

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

## THE DISTANT VOICE

Be not too sure lest you awake To find you've made a grave mistake. —Old Mother Nature.

There had been peace in the Green Forest for a long time. Hunters with dreadful guns were no longer looking for Thunderer the Grouse and Mrs. Grouse, or for Lightfoot the Deer and the members of his family. The hunting season was over for most of the people in the Green Forest. Only a few, like Reddy Fox and Mrs. Reddy, had anything to fear from dreadful guns. So far, the snow had not been deep enough to make Deer folk yard up, as it is called when they trample a lot of paths in a place they can get food enough, and there stay while the snow around them is too deep for them.

There were only three natural enemies whom the Lightfoots had any cause to fear. There were Puma the Mountain Lion, who sometimes came down from the Great Mountain to hunt in the Green Forest, Tufty the Lynx, and his cousin Yowler the Bobcat. Buster Bear was asleep, so there was nothing to fear from him. Mrs. Lightfoot knew all the places where the other hunters were most likely to be, and as head of the family, she kept the twins, now well grown young deer, in those parts of the Green Forest seldom if ever visited by any of those three. Of course, where the family went, Lightfoot went too, but no one paid any attention to him.

It was a time of peace and happiness for the Deer folk. Peace nearly always means happiness. There can be no true happiness without peace. This is why



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at the present time the one thing all the world needs most is peace. Without it, there can be nothing but fear and sorrow and constant worry. So, because it was a time of peace, Mrs. Lightfoot did little worrying. The twins didn't worry at all. While they were now big enough to feel very sure of themselves, and that they were quite equal to taking care of themselves, they really knew very little of the Great World and its dangers.

It was very peaceful this morning.

## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

### THE SAFETY-PLAY-FINESSE

When it comes to finesse, the average player is apt to get his logic directly reversed, i. e., he takes countless finesses which shouldn't take, and avoids others which are actually safety plays! Let's look at a deal:

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the club queen — which was fortunate for the declarer if he had only known it. Winning with the blank ace, South led two rounds of trumps, then led a low heart to the ace and a second heart back to his own king. He muttered darkly about his bad luck in failing to catch the heart queen, but, withholding final judgment on the Goddess of Chance, he tried the diamond finesse, which was now

ing over there in the Green Forest. It was very still. Mrs. Lightfoot had led the way to a favorite thicket. There in happy contentment she and the twins were lying down chewing their cud, as you have seen Cows chewing their cud. In the same thicket, and quite near, Lightfoot was doing the same thing. "It is good not to have a thing to worry about," said Mrs. Lightfoot. "I'm glad you feel that way," replied Lightfoot. "Don't you?" asked Mrs. Lightfoot. "Yes and no," replied Lightfoot. "Just supposing I don't get a new set of antlers." "I'm not going to suppose anything of the kind," retorted Mrs. Lightfoot. "I haven't any antlers, and never have had, yet I get along all right." "You're different," grunted Lightfoot. "And how!" exclaimed Mrs. Lightfoot. Then she added, "Thank goodness!" Lightfoot said nothing. He grunted. It was just then that they heard a sound which caused Lightfoot and Mrs. Lightfoot and even the twins to spread their big ears wide open and listen. At first the sound was not repeated. They all heard Chatterer the Red Squirrel scolding not far away. They heard Sammy Jay screaming, "Thief, thief, thief!" They heard Blacky the Crow calling, "Caw, caw, caw," as he flew overhead on his way to look for a breakfast. Once over in the Old Pasture, Reddy Fox barked. Then for a few minutes

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vital. When East captured the diamond queen, South delivered some choice comments. South's temper as well as his financial status would have been greatly improved if he had used the correct technique of play. After drawing trumps, ending in dummy, South's first move should be to ruff away dummy's remaining club. Then he should cash the king of hearts and, with both defenders following suit, should lead a low heart and finesse on the board. This finesse would be a "guaranteed" safety play! Consider: If the finesse succeeded, South would obviously be on the home stretch; and if it failed, with East winning the second heart lead, East would now be "end-played." His diamond return would go up to dummy's major tenace, and a club return would give South the chance to ruff in his own hand and discard the diamond queen from dummy.

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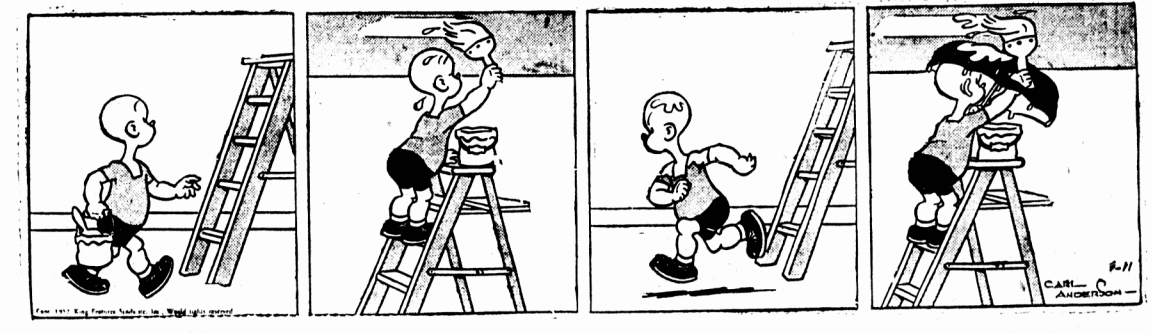
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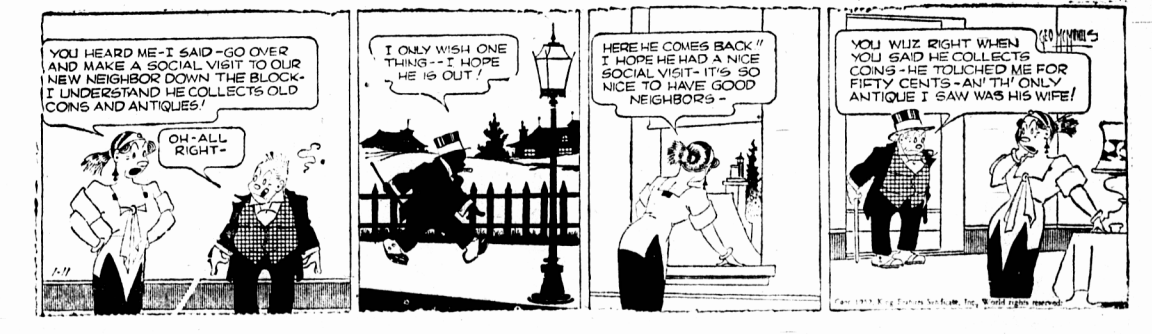
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