

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

## YOUNG HOOTY FINDS OUT

That which looks easiest to do May be most difficult for you. —Hooty the Owl.

Hooty the Owl had given his son, Young Hooty, his first lesson in hunting. He had caught a Mouse, given it to Young Hooty with some good advice, then flown off to hunt for something for himself. For a while Young Hooty sat right where his father had left him. He was thinking over what he had seen, that first lesson in hunting. Now though he didn't know it he



Instantly he flew over to hover just above the old log.

had had more than a lesson in hunting. It had been a lesson in independence, also. No one is truly independent who depends on others to do for him what he should do for himself. Although the young Owl was almost as big as his parents, and already had learned what his wings were for and how to use them, he still had to be fed. He hadn't yet learned to get his own food.

This lesson in hunting had made getting a dinner look very, very easy. Sitting on top of a tall stub of a dead tree Hooty had broken the stillness of early evening with his fierce hunting call. A sound so startling that it fills with sudden fright all the small folk in fur and feathers who hear it. This time it had so startled a Mouse that he had moved ever so little, but enough to rustle a dry leaf. Faint as was the sound, Hooty's wonderful ears had heard it. In an instant he was looking above the spot from which it had come, and his wonderful eyes had discovered the frightened Mouse. Before it could move Hooty had struck and caught it. It had all looked very, very easy to Young Hooty.

"I'll show him," he repeated to himself several times.

He flew up on the tall stub where his father had sat. For the first time in his short life he tried giving the hunting call. Somehow it didn't sound so loud or so fierce or so frightening as the hooting by his father had. As his father had done he instantly leaned forward listening and ready to take off on his big wings at the faintest sound. There wasn't any sound. Not a leaf rustled. No frightened Mouse squeaked. No startled bird twittered. The stillness was unbroken.

Disappointed, Young Hooty straightened up. "Perhaps I didn't hoot loud enough. Pretty soon I'll try again," thought he.

So he waited a few minutes, then

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## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

### NOT A "PROBLEM HAND"

A squeeze play would have solved South's difficulties in the following hand, but the contract also could have been made in a simpler way.

East dealer.  
North-South vulnerable

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

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
3♥	4♠	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass

East's preemptive bid very obviously, was a desperate attempt to keep the opponents from "getting together," but South and North were not to be talked out of their excellent cards.

West, feeling that the opponents were expecting a heart lead, tried the surprise attack of the club king — not that this should have made any difference in the outcome. South took the first trick with the club ace, drew two rounds of trumps with the ace and king, then laid down the heart king. He crossed to dummy with a trump, discarded a club on the ace of hearts and then led the diamond nine to the ace. Apparently, South decided that he would have to find the diamond queen right in order to fulfill the contract, and as he explained later to his partner, it had seemed a very good bet that West had the diamond queen, inasmuch as East's length in hearts and spades had marked him very short in the minor suits. So South tried the finesse to the diamond jack — and down he went.

South's knowledge of East's distribution should have been put to better use! East was indeed marked with at least ten cards in the major suits, and thus, all South had to do was cash the A-K of diamonds and the heart ace and throw East in with dummy's last heart, discarding a loser from the closed hand. Then, even if the diamond queen had not dropped, East's forced heart return would give South the fulfilling trick.

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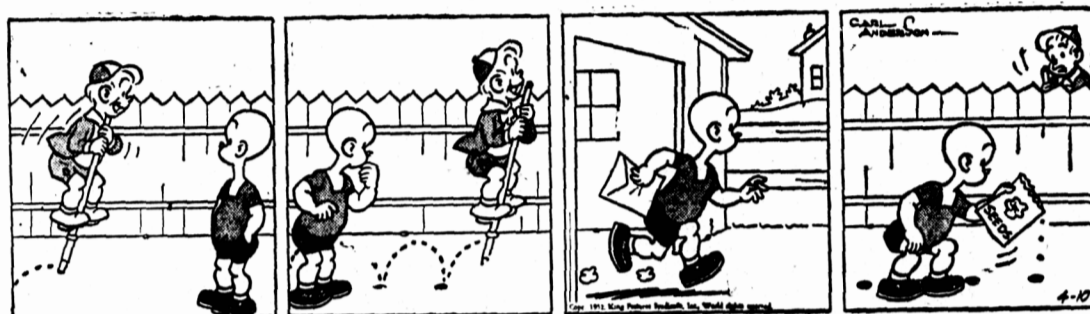
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## HENRY

By Carl Anderson



## DOTTY DRIPPLE

By Rulorf



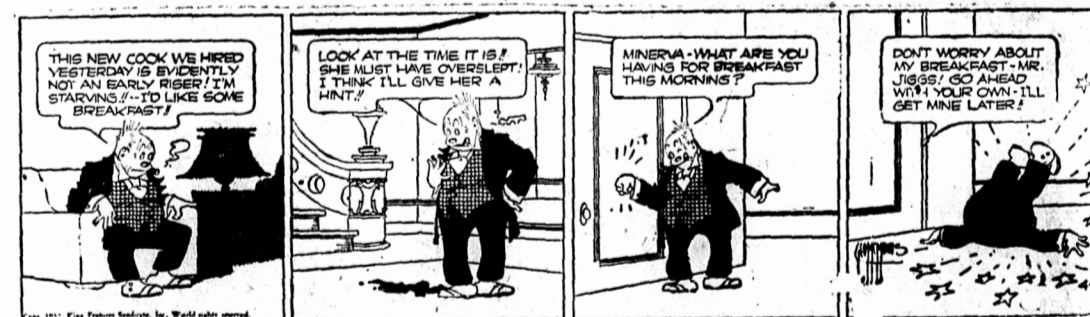
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