

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W Burgess

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE

A little thought from others may bring cheer and warmth the coldest day.

— Drummer the Woodpecker

"Dee, dee, dee, dee, dee, dee!" cried Tommy Tit the Chickadee as he flitted through the Old Orchard. "Dee, dee, dee, dee, dee, dee! See me! See me!" he cried as he landed on the feeding shelf at a kitchen window of Farmer Brown's house.

Tap, tap, tap! Tommy Tit stopped flitting about on that shelf. He stood perfectly still to listen. That tapping had a familiar sound. It was very like the tapping of Drummer the Woodpecker. The only difference was that it didn't sound clear and sharp as usually did. It was muffled.

Tommy Tit's snapping bright little eyes looked this way, looked that way, looked every where. Drummer was nowhere to be seen. Tommy Tit hopped along the shelf to the other end. He perched on the edge and leaned way over to look underneath. Drummer wasn't there. He hadn't expected Drummer to be there, but he looked everywhere to be sure. Tommy learned long ago to look for the unexpected. "Dee, dee, dee, dee!" he called. He cocked his small head on one side and listened.

Tap, tap, tap! That sound was so close that it almost made Tommy jump off the shelf. Even so, it was still muffled. Tommy turned and stared at the window. He blinked. He blinked again. Yes, sir Tommy Tit blinked again. It could have done such a thing, he probably would have rubbed his eyes just to make sure that he saw what he seemed to be seeing. It was Drummer the Woodpecker himself, but Drummer was white to Woodpecker had any business to be—the other side of that window. He was inside Farmer Brown's house! He was clinging to a large stick of wood inside a cage close to the window. He had been tapping on that stick. Being inside the house the sound had been muffled.

Tommy Tit was too excited to sit still. He never does sit still anyway. Away he flew over into

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the Old Orchard. There he found Yank Yank the Nuthatch. "Do you know where Drummer the Woodpecker is?" cried Tommy Tit. "No," replied Yank Yank the Nuthatch. "I don't know where he is, and I don't care where he is. If he is not around here, I'll be just as well pleased."

Tommy Tit's black eyes snapped. "Why?" he demanded. "Why will you be just as pleased? What harm has he done to you?"

"No harm," replied Yank Yank. "I didn't say he had done me any harm. But you know as well as I do that Drummer lives on a lot of the same kinds of food that I do. When food is scarce, as it is in winter, it is easier for me to get what I need when Drummer isn't around hunting for food too."

"Well, he won't interfere with you now," said Tommy Tit. "How do you know he won't?" demanded Yank Yank.

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Yank, who was beginning to look a little interested.

"Go over to the feeding shelf at Farmer Brown's and look in the window," replied Tommy Tit, and look to his small wings. He had caught sight of Sammy Jay in another part of the Old Orchard, and he was hurrying over to tell Sammy the news.

Such new travels fast, especially when there is such a lively little person to carry it as Tommy Tit the Chickadee. When he finally flew back to the feeding shelf, he found a number of others already there. Yank Yank the Nuthatch was there. So was Sammy Jay. So was Doty the Tree Sparrow. So was Slaty the Junco. Bully the English Sparrow was there. So was Speckles the Star-

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

INDUCING AN ERROR

When your best chance for the contract seems to lie in an opposing error—make that error possible! This is particularly advisable if your intended victim is not a careful or a shrewd player—in short, if he is a prototype of East in the following case.

North dealer
Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
North East South West

♠ Pass	♠ Pass	♠ 1 ♠	♠ 2 ♠
♥ Pass	♥ Pass	♥ 4 ♠	♥ Pass
♦ Pass	♦ Pass	♦ 4 ♠	♦ Pass
♣ Pass	♣ Pass	♣ 4 ♠	♣ Pass

The fact that West bid hearts made South discard his own heart king, but he nevertheless felt that there should be a fair play for the spade game. His queen of clubs had extra potential value because his partner had opened the bidding in that suit.

When West laid down the diamond queen and the dummy was spread, South took the time to consider the situation. East was, of course, marked by the opening lead) with the diamond king, and so it would be a losing play as I do that Drummer lives on a lot of the same kinds of food that I do. When food is scarce, as it is in winter, it is easier for me to get what I need when Drummer isn't around hunting for food too."

South knew, however, that East was not an alert or expert player—so South called for a low diamond from dummy. Exactly as South had hoped, East did not even think about overtaking his partner's queen! That, in effect, was all South needed. West's diamond continuation was won by dummy's ace, and since East could never thereafter gain the lead, South was able to draw trumps and discard on the clubs without running the risk of a heart lead through the king.

If East had overtaken the queen

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PRESBYTERIAN Y W G

Mrs. Elsie Watterworth was hostess to the members of the Young Women's Guild of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Montague, for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, January 2nd.

The President, Mrs. Leland Nelson, presided and opened the meeting with the hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." The Scripture was read by Mrs. Claude Nicholson and Mrs. Watterworth led in prayer.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Malcolm MacKenzie, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mrs. Byron Stewart and approved as read.

