

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE TRICKLING SAND

Tiny moving grains of sand. Some one's secret may command. —Peter Rabbit.

Rattles the Kingfisher, and Mrs. Rattles, had visited the Smiling Pool every day. There had been a lot of coming and going between the Smiling Pool and the Big River. Peter Rabbit, watching them, was becoming more curious and more curious. He had an idea that made him more and more curious. If this was true where would that home be.



He looked up. Was there or wasn't there a small hole very near the top of the bank.

Peter suffers from too much curiosity. He is curious about matters that are none of his business. There are a lot of Peter Rabbits of this kind in the world; altogether too many. Peter wants to find out things which not only are no concern of his, but knowledge of which will do him no good. However, curiosity is like this.

Peter did know that Rattles and Mrs. Rattles live in holes in the ground. He guessed that they might be digging a home in a bank of the Big River. He didn't think there was a steep enough bank around the Smiling Pool, but he wasn't sure.

"Do you know where their home is?" he asked Grandfather Frog.

"Chug-a-rum!" replied Grandfather Frog. "Of course I know where their home is."

"Where?" cried Peter, eagerly.

"In the ground," replied Grandfather Frog.

"Oh," said Peter, lamely. "I don't suppose you know where in the ground?"

"No," replied Grandfather Frog. "I don't know where, and I don't care. It is none of my business. Do you want to know something, Peter Rabbit?"

"What?" asked Peter.

"It is none of your business either," replied Grandfather Frog, and made a lovely clean dive off his green lily-pod down to the bottom of the Smiling Pool.

It was the very next day that Peter happened to wander over to a big gravel pit. It was merely a great hole dug in the side of a hill to get sand, or gravel, for

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

A century ago it was thought that all fluids were bad for athletes, and the Oxford system of training for rowing consisted of meals with no liquids at all in them. We know today that such a diet is actually harmful.

The sea contains 49 species of snakes all of which are poisonous.

In the 17th century no bride would think of getting married without shedding a flood of tears. Why? Because tears shed at that time were supposed to bring good luck. This was to prove that she was neither a witch nor bewitched for in those days it was generally believed that one could always identify a witch by the fact that no matter how disturbed she might be, she could never cry any more than three tears, and they would fall only from her left eye.

To give romance an even chance a wife should let him wear the pants.

But still permit him, if he wishes to wear an apron washing dishes. Pong-sow is a combination of incantations and talismans invented by the Dutch to cure anything from hexes to hay fever.

And there is just enough truth in the process to make it believable. Many of the herb cures used in pow-wowing have formed a basis for modern medicine.

Ice and snow that cover rivers in Prince Edward Island during the winter months do not put an

end to sport fishing.

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was for mild days to enjoy the sport. Others have built what can be moved over ice to selected angles.

By 1975 about half the adults in Canada will be 45 or older, and many of them will be condemned to a life of uselessness unless something is done to give them jobs.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

BY JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

RAISING PARTNER'S NO TRUMP

SINCE the point-count method of valuing one's hand became popular several years ago, there has been a tendency toward "liberalism" in the matter of raises, particularly. Indeed, some point-count writers recommend a single raise of one notrump on as little as 7 high-card points, irrespective of distribution, but the following deal illustrates the questionable virtue of this raise.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

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

The hard fact is that a raise on anything short of 8 points is flirting with failure. Indeed, a hand containing 8 bare points (without intermediates—tens or

aces) will not usually be good enough for game unless the opener had a maximum notrump, or unless there is more luck in the play than can be expected. It is obviously better to miss an occasional game by refusing to give questionable raises than to reach many game contracts for which there is only a remote play, or none at all.

South was right in carrying on to game with his 17-point, well-distributed hand, when North gave him the raise, but the result was not favorable. Even though the spade suit broke 3-3, giving South four tricks (where a less favorable break would have given him only three), and even though a heart was led up to South's major tenace, the contract simply could not be fulfilled against tight defense. So, instead of collecting a valuable partial, North-South paid out 100 points.

It is quite true (as many readers will doubtless observe) that 17-point South hands can be laid out which will make three no-trump opposite North's holding, but bridge is a game of probabilities, not of possibilities, and the probability is that the North hand does not offer sufficient support for a nine-trick contract.

Brown of the Fraser Valley, B. C., also can add, "when I see a potato." She dug up a perfect goose-like spud in her garden.

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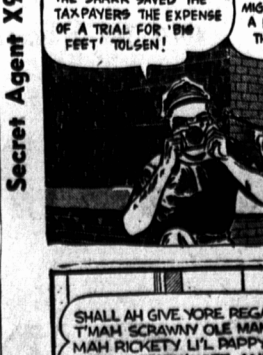
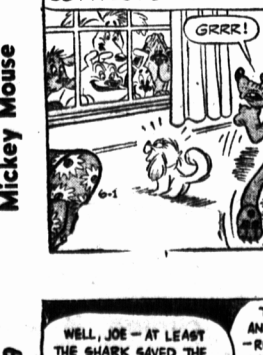
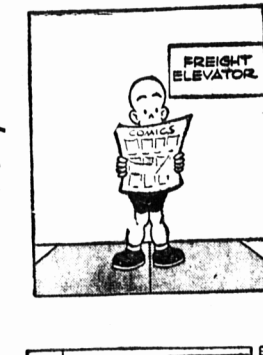
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