

BEDTIME STORIES

Peter Explains

By Thornton W. Burgess

The atmosphere it often clears. To put in words your hidden fears.

A Merry Little Breeze blowing shut the door by which Peter Rabbit had run into Farmer Brown's sugar house, had made Peter a prisoner. Farmer Brown and Farmer Brown's boy had gone home to supper so there was no one in that sugar house but Peter. Anyway, that is what he thought. He was there some time before he discovered that he was not alone after all. An old friend was in there with him. It was Whitefoot the Wood Mouse. Of course Peter wanted to know if Whitefoot was a prisoner too.

Whitefoot shook his pretty little head. "Of course I'm not a prisoner. Why should I be?" said he in his little squeaky voice.

"Do you mean that you can get out if you want to?" asked Peter.

"Of course I can get out if I want to. I go out for a little while every night," replied Whitefoot.

"Where do you get out?" asked Peter eagerly. "I haven't been able to find a way out," he added.

Whitefoot chuckled. "It was a squeaky little chuckle. 'If you will climb up here and then follow me up into the roof. I'll show you a way out,'" said he. He was sitting on a bunk under which Peter had been hiding.

Now of course Peter cannot climb. He might have jumped up on that low bunk, but he couldn't possibly have followed Whitefoot up onto the roof. Up there was a small hole. It doesn't take much of a hole for Whitefoot to get through.

"You know I can't do that," said Peter.

"Well, that is the only way I know of to get out," replied Whitefoot. "What are you doing in here anyway?"

"I came in here to get away from Reddy Fox. It was the only way to get away from him," explained Peter.

"So Reddy Fox is around, is he?" I'm glad you told me. I'll keep watch for him when I'm outside," said Whitefoot.

"Will those two-legged folks come back?" asked Peter. He meant Farmer Brown and Farmer Brown's boy who had gone home to supper.

"I guess they will," said Whitefoot. "They've been busy every night here lately. You can run out when they open the door."

"I won't dare to," declared Peter.

"Why won't you dare to?" Whitefoot wanted to know.

"Because Reddy Fox might be waiting right outside," said Peter. "I don't dare go out and I don't dare stay. If I ever get out of here, I never again will leave the dear Old Briarpatch. Fuzzy is right. That is the safest place in all the Green World."

Peter meant Mrs. Peter. When Peter first met her, she was Miss Fuzzytail.

Fresh Evidence Tax Cuts Due Before The Federal Election

There may be tax cuts and a federal election in 1957 came to light Thursday. Informants said preliminary work has already started on the 1957-58 estimates of government spending. This is some three months earlier than usual. They added that this is a clear indication the government intends to pare estimates to the bone, thus allowing for a larger surplus than now forecast and possible tax cuts next year. For instance, civil servants who ordinarily do a fair amount of travelling in connection with their jobs already have been asked to submit nearly a year in advance estimates of their expenses for the 1957-58 fiscal year. The 1956-57 fiscal year started only this month. Informants said the individual government departments will have an extra three months to go over expenditure estimates before they go to the treasury board. Normally, departments submit their estimates to the treasury board around Nov. 1. The board reviews carefully each department's request for funds. One source said the defence de-

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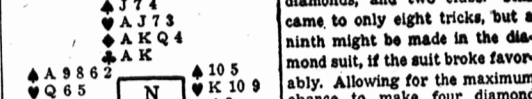
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CONTRACT BRIDGE By B Jay Becker

(Top Record-Holder in Masters' Individual Championship Play)

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.



South could count two spade winners, the ace of hearts, three diamonds, and two clubs. This came to only eight tricks, but a ninth might be made in the diamond suit, if the suit broke favorably. Allowing for the maximum chance to make four diamond tricks is the key to this hand.

On the opening six of spades lead, the jack must be played from dummy, else the contract will be lost. The purpose of the play is to assure a subsequent entry to the South hand, in case a diamond finesse becomes necessary. If the diamonds break 3-2, nine tricks are certain, but whenever they break 4-1 and East has a singleton honor, the suit becomes unplayable. Therefore, good technique requires that South should provide for this one contingency on the opening lead. When the jack of spades holds the trick, declarer sites on private lots in the next two weeks on private lots in the counties of Sherbrooke, Compton, Richmond, Stanstead and Wolfe.

It is good practice, after the opening lead is made, for the declarer to take time out to size up the two hands before he makes a play from dummy. This is a habit which, if applied diligently, will often pay ample dividends. Even though the first play may appear to be an automatic one, some preliminary plan should be formulated for the play of the hand before the first trick is played to. Of course, the declarer should keep an open mind to new information obtained as the play unfolds and, when indicated, revise his initial view to fit the circumstances.

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HEADS CHURCH RADIO

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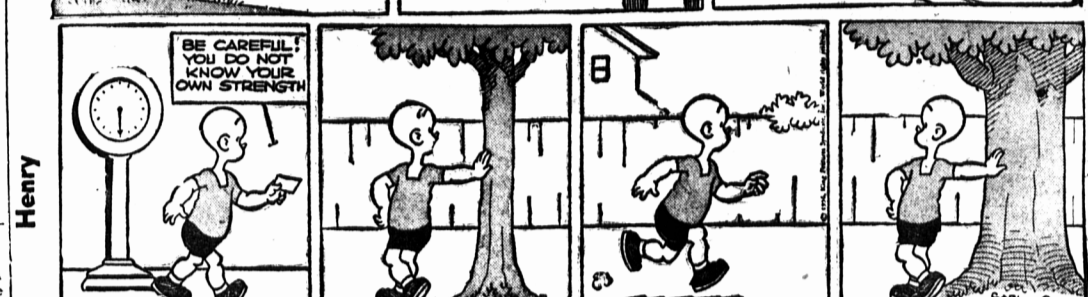
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