By Thornton W. Burgess

YOUNG JERRY ASKS NO FAVORS

Ask no favors. Day to day,
Go your independent way.
—Young Jerry Muskrat.

It sometimes takes more courage to live than not to live. Anyway that is how it seemed at first to Young Jerry Muskrat. You see he was handicapped in almost everything that had to do with living. He was handicapped in getting about. He was handicapped in getting food. He was handicapped in digging. He was handicapped in fighting. Indeed, about the only thing he wasn't handicapped in was swimming. No Muskrat in or around the Smiling Pool, or for quite a distance up and down the Big River, could out-swim Young Jerry, despite the fact that he had only three legs. He had lost part of one front leg in the wicked jaws of a steel trap.

Now it is true that what one has to do one can usually find a way of doing. It was so with Young Jerry. As first he had been awkward when on shore. He wasn't the least bit awkward in the water. There his webbed hind feet, and his flat-sided tail were all he needed to drive him through the water whether he was on the surface, or far below it.

It wasn't long before he found that if he persisted he could run on three legs almost as fast as any of his neighbors on four legs. He wasn't even too awkward about it. It was the same way in doing other things. Because he had to do with one front paw certain things that once he had needed two to do, that one paw became extra strong. Also he became extra skillful in its use. This hadn't happened all at once. He had had to keep trying and trying. It had taken courage to do this. At first he had been pitied by his neighbors in the Smiling Pool, but the time came when he wasn't pitied at all. In fact, no one took any notice of his handicap. At first they had been inclined to treat him extra kindly. No one ever quarreled with him. No one ever tried to take any food away from him. In fact, sometimes, they shared food with him. But now Young Jerry asked no favors, and he got no favors.

Of course, this was as it should be. No one can accept favors from others and be truly independent. It just isn't possible. For every favor received there is an obligation, even though the favor is given freely. So it was that Young Jerry Muskrat, asking no favors and receiving no favors, became one of the most independent folks living in the Smiling Pool or near it.

All the Muskrat folk were very busy. They were getting ready for winter. They long ago learned that if certain things are done before the coming of Jack Frost they will live better in every way after he comes. They are not among the lazy folks. They are not among those who put things off. Young Jerry was just as busy as any of them. That old house needed considerable fixing. Young Jerry fixed it. There were certain old canals along the bottom of the Smiling Pool that had become partly filled with mud. Young Jerry did his part in cleaning out these old canals.

"Anything that any Muskrat can do with four legs, I can do with three," he boasted. He could too. It wasn't an idle boast. And because of his independence Young Jerry won the respect of all his neighbors.

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

LESS THAN PERFECT

South's timing and entry-management in the following hand were not quite adequate.

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding.

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the heart king. Dummy's ace was played; then a low trump was led to the ace and West's second trump was picked up on a spade return to the ten. South next led a low club to his king. West won and played two more rounds of hearts. South ruffed and led his second club; East won with the jack and shifted to diamonds. Declarer put up the ace and led a spade to the queen, but now it did him no good to ruff away East's club queen. Dummy could not be reached quickly for a discard on the club ten, and so South had to concede the diamond trick that meant defeat.

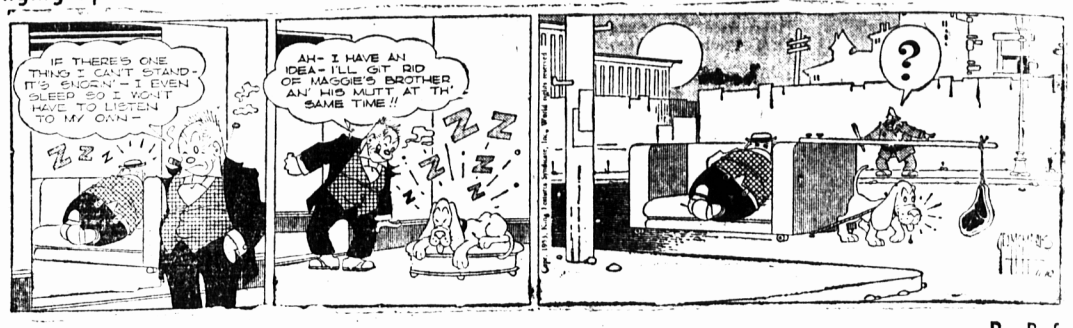
South was too engrossed in the early play with trump-drawing. His best chance, after taking the first trick, was to lead immediately to his own club king. As it happened, the ace was offside, but observe the possible advantage of this play:

If West falls into the natural error of returning the queen and ten of hearts (instead of shifting to diamonds), South is as good as home. He ruffs a third heart, cashes the ace and king of spades, then leads the club six. East wins with the jack but his diamond shift does not now affect the play. South wins with the ace, goes to the spade ten and ruffs away West's club queen. He then uses dummy's second trump entry to cash the established ten of clubs for the vital diamond discard.

