

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

**FRIGHTENED BUT CURIOUS**  
Who runs away because afraid Will often wish that he had stayed.

—Jumper the Hare.  
Jumper the Hare is a very timid person. You know Jumper is Peter Rabbit's big cousin. Peter is a very timid person also. Both are always ready to take to their long heels at the first hint of danger. Often there isn't any real danger, and they run without cause.



He was stopped by a strange noise

But both of them have many times wished that they hadn't run. They have wished that they had stayed. They have found out afterward that they have missed something that they would have liked to have seen. You see both of them are full of curiosity.

Sweet Mistress Spring had been busy for sometime all through the Green Forest and all over the Green Meadows, up in the Old Pasture, and around the Smiling Pool. Everywhere she had awakened winter sleepers. Everywhere young plants were springing out of the brown earth, tender, young and green things. Everywhere trees and bushes were putting out their leaves, and these were growing bigger and bigger day by day.

Over in the Green Forest, Jumper the Hare was doing a lot of roaming about. It was fun to hunt for new and tasty green food, for he had become a little tired of his simple winter fare. It was fun to see what other people were doing, and to welcome back those who had been gone all winter. So Jumper's long heels took him here and there through the Green Forest, and he very seldom remained long in one place at a time.

This afternoon, he decided he would go call on his new acquaintance, Prickles, the white-coated son of Prickly Porky the Porcupine. So off he started lipperty, lipperty, lip. "He was approaching an opening among the trees deep

# The Tiny Folk

(A real story of real children for very young children)

"Off to bed, Laurie," said his mother. "You have had a busy day playing outside both morning and afternoon, and you must be tired. Baby Linda has gone to bed for the night, and is waiting for you to come."

Laurie climbed down from his Daddy's knee where he had been sitting while his father read the Mother Goose rhymes to him. "Good, night, Daddy," she said, giving him a big kiss and a real bear hug. Then he picked up his teddy and went off up the stairs with his mother.

"Let's talk," he coaxed, as his mother tucked him in. "Well, just for a few minutes then," his mother agreed slowly. "I have a lot of work to do this evening."

"Make a rabbit on the wall," teased Laurie. In the light shining through from the hall, Mrs. Page made a shadow picture of a bunny. She used her hands to make its body while two fingers made its ears. How Laurie laughed as the rabbit sat up, listened, crouched down, nibbled grass, then hopped away in a great hurry! Laurie tried, but his fingers just would not act right for him.

"Make Frisky next," he giggled. Suddenly, in a shadow picture on the wall, there was a little dog. His ears were up, and his mouth was opening and closing. "Ari, ari, bow-wow," barked Mrs. Page, and Laurie squealed with laughter.

"Now that is all for tonight. No more shadow pictures," said his mother firmly, as she straightened the covers again. "Where is the moon, Mommy? I want to see it," Laurie asked. "There is no moon now," his mother explained. "It takes turns coming to see you and the boys and girls in other parts of the world."

"But I want it to stay here and peek in my window all the time. Why doesn't it stay round and fat instead of getting small again?" questioned Laurie. "That is a bit hard for you to understand yet," said Mrs. Page. "The moon doesn't really get larger or smaller. It is because we can see only a part of it that it looks little. When the moon is curved like a part of an orange, we say it is the new moon. Then it seems to get bigger each night until at

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last it is round and full again. "That new moon is what I call the broken moon, isn't it?" Laurie asked thoughtfully. "Yes, dear, it is." "And what are the stars? Are they little electric light bulbs in the sky?" "No, Laurie, they are really much like moons, only they are so very, very far away that they seem just tiny, sparkles of light to us away down here."

Laurie looked quietly out the window at the hundreds and hundreds of stars as his mother repeated. "Twinkle, twinkle little star How I wonder what you are, Up above the world so high Like a diamond in the sky."

All was quiet. In a few minutes Mrs. Page tiptoed out of the room. Those little twinkling stars looked in at a little boy asleep with his family of teddies tucked in beside him. Gone were the shadow pictures and the noises of the day as Laurie slept dreamlessly, getting ready for another jolly time tomorrow.

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## CONTRACT AWARDED

OTTAWA. (CP)—A \$2,300,000 contract to General Motors Products of Canada Limited of Oshawa, Ont., for spare parts for cargo trucks topped a list of federal contracts issued during the first half of March.

# The Neighbors

By George Clark



"I've got Spring fever, too. Wish I could stand and stare out the window."

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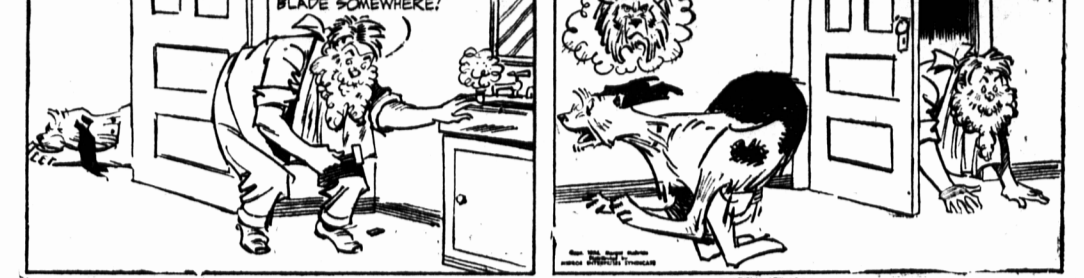
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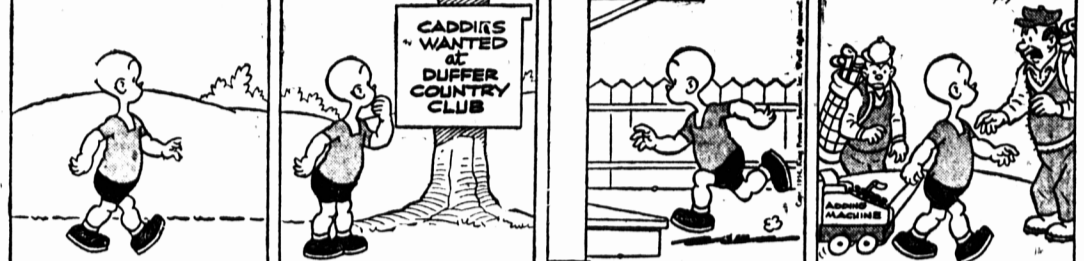
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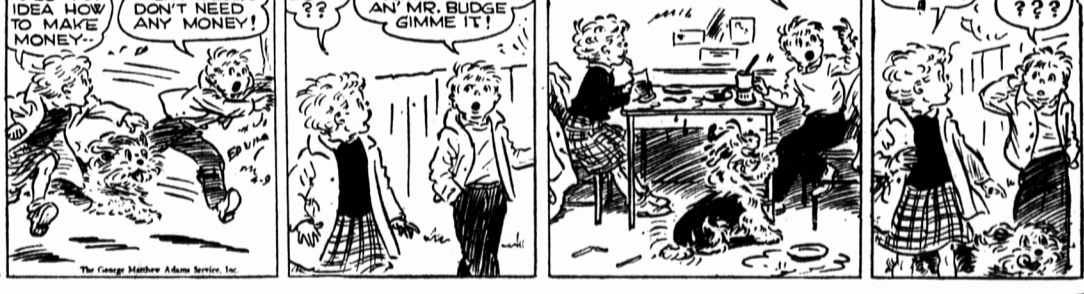
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