

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W Burgess

MRS. REDDY HESITATES
"Caution says 'Beware!' Nothing's lost by taking care."
—Old Mother Nature.



That big fat hen was nearer than she had been.

This isn't quite true. Many things are often won by boldness, and boldness is the opposite of caution. Mrs. Reddy Fox was crouched close to the corner of a house on a lone farm. There were some bushes growing beside the house and Mrs. Reddy was between those bushes and the house. She was peeping around the corner. Only her sharp nose and her eyes showed outside the corner. In the doorway a number of Hens were walking about. They had been let out of the Hen house for exercise and to pick up some grain that had been blown on the ground for them. Mrs. Reddy was so hungry that she could hardly keep from rushing out to try to catch one. She waited all over with excitement and longed for it. But not far away in that doorway three Dogs were wandering about. It wouldn't do for her to see herself while those Dogs were peeping away. Why didn't he do it? She had seen him come out from behind his dog house, then he had moved out of their sight. Those Dogs were supposed to see him and chase him, but they never once barked. Mrs. Reddy waited and waited, but she didn't wait nearly as long as she thought she would. Then she heard Reddy bark. He barked twice. Away went the Dogs after him. They were barking excitedly. Now was the time for Mrs. Reddy to catch one of those Hens, but she hesitated. She didn't like going out right in the open in broad daylight close to that house. Perhaps one of those Hens would make a little nearer. She would wait a minute or two more. The sound of those barking Dogs pounded fainter and fainter. Presently she could hear only one Dog barking. By the sound of his voice she knew what kind of a Dog that was. It was a Hound, the kind of dog that is trained to hunt Foxes because of the way they hunt. They have. No other Dogs can follow the scent of a Fox as a Hound can, the kind of Hound that is called a Fox Hound.

Mrs. Reddy hoped that Reddy would be able to fool that Dog soon. She was in no condition for a tiresome run. Then she forgot all about Reddy. A big fat Hen was coming nearer and nearer. Mrs. Reddy's mouth began to water. She set her feet for a sudden dash out to seize that Hen. Just

STAGE STAR DIES
HOVE, Sussex, England (Reuters)—Grace Lank, one of the London stage's leading ladies with the Gay Ninety era, died Saturday in a nursing home here. She was 80 Friday. She began a long and brilliant career in London's west end in 1895 in a play called "Our Flat." More recently she appeared at Drury Lane theatre in "Rise and Shine" in 1936.

INAUGURAL BALL
Dolly Madison presided at the first inaugural ball in Washington in 1809, when James Madison became president.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Police looking for a man who stole a circus tent have a tough job. He has ample facilities for keeping under cover. Scientists now admit there are evidences that the world once suffered a big flood, but their version differs from that in the Bible. They won't take Noah for an answer. Women come in four sizes—thin, medium, plump, and "Get a load of her."

When a carnival fat man, William D. Cowan, was admitted to a hospital in Marianna, Florida, surgeons tried an operating table and then transferred Cowan to a bed. His 750 pounds were too much for the table. A spray that makes leather band inside a man's hat impervious to perspiration is on the market. A few light coats of the clear, acrylic plastic keeps the acid perspiration from penetrating to the outside band. Snakes and turtles ate the goldfish which Norman King, of Goodman, Miss., had purchased for his outdoor pool, but he has long since forgotten the unfortunate incident. The weeds which the hatchery sent along with the fish have thrived these many years and have given King a profitable business. He says his Shady Rest Fisheries is the nation's biggest dealer in aquarium plants. He sells as much as \$1,000 worth of the plants in a single month.

If a person can clearly see both sides of a question, it in no way involves his prejudices or his pocketbook. Ever hear of a mayor who hitch-hikes where he wants to go? Ray Morse, 50, mayor of the village of Russell's Point, Ohio, is such a fellow. He thumbs his way about his business as chief executive of the resort town. He even hitch-hikes to state-conventions. For 22 years, Ray has been thumbing rides on his \$48-a-month salary as mayor, he says, he just can't afford a car. He does some general contracting work on the side, but that doesn't enter into his figuring. The expense of running a car on town business would run him more than his municipal paycheck.

"I bought a new car in 1929," he says. "I sold it with my business in 1933. That was the only car I ever owned, except for a second-hand auto I had for two weeks in 1951." Although skipping on automobiles, Mayor Morse believes in maintaining a dapper appearance. "Anyone can afford a little soap and water and a good suit of clothes," he states. Ray has served six terms as councillor of Russell's Point and is in his first term as mayor. The village had a population of 909 in

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

CHOOSING THE LINE OF PLAY

A delicate problem of "percentages" was involved in the deal below, played at a small slam contract.

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

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

North knew of course that his partner's leap to three spades over one diamond was not a strong bid, in fact, that it was purely preemptive in character—but the particular makeup of the North hand made the slam too attractive to be resisted. North had control of all three side suits; he had two important honors in the side suit; and he had both a ruffing possibility in hearts and club strength that figured to provide necessary discard-

ing opportunity. West opened the heart king, knocking out dummy's blank ace, and at the second trick declarer tried the trump finesse. West won and correctly shifted to a diamond. Declarer had to put up the ace to avert immediate defeat, and he still had a serious problem to settle. Obviously, South could overtake dummy's spade jack with the ace and if necessary, lead another round of trumps, but then he would have to depend on a 3-3 break of the club suit, so that he could discard a heart and a diamond. South knew that the odds are almost 2 to 1 against such a break, so he looked for a more propitious line. After some study he saw that whatever he did would involve risk, but at least he would increase his chances, if only slightly. So he chose the better "percentage" plan. He cashed only two high clubs, then ruffed a low club with a high trump. Now he led a trump to the jack—and by having the good fortune to get a 2-2 division of the trumps, he scored up for two discards.

The virtue of South's plan lay in the fact that a 2-2 break of four missing cards—as in the trump suit here—has a slightly better "percentage" than the 3-3 club break needed for the alternative line of play.

Our Boarding House Major Hoople



By J. R. Williams

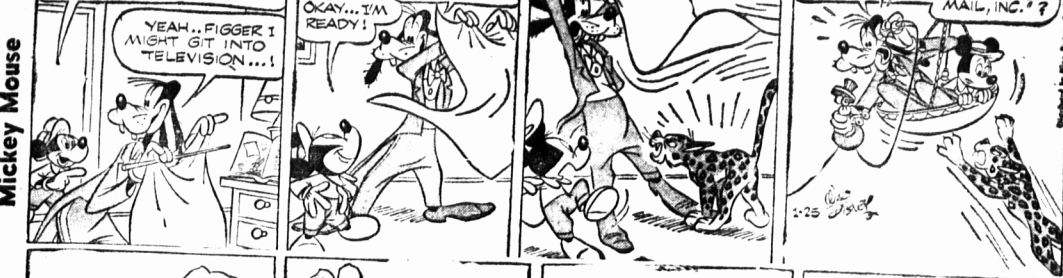
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