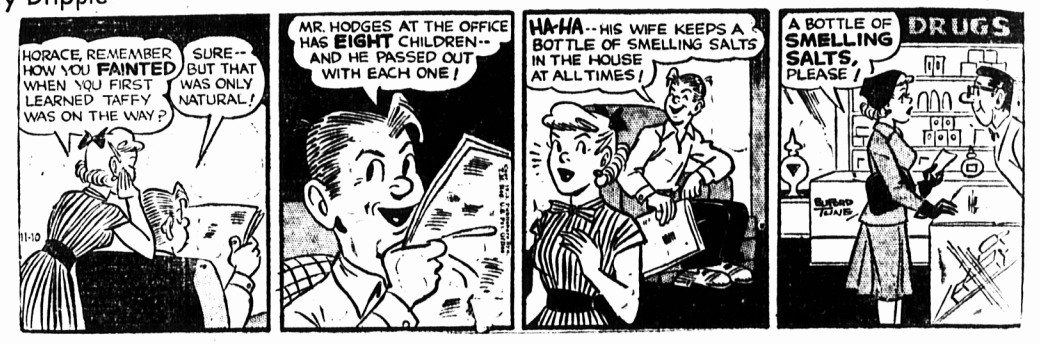
Admittedly, with the club ace offside, South must be lucky to drop the other high club; but it is his only chance, and expert play often consists solely of exploiting a lucky situation.

Tippy and "Cap" Stubs — By Edwin

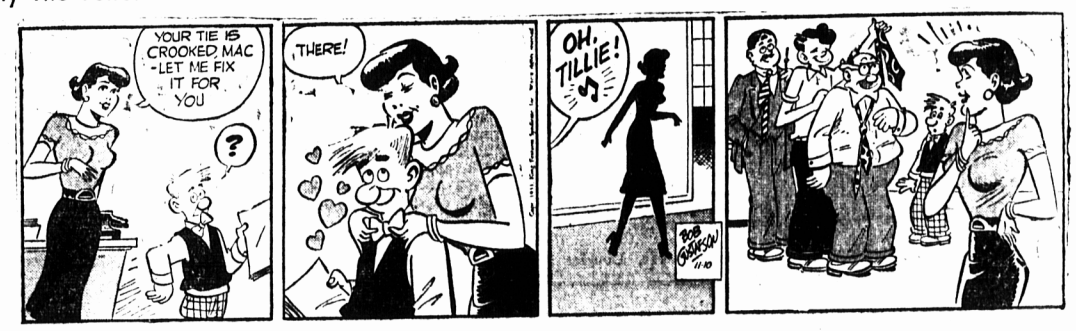
Bringing Up Father — By George McManu



Dotty Dripple — By Buford

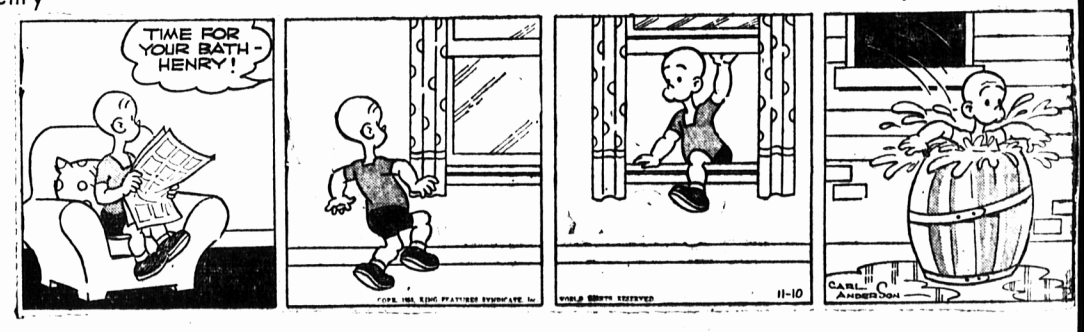


Tilly The Toiler — By Bob Gustafson



Rip Kirby — By Alex Raymond

Henry — By Carl Anderson



Joe Palooka — By Ham Fisher

Napoleon and Uncle Elby — By Clifford McBride

King of The Royal Mounted — By Zane Grey

Pogo — By Walt Kelly

Li'l Abner — By Al Capp

PENNY — By Harry Haenigsen