



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

FOXY MRS. GROUSE

Who bravely combines with wit, will very seldom have to quit.

Farmer Brown's Boy. Mrs. Grouse had held up an automobile. She had stayed right in the middle of a road so that the motor car would have to stop, or go over her. The car stopped. It was driven by Farmer Brown's Boy, so of course it stopped. You know he is one of the best friends the Green Forest and the Green Meadow folk have.



There she began to cluck.

monster. Every feather in her coat was standing on end. You see she was trying to make herself look twice as big as she really was. The crest on her head was raised. The black ruff around her neck was spread its widest. Her tail held high, was spread as you have seen Gobbler the Turkey spread his tail. Her wings were lifted and partly spread. She was threatening to fly right into the face of danger.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

"COUNTING-OUT" THE UNSEEN HANDS

Most experienced players are aware that a declarer's constant effort should be to "count out" the opposing nans as their original suit distribution; that this is a vital step in sound planning and execution. But put these same players on defense, and they seem to ignore the counting-out process.

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable. ♠ K J 7 ♥ Q 10 6 3 ♦ 8 7 6 2 ♣ 6 4 ♠ 10 8 4 ♥ 7 5 4 ♦ 5 4 ♣ 10 7 5 ♠ A Q 2 ♥ A ♦ A ♣ A Q J 3 ♠ A J 8 3 2

The bidding: West North East South Pass Pass 1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ Pass 3 NT

With clubs bid on his right and hearts on his left, West elected to open a low spade. Dummy's king was put up, South dropping the queen on the trick, and a diamond was led. West took South's King and continued the spade suit, the jack winning.

Declarer now led a club from the board. East put up his king; South won the trick and cashed his high diamonds, then led his diamond three to dummy's eight. On another club led, South covered East's nine with the jack, and West was in once more, with the club queen.

West's hammering away at spades at this juncture was not costly, but when South won and led a low club, taken by West with the seven-spot, the time had arrived when a lead of hearts was indispensable. Evidently, however, West cringed from that lead; to delay his "doom" as long as possible, even by one trick, he cashed the high club and then had to lead a heart. Now declarer had nine tricks.

Quite aside from the fact that West could see he would have to lead away from his hearts sooner or later, a simple count of the distribution South had shown would have made that heart lead completely safe and highly desirable. South had shown three spades, four diamonds, five clubs (when East failed on the third round), and so could have only one heart.

The Taj Mahal at Agra, India, was built by Shash Jehan as a tomb for his wife.

Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By Edwina



Pogo



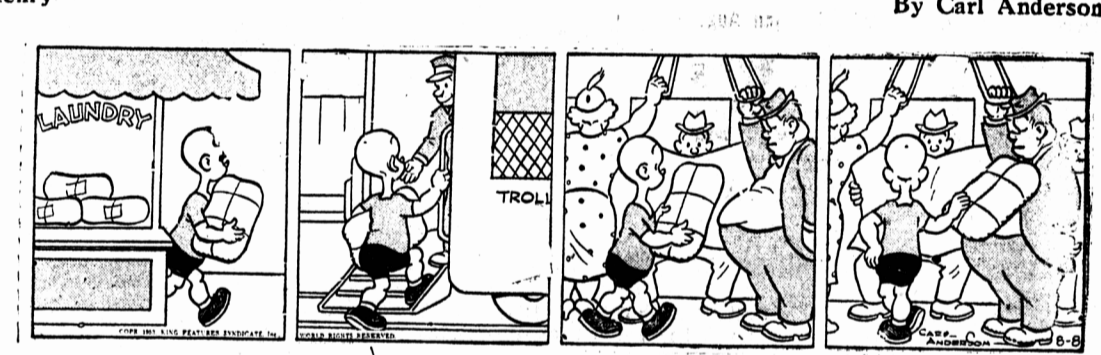
Napoleon and Uncle Elby



Tilly The Toiler



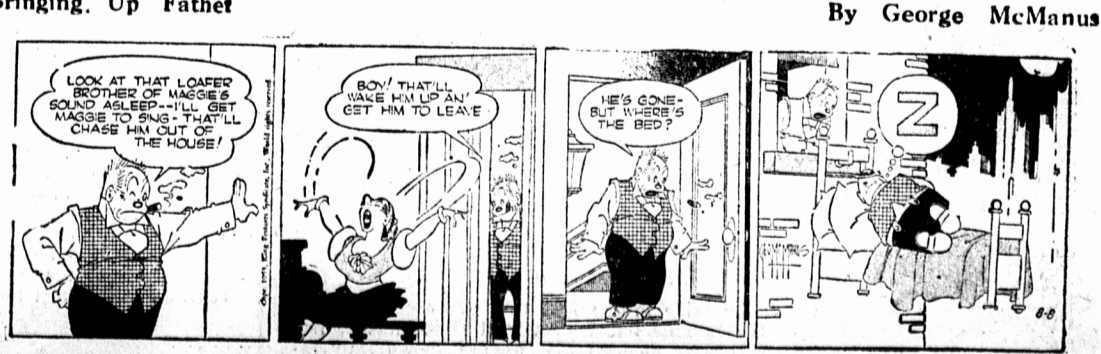
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