



By Thornton W. Burgess

RAGTAIL MAKES A MISTAKE

Though mistakes bring woe and pain, Useful knowledge you may gain. —Mrs. Happy Jack.

Three young Squirrels were out in the Great World trying to find places for themselves. They were Bushytail, Broadtail, and Ragtail. They were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Happy Jack. They were a year old, and up to a very short time ago they had been living with mother. Father never had had much to do with them. Squirrel fathers never do have much to do with their children. They leave all the care of them to the mother.

out of their home in a hollow in a tree. She had refused to let them come back at all. Every time they had tried to come back she had driven them away. She made it very plain to them that she thought them old enough, big enough, and well enough trained to look after themselves. At first they hadn't liked it a bit. They had felt hurt, and in a way, quite helpless. They were not about the Green Forest, and about the things that Gray Squirrels should know. They merely felt helpless because they had for so long depended on mother to tell them what to do, and show them what not to do, and to get them out of trouble when they got into it. Mrs. Happy Jack no longer gave them so much as a thought. She didn't worry about them one bit.



Every time they had tried to come back, she had driven them away.

She had driven them out because she had needed their room for the new babies that now required all her love and attention. Of those new babies Bushytail, Broadtail, and Ragtail knew nothing at all. They still didn't understand why mother had treated them as she had. But they were getting used to doing for themselves. They could do as they pleased, and that was something they hadn't been able to do when they were with mother. They had done as she pleased, not as they pleased.

For a while the three gray-coated little rascals just roamed about. They explored. It was fun to explore. It was fun to visit new places, to see new sights, and to go and come as they pleased. They wandered quite a distance from their old home. For a while they stayed together. Then they wandered apart, each going off by himself or herself. Without really knowing it each was looking for a place of their own in the Great World.

It just happened that Ragtail wandered back to the neighborhood in which she had lived her first year. At first she didn't think anything about it. It was just another place. Then she saw the old tree.

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

"STRONG BIDDING" IS ONLY A RELATIVE TERM

Most players, when they make two vulnerable bids on a hand, seem to feel that they have shown great strength, and that it is then up to partner to determine the contract. In bridge, however, everything is decidedly relative, and a player does not fully discharge his duties by bidding as North did in the following case.

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

10 8 5 2 K Q 10 J 10 Q 7 4 3 J Q 9 A J 4 J 10 A K 10 8 7 2 7 4 7 5 3 2 K 9 8 6 Q 5 4 A K J 5 2 8 6 9 6 8

The bidding: West North East South 1♣ 1♦ Pass 1♠ 2♣ Pass Pass

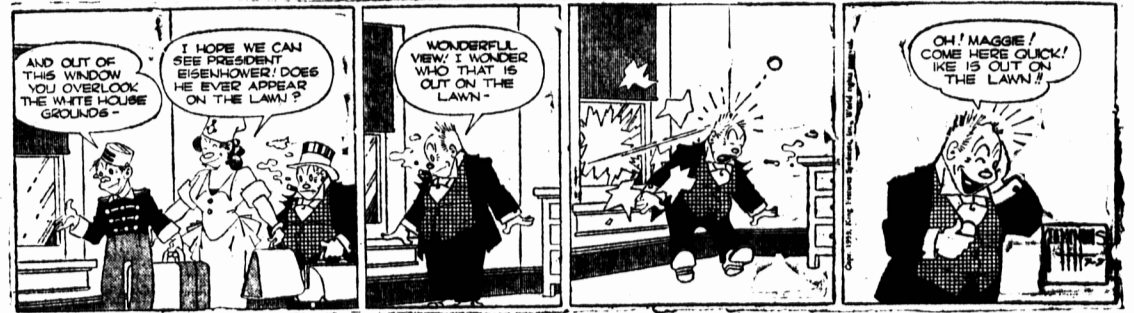
West opened the club king and shifted to the diamond jack, and the outcome was just what it figured to be on the North-South holdings. South had good luck in the trump suit to offset the bad luck of losing the diamond finesse, and so 10 tricks became easy.

On the surface it may seem that North did justice to his values by first overcalling vulnerable, with one diamond and then giving a free raise in spades, but such a conclusion does not hold water. North might have made a takeout double of one club, and since he resolved this close point in favor of a simple, one-level overcall, he should have taken a far more optimistic view of the partnership's strength when South, uninvited, entered the auction with his spade bid. North's heart and diamond strength, back of West bid, took on extra value, and North's four trumps in connection with his singleton club became excellent trump support. It was certainly not to be considered that South would have come in on less than he actually held, so North had every reason to give a really strong urge toward game, by jumping to three spades over West's two clubs. In the final analysis a player cannot bid on his own hand alone—he must try to express the partnership's potential, as revealed to him by information from across the table.

SASKATOON, (CP)—The natural gas pipe line being built between Saskatoon and the Brock field to the southwest is expected to reach here about July 15. The gas is expected to be turned on here late in the year.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



