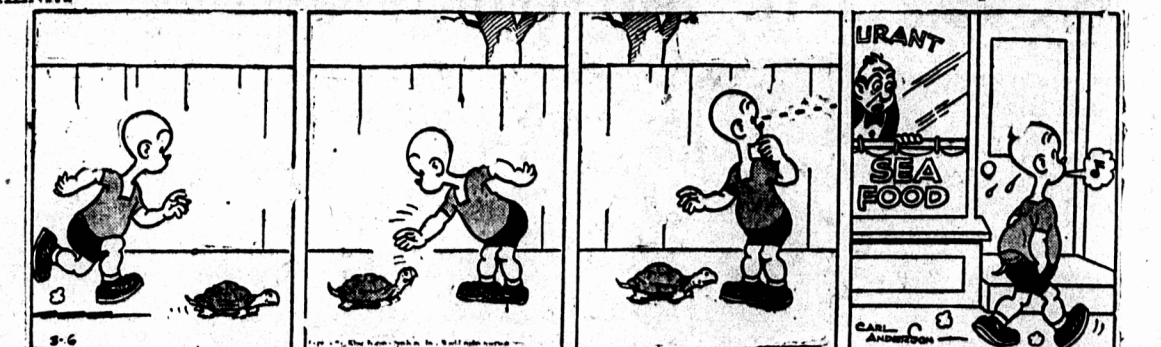
By Zane Grey



By Ham Fisher



By Carl Anderson



By Ruford



By Edwin



By George McManus



By Westover



By Harry Haenigsen

# ATTENTION MOTHERS

Commencing on Monday, March 19th, the Health Branch, Department of Health and Welfare, will start its annual immunizing programme in all the Charlottetown schools and in Spring Park and Parkdale. These school clinics will be for infants and young children as well as for the pupils.

Whooping Cough may be a severe and even fatal illness in children, particularly in those under one year, consequently inoculation at an early age is to be desired. Diphtheria remains prevalent in countries where immunization procedures are not adequate. Mothers should have their children protected against these communicable diseases.

Protection will be given against Diphtheria for the school children and the "triple" protection against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus for infants from three months and young children up to five years of age. Four inoculations are necessary for immunization. The first three are given at four week intervals and the fourth dose given 3-6 months later.

A RE-INFORCING Dose will be given to pre-school children who received the "triple" protection last year and the year before. This will also be given to the five year olds, who should report for their last re-inforcing dose before attending school next fall. The RE-INFORCING DIPHTHERIA inoculation advised for school children every three years will be given to the pupils in Grades I, IV, VII, and X.

The clinics will be held at:

West Kent	1.30—Monday, March 19
Bechford Square	2.30—Monday, March 19
Queen Square	1.30—Tuesday, March 20
Notre Dame	2.30—Tuesday, March 20
Model	1.30—Wednesday, March 21
Parkdale	2.30—Wednesday, March 21
Spring Park	1.30—Thursday, March 22
Prince Street	2.30—Thursday, March 22

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