



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

NOT WORTH IT

Each for himself must judge and say how much or little he will pay.

—Old Mother Nature.

Old Mr. Toad had fallen in a big hole Farmer Brown's boy had dug in the garden. It was Mr. Toad's own fault. He had been too much of a hurry. He had been in such a hurry he hadn't looked to see just where he was going, where the next hop in the dusk would take him. There was no excuse for that.



for his lovely golden eyes see very well in the dusk. He just hadn't been looking and he had made one hop too many. He had hopped right into that big hole.

Peter Rabbit had seen him do it. Peter was sorry for him, for they were old friends, but he had warned Old Mr. Toad of the danger of hurrying too fast. So there was no one to blame for what had happened but himself. Perhaps he didn't feel quite so sorry for his old friend as otherwise he might have. But for one thing Old Mr. Toad would not have been quite so sorry for himself. He had fallen in holes before and always he had managed to get out. Usually it had taken a long time to do it. That was what was worrying him now. Already he was late in getting to the Smiling Pool to take his part in the joyous spring chorus there. He had been a little late in waking from his winter sleep. What would Old Mr. Toad think of him? Always she had met him there each spring. Year after year he had sung his sweet little love song to her there. Already he was late and now he would be late.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A VITAL DEFENSIVE MANEUVER

There are times when it is vital for the defense to give declarer a ruff-and-discard. Observe this typical case:

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

♠ A J 10 9 8 3
♥ K 6
♦ K 10 5 4
♣ 10 8 7 5

♠ K 5
♥ Q 8 7 5
♦ 6 3
♣ N

♠ 10 8 7 5
♥ 9 4 3 2
♦ Q 7 2
♣ S

♠ K Q
♥ A 7 6 4 7
♦ A 10
♣ A J 9 8

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♠ Pass 5♠ Pass
6♥ Pass Pass

South bid four clubs instead of using the Blackwood four-notrump bid because it was really the club suit and North's help in that direction which interested South.

West had no very attractive lead; he selected a low spade because that seemed least risky. Dummy's ace won and the heart jack was led. South captured East's queen and then did a little stage-setting. He cashed his second spade trick and the ace and king of diamonds, then led a second trump, throwing West on lead.

If West had been the type of player who is extremely impressed by a declarer's maneuvers, he probably would have shifted to a club. That was precisely what South wanted, inasmuch as this would relieve him from the club guess. West, however, took time out to do some counting. The fact that South, after cashing his top spades and diamonds, had not ruffed a card of either of those suits, was good and sufficient proof that South had no such cards to ruff, else he certainly would have completed the stripping process before throwing West on lead. By actual count, then, South had only two spades and two diamonds. Since he had held only five hearts, he must have four clubs, and a ruff-and-discard would do him no good whatsoever.

On that excellent reasoning West led back a diamond and though South could discard from one hand while ruffing in the other, he still had to guess the position of the club queen. As it happened, he guessed wrong, and the slam was lost.

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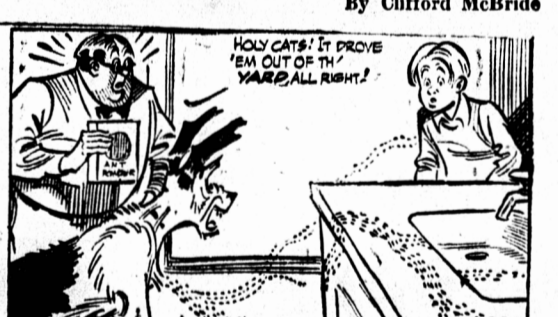
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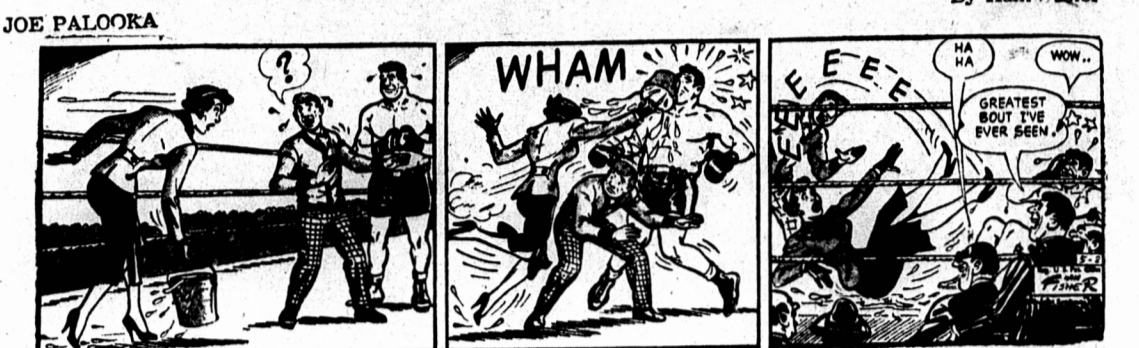


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