



By Thornton W. Burgess

OLD MR. TOAD BLOWS UP
Never to conclusions jump. Least self-esteem should get a bump.

—Old Mr. Toad.

Peter Rabbit was delighted. He had missed Old Mr. Toad all through the early spring. He had looked for him in Farmer Brown's garden and had failed to find any trace of him. Now, he had

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

IT WORKED OUT

South's bid in the hand below looks pretty bad in the light of what could have happened, but there was more than a grain of logic in his decision—and in any case, it worked out.

North dealer.

♠ A J	♥ 10 8	♦ K 7 6 4 3	♣ A Q 7 6 3
♠ K	♥ K	♦ A K 8 2	♣ A Q 8 5
♠ 5 2	♥ J 7 6 4 3	♦ N W E S	♣ J 10 8 7 6 4
♠ J 5	♥ K 10 8 4	♦ A Q 9 8 2	♣ 9 8 3
♠ Q 10 7	♥ K	♦ A Q 9 8 2	♣ 9 8 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	1 ♠	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

North-South vulnerable.

It is plain that East-West could have run off six heart tricks at the start—but let's skip that unpleasant fact (i.e., unpleasant for North-South, if it had transpired) in order to analyze the bidding.

When East overcalled the opening diamond bid with a spade, South was placed in something of a dilemma. His first thought, as he explained later, was to bid three diamonds, but on examination this call did not seem quite satisfactory. South had a fairly good hand, but if there was duplication in the heart suit—if North had the ace or the A-Q—the enemy might win three tricks off the reel. Thus, the five-diamond contract might and might not be advisable. It was certainly unlikely, considering South's own spades, that North would be able to bid three hearts, reassuring South about that suit. South would have to worry about clubs before he himself could risk three notrump.

Thus, South's leap to two notrump, though unquestionably dangerous because of his singleton heart and his weakness in clubs, was not quite as illogical as it may appear; and North's raise to three notrump was of course automatic.

Now, back to the play. West couldn't believe that the opponents were wide open in his own six-card suit, and so he opened a second. Thus, North-South did very well, after all!

found him, and of all places, it was in the water. Yes, sir, Old Mr. Toad was in the water. He was in Smiling Pool.

Peter sat on the bank looking down at Old Mr. Toad, and Old Mr. Toad, with only his eyes and the top of his head above water, was looking up at Peter with the loveliest eyes of all the Green Forest and Green Meadows folk. They were lovely golden eyes. Looking down into them as he was, Peter could see how lovely they were. Yet Old Mr. Toad himself is a very homely person.

Homely as Old Mr. Toad is, he has a sweet voice as well as lovely eyes. It was his voice that had led Peter to look in the right place to find him.

"Hello, Old Mr. Toad. I've been looking for your everywhere!" cried Peter.

Old Mr. Toad said nothing, but a funny thing happened. A little white bubble appeared on his throat, and it began to grow. Old Mr. Toad was blowing up. That bubble grew, and grew, and grew. It grew so big that Peter became scared. That throat bubble was as big as Old Mr. Toad's Head.

"Stop it!" cried Peter. Old Mr. Toad said nothing, but right then he began to sing, and once more Peter thought it was one of the sweetest notes of which he knew. When he stopped singing, that big throat bubble disappeared. Old Mr. Toad looked up at Peter and winked one of his golden eyes.

Peter looked down at him and grinned. "I really was afraid," said Peter.

"What were you afraid of?" asked Old Mr. Toad.

"I was afraid you would blow yourself up and burst," said Peter. "How do you do it?"

Old Mr. Toad made no reply. Instead he began to blow up again, just the way perhaps you



Old Mr. Toad was blowing up.

have blown up a piece of bubble gum. When that big bubble reached the point where Peter was beginning to get anxious again, Old Mr. Toad began to sing.

"It is funny," said Peter to himself, "that anyone so homely can have such a lovely voice." Of course he didn't want Old Mr. Toad to hear that.

Almost as soon as the song ended Old Mr. Toad began to blow up again. Perhaps it shouldn't be called a song, because it was hardly long enough for that. Perhaps it would be better to say that when those sweet notes ended, Old Mr. Toad began to blow up again.

"I've never seen you do that up in Farmer Brown's garden," said Peter.

Old Mr. Toad seemingly didn't hear. He was too wrapped up in singing. He just wasn't listening. "How did you get down here?" asked Peter.

