



By Thornton W. Burgess

THE NEW HOME

It matters not if new or old The home where never love grows cold.

—Old Mother Nature.

Mrs. Timmy the Flying Squirrel had made up her mind. Timmy didn't like it, but there was nothing he could do about it. He had long since learned that when Mrs. Timmy made up her mind about certain things, she made up his mind, too. He might grumble and protest, but in the end he would do just what she wanted him to. It is just that way in many homes. Mrs. Timmy had informed him that they were to make a new home in one of Farmer Brown's Boy's bird houses near the edge of the Green Forest.



"I believe this is going to be the best home we ever had," replied Timmy.

was squeaker than ever. "That's what you say, but you don't know. They might be a lot worse off in a home right out in the open like that house," squeaked Timmy, and he sounded really cross.

Mrs. Timmy said nothing. She glided away among the trees. Timmy watched her go. Usually where she went, he went. This time he stayed right where he was. He didn't approve of it at all. He thought that if they must have a new home, it should be in a hole in a tree, such as they had always had. He knew also that if Mrs. Timmy had made up her mind, that settled the matter. He would do what she wanted him to do whether he wanted to or not.

"If she thinks I'm going to chase after her, she's mistaken," thought Timmy to himself, and continued to sulk right where she had left him.

In a few minutes Mrs. Timmy returned. She was carrying something in her mouth. She brushed past Timmy as she climbed the tree, and jumped and glided over to the foot of the pole on which was the bird house. A moment later she was in that house. When finally she returned and joined Timmy, she

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Contract Bridge

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THE VITAL TRICK

South "booted" a game contract in today's deal by losing one more trump trick than he had to lose.

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable. North-South 40 on score.

Bridge hand diagram showing cards for North and South. North: ♠ 7 6 3, ♥ 5 4 2, ♦ K Q 9, ♣ A 10 8. South: ♠ A K J 9, ♥ 8 4 3 2, ♦ K Q 8 4 2, ♣ Q 5 4 2.

The bidding: East 1♥, South 1♠, West Pass, North 2♣.

East-West were unable to do any real competing, despite the opposing part-score — for all they could tell, any three-level bid might be severely punished.

West opened his top heart and East collected the king and ace. When South dropped the ten and queen, East led a third round of the suit, South ruffed with the eight of trumps, then overtook his own diamond jack with the queen, his intention of course being to lead trumps toward the closed hand. East won the diamond trick and led his fourth heart.

At this point South made a fatal mistake — he ruffed with the nine of trumps. As was only to be expected, West overruffed with the ten, and the consequence was that South lost a total of six tricks — two spade tricks, two hearts, one diamond and one club.

It was a very bad play for South to ruff the fourth heart! The logical and winning move was to discard a club on this trick. Then, with trumps breaking 2-2, it would have been extremely easy for South to hold his overall loss to five tricks — in other words, to deprive the enemy of a second trump trick.

It is true that perfect defense, involving a club shift by East, would have prevented declarer from using this trick-saving device, but the essence of good declarer's play is to take advantage of every opportunity.

Actually, if South could see the exact position of cards and know that it would be safe to lay down a high trump from his own hand after ruffing the third heart, the defenders would be helpless.

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

By Z... Grey



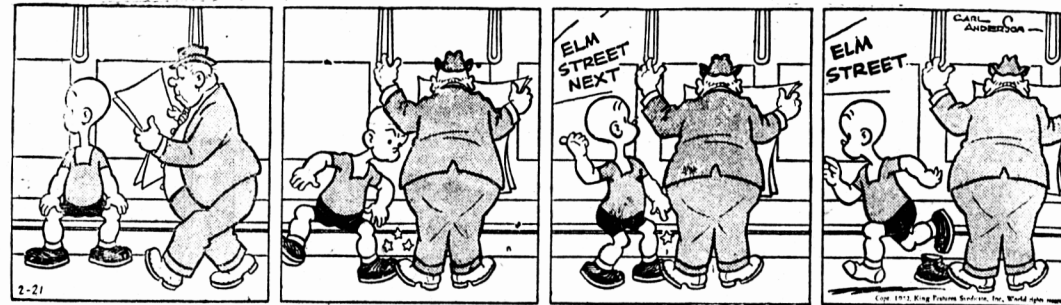
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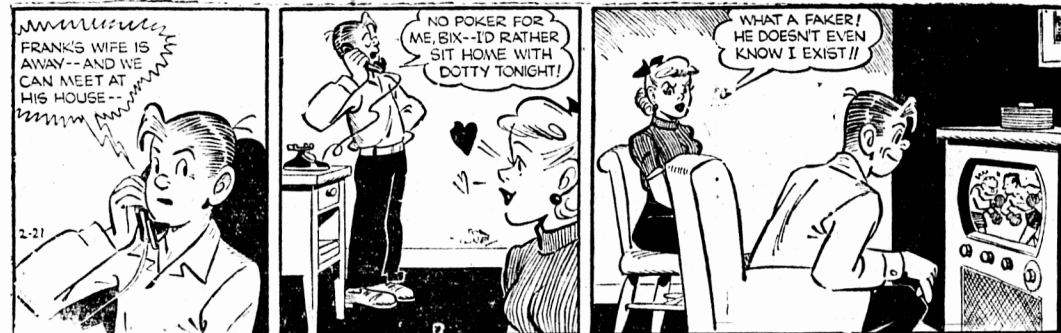
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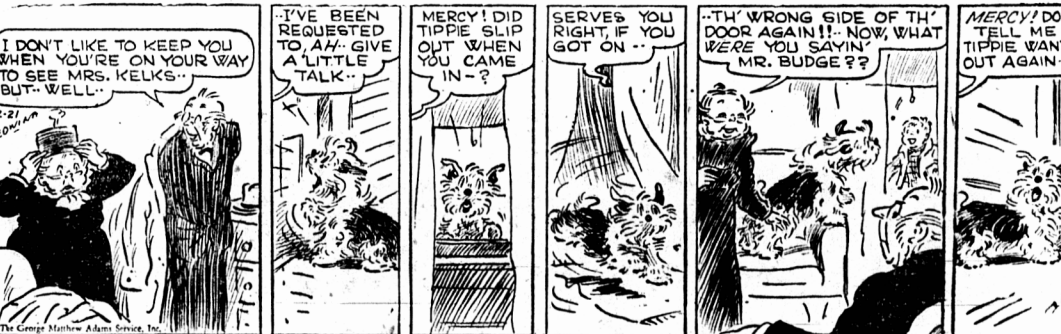
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