



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES
By Thornton W. Burgess

RAGGED-EAR IS WARNED
The warning that you fall to heed, May prove the one of greatest need. —Old Mother Nature.

Ragged-Ear, young son of Peter Rabbit, had been tempted. He had been very greatly tempted. He had had a visitor, a handsome and very pleasant visitor. He wore a red coat, white waistcoat, and black stockings. If Ragged-Ear didn't know who he was, I am sure you do. It was Reddy Fox.

Reddy has a smooth tongue, a



"I see you had a caller," said Sammy.

very smooth tongue. It was very smooth as he sat just outside the bramble-tangle in the middle of which Ragged-Ear had made his home. Yes, sir Reddy's tongue was very smooth as he welcomed the young Rabbit to the Old Pasture, and invited him to take a walk. Perhaps Ragged-Ear would have accepted the invitation had not Reddy grinned so often. Every time he grinned, the young Rabbit saw Reddy's long sharp teeth, and they gave him an uneasy feeling.

When Reddy left, he said he would return the next morning and perhaps Ragged-Ear would go for a walk with him then to see all the interesting places in the Old Pasture. Ragged-Ear hadn't said he would or he wouldn't. He was greatly tempted, and Reddy seemed so neighborly and pleasant that it was difficult to believe he could be anything else.

Hardly was Reddy out of sight when Sammy Jay appeared. It was Sammy who had first called the young Rabbit Ragged-Ear. "I see you had a caller," said Sammy. "Yes," replied the young Rabbit. "He is a neighbor of mine, so he says."

Sammy Jay chuckled. "Yes," said he. "Reddy is a neighbor, and he would like to be a lot nearer neighbor than he is. I hope you didn't tell him that you would go to walk with him."

"No," replied Ragged-Ear. "He is coming around tomorrow morning. Perhaps I will go with him then. He seems very pleasant, and he offered to show me all the places in the Old Pasture. I really ought to know all the places if I am going to live here, and I think I am."

Sammy Jay chuckled and chuckled. "You'll stay here, but you won't live here if you go to walk with him," he chuckled.

Ragged-Ear looked puzzled. "What do you mean by that?" he asked.

"I guess you don't know Reddy Fox," said Sammy Jay. "If you did, you wouldn't ask me that question. Reddy would like to take you around the Old Pasture. He spoke truly when he told you that. Do you know how he would like to take you?"

The young Rabbit looked a little uncertain. "Why, I suppose he just wants to show me the way," said he.

Once more Sammy Jay chuckled. "He doesn't want to show you the

Contract Bridge
By Josephine Cluerton

OUTMATCHED

South's play of the following hand probably would have been good enough against average defense, but, unfortunately for himself, South had an expert on his right.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 9 4 3
♥ 7 3 2
♦ 6 3
♣ Q 10 9 7 5

N
W
E
S

♠ A K J
♥ A Q 5
♦ A Q 4 2
♣ A J 3

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2
K 10
J 9 8 7
K 6 4

The bidding:
South West North East
3NT Pass Pass Pass

South's opening bid, at any rate, was correct, although his play of the three-trump contract left much to be desired.

West opened his fourth-highest card, and South captured East's king. Then, starting off properly, South led the club jack, hoping that the king would be played, leaving the club suit cleared. If either opponent had the club king, South would have a precautionary measure, but South overtook his jack with dummy's queen.

East saw quite clearly that failure to win this trick would probably result in the loss of his king, but he nevertheless held up that card because he also saw that it was his only chance to shut out the bulk of dummy's clubs. In fact, East did his king, because South now played the club ten through East and let it ride, but East's sacrifice was nevertheless successful because South then went astray. After the suit ten had, he tried the diamond finesse, and he never recovered from that error.

East's defence was as good as it could be, but it would not have succeeded against an expert declarer. With three club tricks assured, the expert South would cash the heart queen (and the club ace) and then throw West on lead with a heart. It would be elementary for South to discard his two low diamonds on West's long hearts and thus await West's forced shift to a spade or a diamond, either of which would give South the ninth trick.

way," said he. "That isn't what he meant at all. It is true he wants to take you around, but he wants to take you inside."

"You mean—" began Ragged-Ear, and paused.

"I mean Reddy wants a Rabbit dinner. There is nothing that red rascal likes better than a dinner

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