

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

REDDY FOX VISITS MOUSEVILLE

A profit some one else may take from each mistake that you may make.

—Reddy Fox.

That truth Reddy Fox found out long ago. As a matter of fact, much of his success in living is based on watching for, and taking advantage of, the mistakes of others. A lot of men and women are just like Reddy fox. They make their living through the mistakes of others.

Snow covered the ground to a depth of several inches, and had brought comparative safety to the Mouse folk. It was making it difficult for Reddy Fox and Mrs. Reddy. It was a light snow, and not easy to get around in. Small folk like Danny and Nanny Meadow Mouse and all their kind could run about on it with no trouble at all. If they were foolish enough to try it, but bigger folk couldn't do that. They had to wade through the snow. Moreover, the snow had covered all the tracks of those whom Reddy was in the habit of hunting, and it had killed the scent of these same folk. Getting a dinner was largely a matter of chance, and the ability to make the most of chance when it happened. No one is smarter in doing this than is Reddy Fox.



Reddy stood on his doorstep in the Old Pasture looking down over the snow-covered Green Meadows. He was trying to make up his mind whether to go down there and hunt for a Mouse dinner, or whether to go over to the Green Forest to see if he could catch a Grouse. He knew his chances were not too good either way. Then he thought of Peter Rabbit. Perhaps Peter had been out all night in spite of the storm. Perhaps it had caught him out in the Green Forest, and now he would try to get home. Reddy looked all over the white covering of the Green Meadows, but nothing was moving anywhere. Peter certainly wasn't on his way home, if he wasn't home already.

"I think," said Reddy to Mrs. Reddy, who had just joined him, "I'll pay Mouseville a visit first of all."

Mouseville was a part of the Green Meadows where a large number of Meadow Mice lived. Meadow Mice could be found in most parts of the Green Meadows but not in great numbers living together. Reddy shook the snow from his bushy tail and started down the Green Meadows. Before he stepped out into the open he once more looked this way and that way to make sure that no one whom he might want to catch was in sight. He knew that the moment he stepped out onto the snow on the

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cluberton

DEBACLE

A slight case of partnership misunderstanding led to a remarkable contract in the following deal.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ Q 7 4
♥ 7 4 3
♦ A Q 8
♣ A 7 3

♠ K J 8 3
♥ 9 6
♦ J 2
♣ K 10 6 5

♠ A 10 6
♥ 5 2
♦ 10 6 3
♣ J 8 4

♠ K J 10 8 5
♥ K 9 7 5 4
♦ Q P P

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2NT Pass
3♥ Pass 4♦ Pass
4♦ (!) Pass Pass (!) Pass

When North passed the four spade bid, South emitted a groan of pure agony, but this did not absolve him from playing a ten-trick vulnerable contract without a trump in his hand — and without much trump strength in dummy! When the smoke cleared, South found himself down four — and there was also the little matter that a grand slam could easily have been made at hearts, or a small slam at diamonds.

The argument then started: Who was responsible for the debacle — South, for bidding four spades, or North, for passing to that call? In an expert partnership there would be no question of responsibility, because no properly seasoned North would dream of passing to such a bid. The whither pertinent question, then, is whether South should have made the call with his particular partner. A perfectly sound bid under one set of circumstances is an extremely rash bid under different conditions.

To revert to the expert basis — no expert North would be led astray by the four-spade call. The expert

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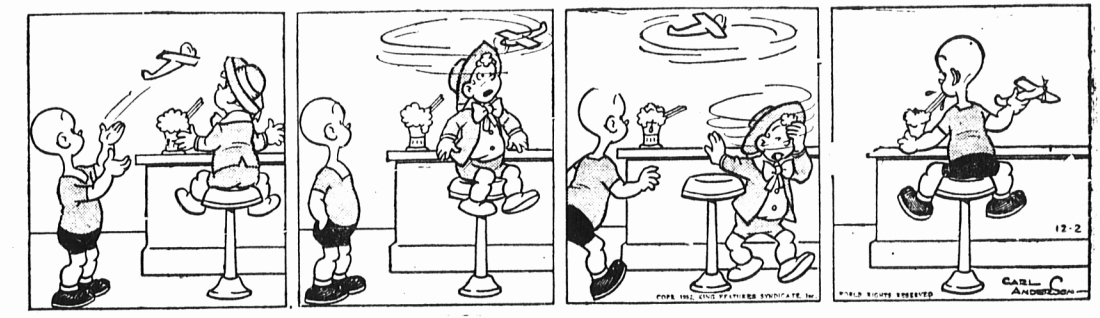
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TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS



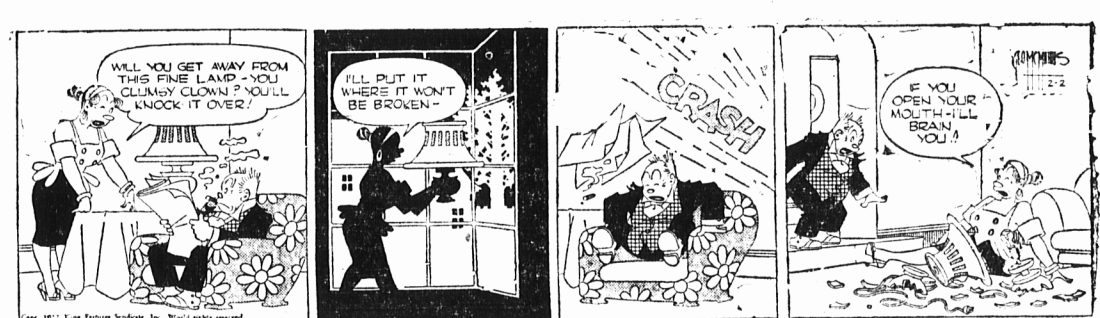
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BRINGING UP FATHER

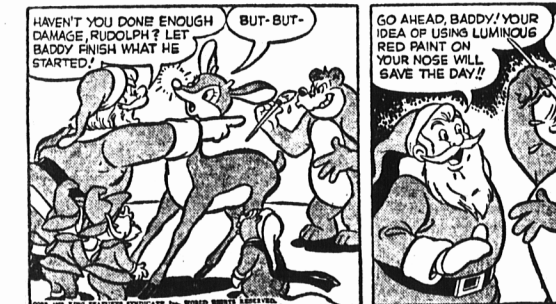


By George McManus

SPECIAL DANCE

Sponsored by The Pythian Sisters
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd
ROLLAWAY BALLROOM
Dancing 9:30 - 12:30 Admission 50c
Music by The Downtowners

RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER



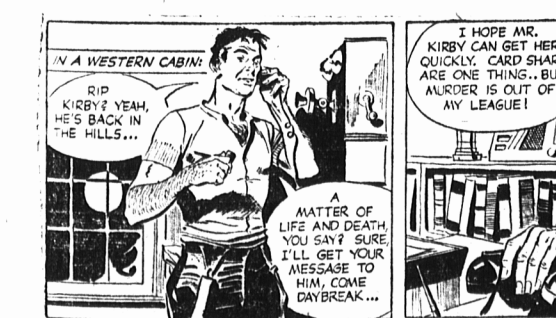
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POGO



By Walt Kelly

RIP KIRBY



By Alex Raymond

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



By Ham Fisher

JOE PALOORA



By Ham Fisher

TILLY THE TOILER



By Bob Gashison

Napoleon and Uncle Elby



By Cliff J. McBride

DOTTY DRIPPLE



By Ruford

PENNY



By Harry Hoenigsen