Still Old Mr. Toad made no reply. He continued to sing. At the same time all the little Hylias around the edge of the pond were singing too. It was a grand chorus. Once more Peter asked Old Mr. Toad how he got to the Smiling Pool. And Old Mr. Toad was still too busy singing to answer questions. Peter lost patience, and stamped a foot. A great silence fell over the Smiling Pool.

PRINCESS DIES AT 85
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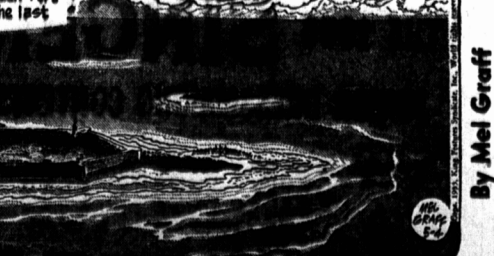
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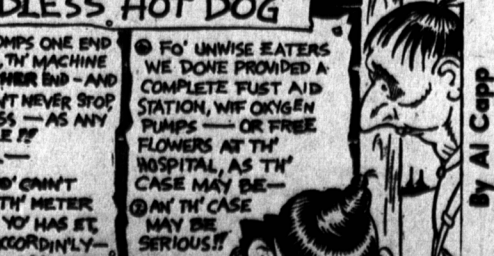
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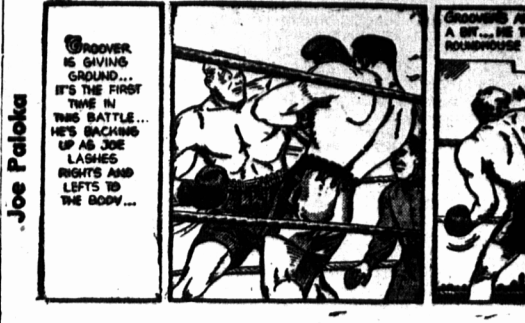
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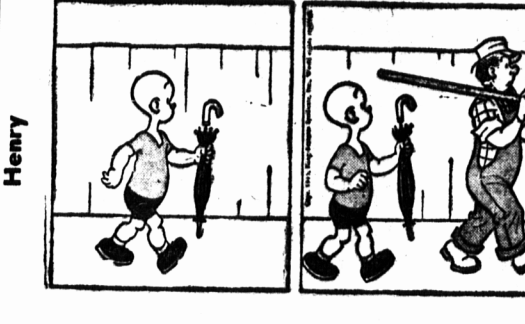
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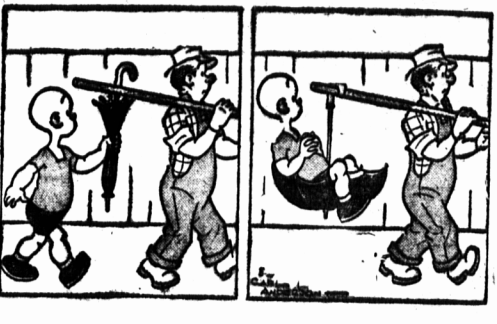
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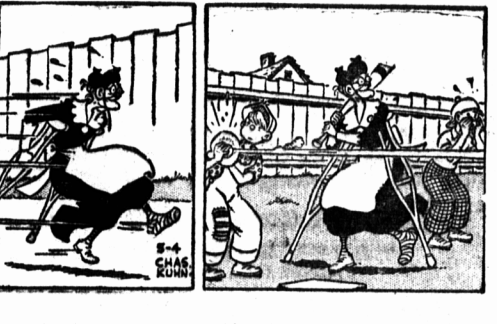
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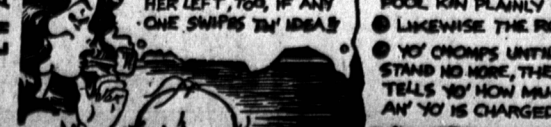
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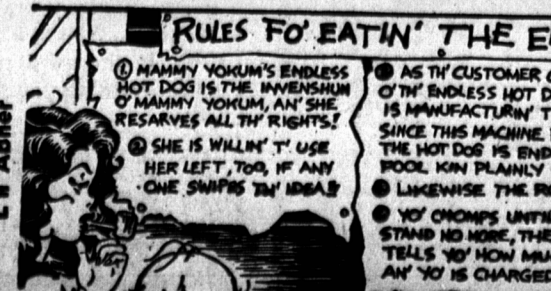
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