



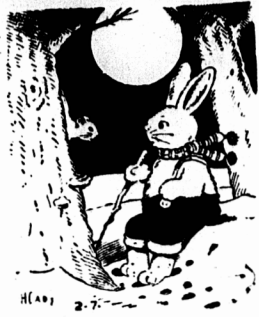
By Thornton W. Burgess

FUN AND FROLIC IN THE MOONLIGHT

Fun and frolic fill a need Everyone should daily heed. — Timmy the Flying Squirrel.

Timmy is wholly right. Fun, the right kind of fun, is a daily need of everybody everywhere. A little wholesome fun is yeast in the bread of life. In these days of bitterness and strife there is altogether too little of this leavening influence in daily living.

Over in the Green Forest Peter Rabbit sat at the edge of an opening among the trees. It was a beautiful night. Moonlight flooded that opening so that it was almost as bright as by day. Two of Peter's long-time friends had been having a little fun with him. When he had reached the edge of that opening among the trees there had been no one else there. Anyway there had been no one



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Peter could see. He had thought himself wholly alone. Truth to tell he was a little lonesome. Of course he shouldn't have been there. He should have been at home in the dear Old Briar-patch with Mrs. Peter.

Peter had been sitting close to the trunk of a tall tree wondering if it would be safe to scamp across that open space. Smack! Something had hit the tree just above his head and startled him so that he had jumped. It was the unexpected arrival of a little friend that he had known for a long time. Timmy the Flying Squirrel had made a long jump from another tree, and it was his landing just above Peter's head that had made that smack. A few minutes later the same thing had happened over again. This time it was Mrs. Timmy.

Now of all Peter's friends in the Green Forest, there was none he could have been more glad to see and none he saw so seldom. "Certainly am glad to see you," said Peter as Timmy stopped jumping just long enough for a little gossip.

"The same to you," replied Timmy. "Isn't this a lovely night?"

Peter agreed that it was. "Why is it," asked he, "that I never see any of you folks in the daytime?"

"Because we are asleep in the



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daytime," replied Timmy. "We don't like sunlight, so we sleep through the day."

"I know," replied Peter. "I would rather be out in the evening than in the middle of the day. Moonlight is easier on the eyes."

Timmy nodded vigorously. "That is the way we Flying Squirrels find it," said he. "So we come out as a rule only at night."

"Your cousins, Happy Jack the Grey Squirrel, and Chatterer the Red Squirrel, and Rusty the Fox Squirrel, don't seem to feel that way about it," said Peter.

"I don't know how they feel about it, and I don't care," replied Timmy. "I don't have anything to do with them anyway. Give me a night like this and they can have the days to themselves. Excuse me, Peter, but I simply must jump. I'll be back presently. If there is any more fun in all the world than jumping from the top of a tall tree to see how far you can jump, I don't know what it is."

Timmy ran up that tree as fast and as easily as Peter could run on the ground. The tree was tall. Peter lost sight of Timmy as he got up near the top. Then a small form shot out into the air, and went gliding down across the opening in the trees, clear to the other side. It was just as if Timmy was slicing on the air. In one sense, he was. Hardly had Timmy jumped when Mrs. Timmy landed beside Peter. "This is fun," said she and before Peter could say a word, she was racing up that tree for another jump.

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A FATAL SLIP

The declarer made only a slight slip in the following deal—but it was nevertheless fatal.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. ♠ Q 6 5 ♣ A K 8 4 2 ♢ 10 9 5 ♣ 5 2

♠ A 8 7 3 ♣ K 10 2 ♢ Q 9 8 ♣ A K

The bidding: South West North East 1NT 2♣ 3NT Pass

West vacillated between a spade and a heart lead, but decided that the spade was best, even at the probable cost of two tricks to clear the suit. On the bare chance of finding a singleton queen somewhere, he laid down the king.

South took the first trick—he had been pleased with the dummy laid down, since nine tricks would apparently be there for the taking. He counted two spades five diamonds and two clubs, so he wouldn't even need a heart trick. When, however, he led a diamond to the ace and West failed, the picture changed!

South, making a reappraisal, saw that he could not afford to give East his diamond stopper here and now, because a spade return would clear West's suit and he would get in with the heart ace (which he presumably held) and run enough spades to defeat the contract. It was vital, therefore, for South to establish a heart trick.

This was sound reasoning, but South did not implement it properly. He led the heart queen from dummy—and West simply ducked! Now, when South surrendered the diamond trick to East, the latter did not return a spade—West had discarded a spade, clearly asking for a dis-continuation. East led the heart eight, and West ran the entire suit!

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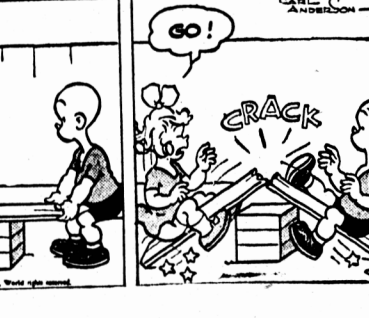
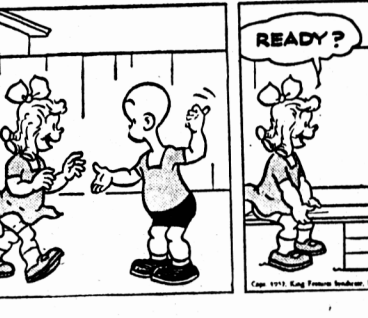
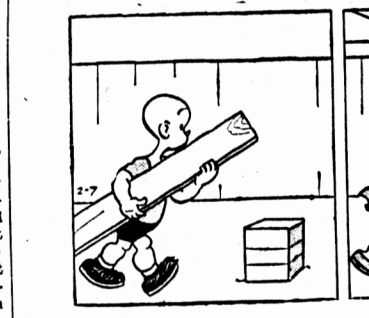
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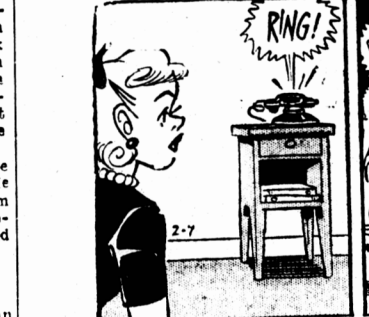
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