



By Thornton W. Burgess

THE TRAP

A lesson that is truly learned. May mean useful knowledge earned. —Old Mother Nature

Farmer Brown came back from the garden to the house. "Tommy," said he, "if we are to have any peas this fall I'm afraid you'll have to shoot that rabbit that is visiting the garden every night. He's eaten almost half a row already. I suggest you take your gun with you, and watch for him this evening." There was a twinkle in Farmer Brown's eyes when he mentioned the gun. "I don't want to shoot him," said Tommy. "It isn't fair."



"Huh!" exclaimed Peter. "Huh! I'm not going to be fooled by that thing."

What do you think Peter did then? He settled right down to eating those tender young pea plants. Isn't that what you would have done had you been in his place. It seemed to him that nothing could possibly taste better. So when at last he could eat no more, that row of growing peas was considerably shorter. Yes, sir, it was considerably shorter.

When Farmer Brown's boy came to look at the trap in the morning he knew at once that that trap would never catch Peter Rabbit again. "The rascal knows this is a trap, and he is too smart to be caught in it," thought Farmer Brown's boy. "I don't want to shoot him. He has just as much right to live as I have. I simply have to outwit him somehow."

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A SURPRISING OUTCOME

An intended sacrifice bid in the following deal, turned out to be something much more profitable.

Bridge hand diagram showing South dealer, Neither side vulnerable, and card layouts for South, North, East, and West.

The bidding: South 1♥, West Pass, East 2♥, North 3NT. South Pass, West Pass, East 4♥, North Dbt.

It required considerable vision for North to bid four hearts, even as a sacrifice, on his ten-high holding. Moreover, there was a question whether East could make his three notrump, with probably only one stopper in the heart suit.

West, leading against the actual heart contract, selected his fourth-highest spade. East won and determined to break up the clearly impending cross-ruff, returned a trump. Dummy's ten won and a diamond was led toward the closed hand.

Before ruffing a club in dummy declarer made a vital and far-seeing play — he ruffed the spade king. Then he cashed a club, ruffed a spade with his own last trump, and ruffed his remaining club. At this point West was squeezed!

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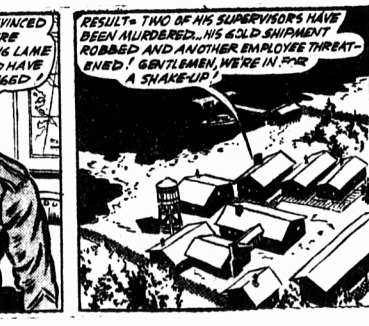
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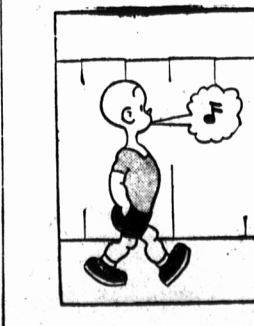
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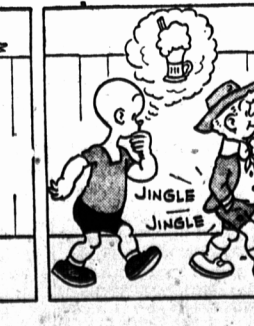
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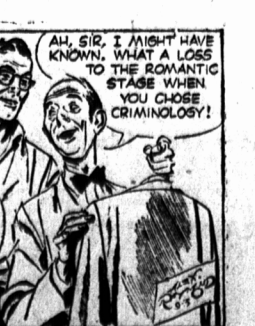
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