Roll call was answered by thirteen members and there were three visitors present.

Miss Thelma Larter reported for the visiting committee and Mrs. Watterworth reported for the committee which was appointed to bring material for costumes to be used in the Christmas pageant.

The financial report was read by the Treasurer, Miss Larter. One of the guests, Miss Anne MacEachern, student at the Presbyterian Deaconess Training School in Toronto, spoke informally about her work in helping to organize a Sunday School in Humboldt, near Toronto.

Mrs. Martin Currie, Charlotte-town, also spoke briefly and offered several suggestions for making articles for a bazaar table.

Miss Larter was appointed convener of the work committee for the next meeting.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction and a social hour followed featuring a "Parcel Post," which everyone enjoyed very much. A Christmas contest was won by Mrs. Lene Johnston. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Wellington Campbell and Mrs. Percy Myers.

of diamonds, as he so obviously should have, a heart return would have defeated the contract automatically.

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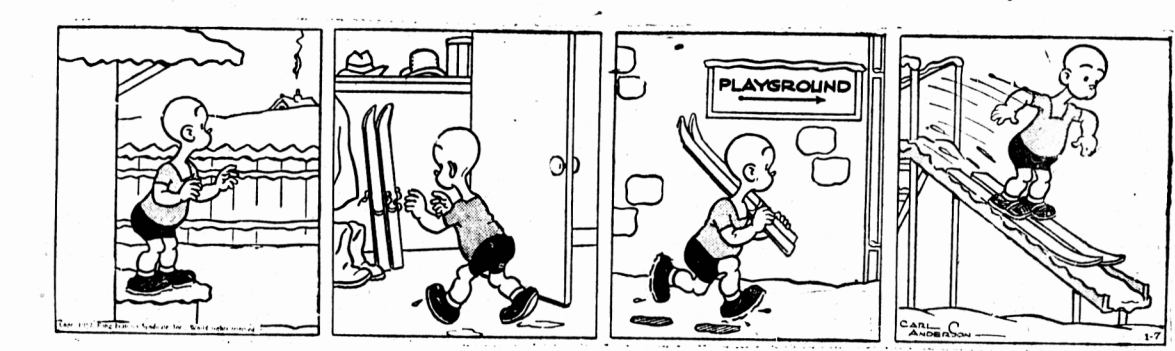


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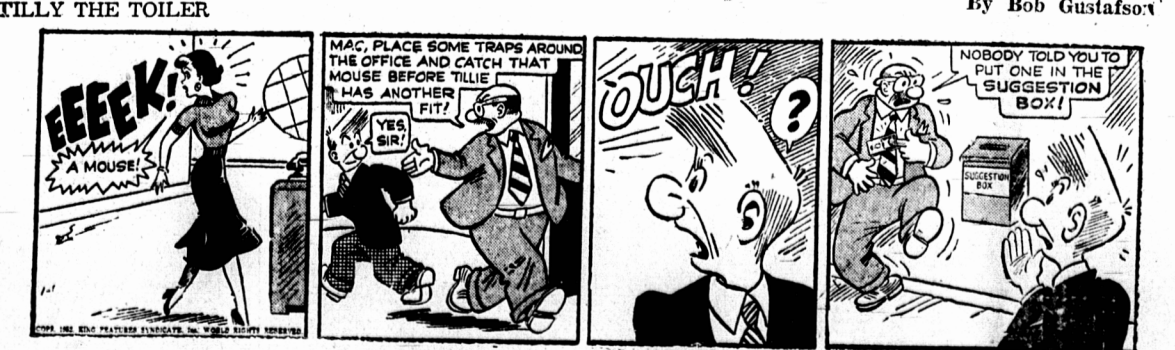
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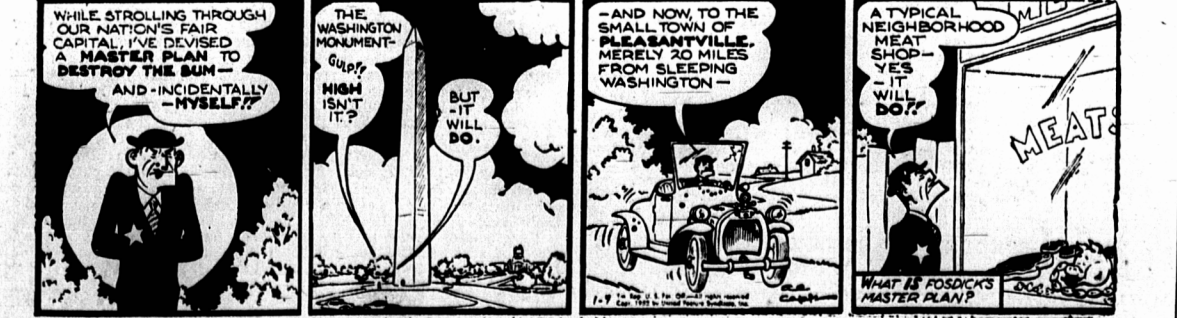
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By Walt Kelly

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