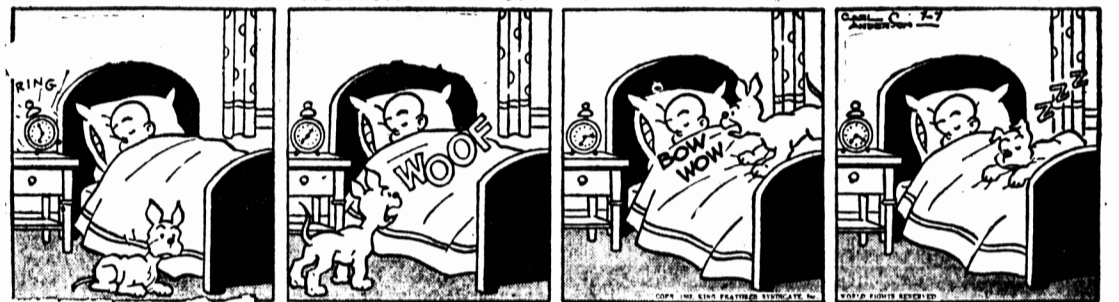
Dotty Dripple

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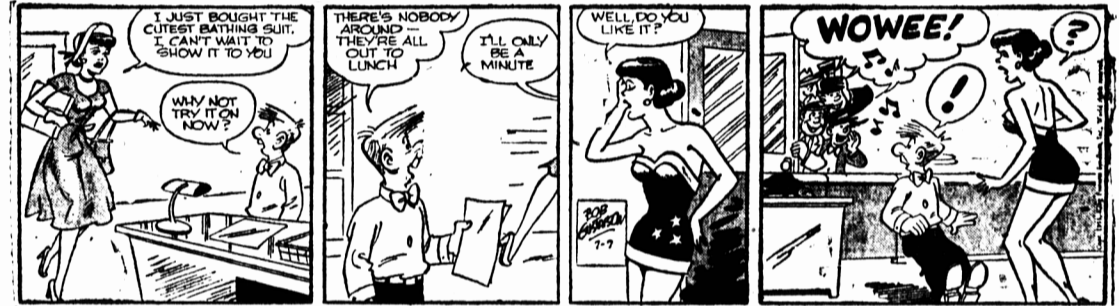
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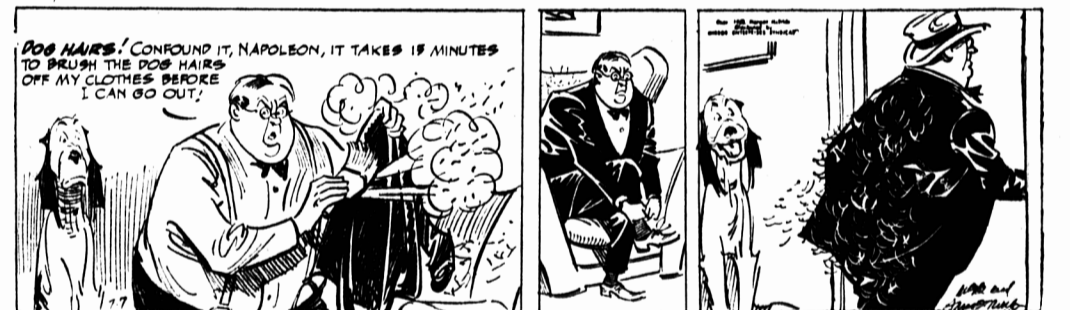
Tilly The Toiler

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Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBrid



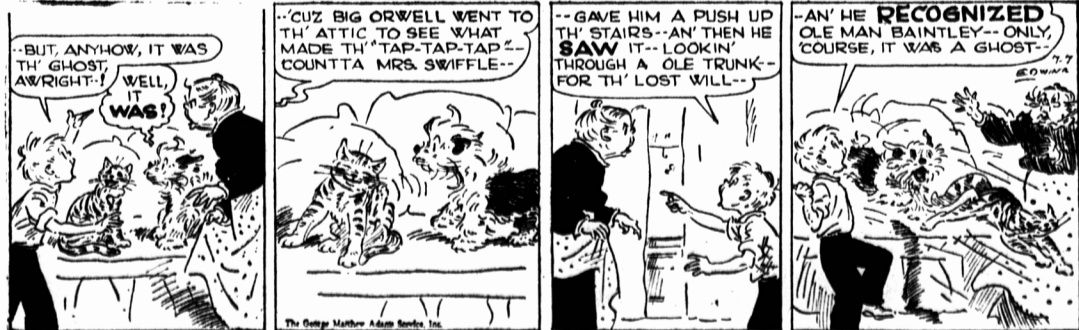
Pogo

By Walt Kelly



Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By Edwina



PENNY

By Harry Hoehnigen



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Sponsored by Winsloe United Church Pastoral Charge (consisting of North and South Winsloe, Princetown Road, and Highfield).

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Charlottetown, P.E.I. J.B. Brow, June 25, 1953. Secretary.

DANCE

In Aubrey Cutcliffe's New Warehouse

Wednesday, July 8

Burns' Orchestra Canteen Service.

Swing and Sway for N. A.

King Of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



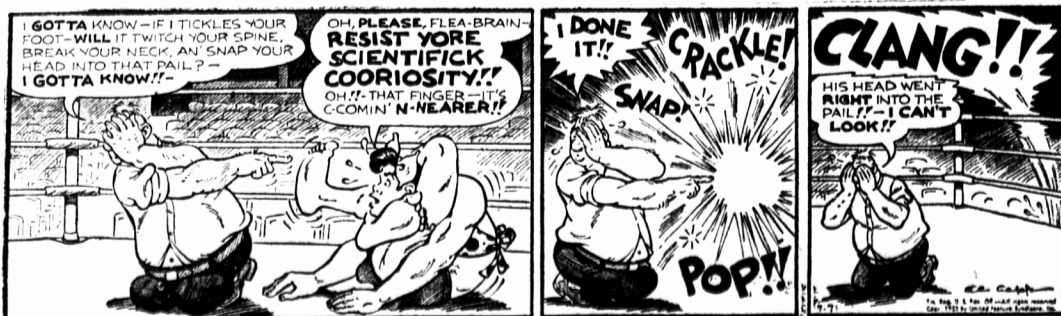
Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher



Li'l Abner

By Al Capp



Rip Kirby

By Alex Raymond

