

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

## THE HOUSE HUNTERS

Possession may establish right. This better than to be polite.

Gray Fox and Mrs. Gray, cousins of Reddy Fox, were house hunting. They were house hunting because they wanted a change. Too many folks knew where they were now living. They had visited several old dens in the ground. The ground was frozen now and they couldn't dig a new one if they wanted to. They had visited two or three big trees that were hollow either at the bottom or not too far up, for Gray Fox and Mrs. Gray are good climbers. So far they had not been able to make up their minds.

"Do you remember the old hollow log we used once a long time ago?" asked Mrs. Gray. "Of course, I do," replied Gray Fox. "Let's go over there and have a look at that," said Mrs. Gray. Gray Fox was willing. So they trotted off through the Green Forest to look at the big hollow log that had once been their home. It was a long time since they had approached it. They found that the young trees around it had grown much. When they had lived there so long ago, the log was so small that the tops were hardly above the top of the old log. Now the old log was completely hidden.



"Seat!" said she.

Mrs. Gray grinned when she saw this. "It always was a good place," said she, "now it is better than ever. If we are careful, no one will ever know we have a home in that old log. I guess we were foolish ever to leave it. Of course, they knew which end of the old log was open, so they approached their heads that there might be anyone in it. Mrs. Gray led the way. She started to enter the old log. She was startled by a growl. It was a low growl, but it had a very ugly sound. She backed out so suddenly that she backed right into Gray Fox who was right behind her.

"What's the matter with you?" asked Gray Fox. "Where's someone in there," whispered Mrs. Gray. "Didn't you hear that growl?" "No," said Gray Fox. "No, I didn't hear any growl. If there is anyone in there, we'll go in there and pull them out." He pushed Mrs. Gray aside and boldly started to enter the old log. This time it wasn't a growl that stopped him. It was a snarl, and it sounded a lot worse than a growl. Gray Fox backed out in a hurry. Mrs. Gray had done what she would see you pulling anybody out," said Mrs. Gray.

Before Gray Fox could reply Mrs. Joe Otter appeared in the doorway. The two foxes backed farther away in a hurry. "We didn't know you were in there, or we wouldn't have come in," said Gray Fox politely. Mrs. Joe arched her back in the way that some members of the Weasel family can. "Seat!" said she. Gray Fox and Mrs. Gray scatted. And they did it in a hurry. They didn't want any trouble with Mrs. Joe Otter! They would have to find a house somewhere else.

## Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

In a coffin which an undertaker said was filled with money, gypsies buried one of their clansmen, Miller Groffo, in a cemetery at Texarkana, Tex. The gypsies also buried a bottle of shaving lotion, a hat, and a razor. They said these articles and the money would speed his passage to the hereafter.

At first Levi Johnson, of Chicago, was doing pretty well with a car that he had stolen. Then the motor stalled, and his troubles began. He flagged down another car and asked for a push. Two police men stepped from the car and looked curiously at the license plate. Then they carted Johnson off to jail. En route they explained to him that they were two detectives from the stolen car detail and that they had been looking for the stolen car Johnson was driving.

On the plains of West Texas, there's a unique little town that is not listed on any map, yet it has more visitors than many a place prominently shown on all the colorful travel folders. Its streets are burrows connecting miniature buildings and its inhabitants live mostly underground. It is a place called Prairie Dog Town, and it is virtually a suburb of Amarillo. Tourists from all over the United States, Canada, Mexico, and even Hawaii, have signed the mayor's guest book. Of course the mayor doesn't know it for he's just a big, cuddly prairie dog. But First Ansley, the mayor's trainer and owner, acts as official greeter and guide.

More than 150 native prairie dogs live in this West Texas miniature city. They are friendly, often peek through the doors of their city hall, hotel, jail, post office, or church. On clear, cool days they sun themselves on the rooftops and cast inquisitive glances at their visitors. When a newcomer arrives, it takes him quite some time to adjust himself to the excitement of city life. He spends much of his time trying to burrow under the fence that surrounds the town. "But after a while," says Ansley, "he settles down and starts extending to visitors that friendly western hospitality all good Texans are noted for."

When he thought back over what happened, Harold Snow, of Lowell, Ky., decided that he should have called for a tow truck when his car stalled on a street in Cincinnati. Two men offered to push the car. One climbed inside, and the other began pushing. Then the "inside" man drew a gun and took "Snow's" wrist watch. Nastier than the usual run of thugs was the bandit who robbed Ralph Bettis, bakery truck driver, in Gaffney, N.C. Bettis heard a siren and, thinking that a police car was behind him, stopped. The occupant robbed him of \$40. In the entire United States, 221 persons named Daniel Boone and 149 named Davey Crockett hold social security cards, according to Joseph L. Fay, of the Social Security Administration in Baltimore.

## CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

IT TOOK LUCK AND SKILL

There would have been considerable logic in North-South's reaching seven spades, below, but the actual grand-slam contract at no-trump was very questionable. However, with a little luck and considerable skill, South brought it home.

North dealer  
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K J 6 4  
♥ K 9 8 7 2  
♦ Q  
♣ K J 2

♠ 10 8 7  
♥ 5 3  
♦ J 10 9 7  
♣ 7 4

♠ A Q 9 2  
♥ A 10 6  
♦ A K 5 4  
♣ A Q

♠ 5  
♥ J 4  
♦ 6 5 3 2  
♣ 10 9 8 6 5 3

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

North said later that he had been strongly tempted to open the bidding, and so when he actually passed, and then heard South make the powerhouse bid of three no-trump, it had seemed like a trick. He should be ironclad. Considering all the honors in North's hand, this estimate was scarcely to be criticized, but the trouble was

He used them at his gambling tables so he wouldn't have to interrupt games for meals. Robert Spencer, of Norfolk, Va., has a rare bird dog and retriever. Since the dog, Joe, began accompanying Spencer to the chicken house, he has become an expert egg-gatherer. He takes the eggs from the nests and places them in a cotton-lined basket.

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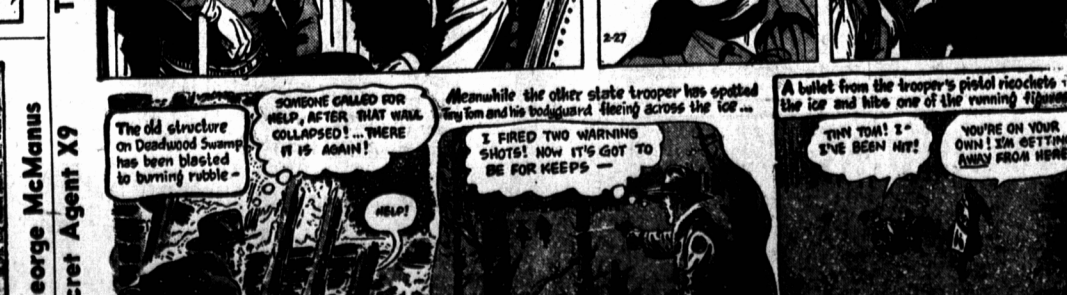
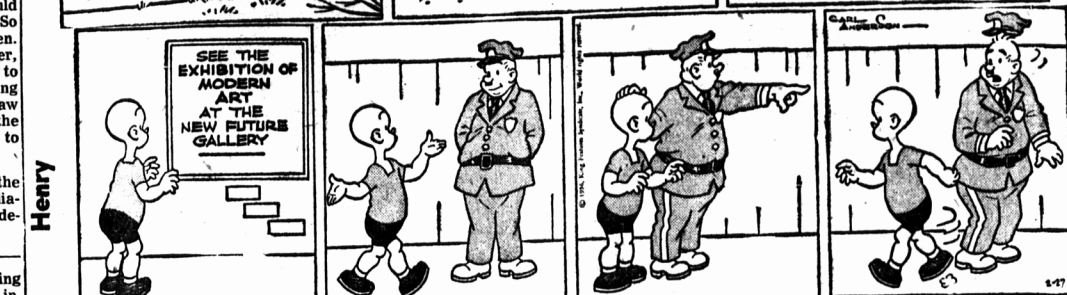
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5:30 p.m.—Howdy Doody  
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6:30 p.m.—CKCW-TV News  
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12:15 a.m.—Sign Off

## Tenant Farmers Die In Stifling Heat Of Room

KHARTOUM, Sudan (Reuters)—Protest demonstrations were organized here Friday against the death of 19 Sudanese farm workers who stifled in a sweltering detention cell Tuesday at Kosti, 240 miles south of Khartoum. The dead were among 280 packed into a room in the Kosti barracks about 30 feet by 36 feet.

(The notorious back hole of Calcutta, in which 123 Britons perished during the Indian mutiny in 1856, measured 18 feet by 14 feet 10 inches. Twenty-three survived.) The farm workers were arrested after weekend clashes with police, who were trying to enforce delivery of cotton crops in the Kosti area.

About 500 were detained after the riots in which 18 farmers and three police were reported killed. The farmers fought the police with spears and clubs.

Thursday the Blue Nile province magistrate exonerated 212 of the detained men and they were released.

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