



# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

## RIGHT ON THE NOSE

Who takes a hint is wise indeed. For further warning has no need. —Old Mother Nature.

Peter Rabbit had just received a hint. As yet he didn't know it was a hint. He had received it right on the nose. It had knocked him right over on his back so that his four legs were all kicking in the air at the same time. Probably he was the most surprised Rabbit in all the Great World.

Peter scrambled to his feet. He wasn't hurt. He couldn't find a place where he was hurt. Even his nose didn't hurt, yet he was sure that someone or something had hit him hard right on the nose. He sat up and looked all around. There was no one in sight. Why, or what could have hit him? He was still sitting there with a queer look on his face when Old Mr. Toad came along. He came

out of Farmer Brown's garden. It was right at the edge of that garden that Peter had been hit on the nose, or thought he had. "It's a nice evening," said Old Mr. Toad.

"Is it?" asked Peter.

"Isn't it?" Old Mr. Toad asked in his turn.

"I don't know," said Peter. "Something funny happened to me just now, and the evening would be much nicer if I knew just what it was."

"What happened?" asked Old Mr. Toad.

"I was hit on the nose and knocked right over on my back," said Peter.

Old Mr. Toad opened his beautiful golden eyes very wide. "You don't say," said he. "Who was it?"

"You tell me and I'll feel a lot better," said Peter.

"Where did this happen?" Old Mr. Toad wanted to know.



He turned back somersault.

Peter hopped a step or two nearer the fence. "Right here," said he. He pointed under the fence. Nobody was there. Old Mr. Toad looked puzzled as Peter felt, "You must have dreamed it," said Old Mr. Toad.

Peter looked indignant. "No dream would ever knock me over on my back," said he.

"But there wasn't anybody around here, so how could anybody have hit you?" said Old Mr. Toad.

"That was one that Peter couldn't answer. He wished he could. He hopped still another step nearer to the fence.

"You better keep out of there," said Old Mr. Toad. "You've done a lot of mischief in there already."

"What mischief?" asked Peter.

"You've eaten a lot of things that were growing there," replied Old Mr. Toad.

"What of it?" demanded Peter. "Those things are good to eat, so why shouldn't I eat them?"

"That was something Old Mr. Toad couldn't answer. Why indeed? What were plants for if not to be eaten?"

"Just the same I would keep out of there if I were you," said Old Mr. Toad.

"Why don't you keep out of there yourself?" asked Peter.

"Because," replied Old Mr. Toad, "I live there. I don't do any harm there. I help the plants, but you eat them up."

"That's what plants are for," repeated Peter. And he took one more hop nearer the fence.

Old Mr. Toad turned around and hopped under the fence into the

### Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

NOT THE BEST

East's defense in the following hand could have been a little keener than it was.

South dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

Q 10 8 5  
4 3  
8 6 2  
Q J 9 7

N  
K 9 8 5  
K Q 9  
7 4  
A 10 2

E  
A K J 9 3  
10 6  
A J 10  
K 8 5

W  
A 10 2

S  
K 8 5

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Dbie. 2 ♣ 3 ♥  
3 ♣ 4 ♥ Pass Pass  
4 ♠ Dbie. Pass Pass  
Pass

East-West had the better of the bidding, at any rate. They could not have made four hearts against correct defense, and South thus incurred a penalty for no good purpose. However, it wasn't much of a penalty, as things turned out.

West led his fourth-highest heart — the approved lead — and East won with the ace. East returned a diamond; South played the jack and West won with the queen. Now, with two tricks home, West could not be blamed for playing as surely as possible to set the contract. Feeling that another underlead of the heart might find South, not East, with the queen, West laid down his heart king, and after that he could take only the club ace. So the four-spade contract was defeated only one trick, 200 points.

There was no flagrant defensive error, but greater imagination on East's part would have given his side an extra 300 points. The moment dummy appeared, with 4-3 of hearts and the diamond weakness, two deductions could

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## NOTICE TO TEACHERS

Teachers who have contracted to teach for the present school year and who have not forwarded Notice of Engagement to the Department of Education, are urged to do so immediately. Salary payments cannot be made promptly at the end of this month unless these forms are received by September 15th.

L. W. SHAW,  
Deputy Minister and  
Director of Education.

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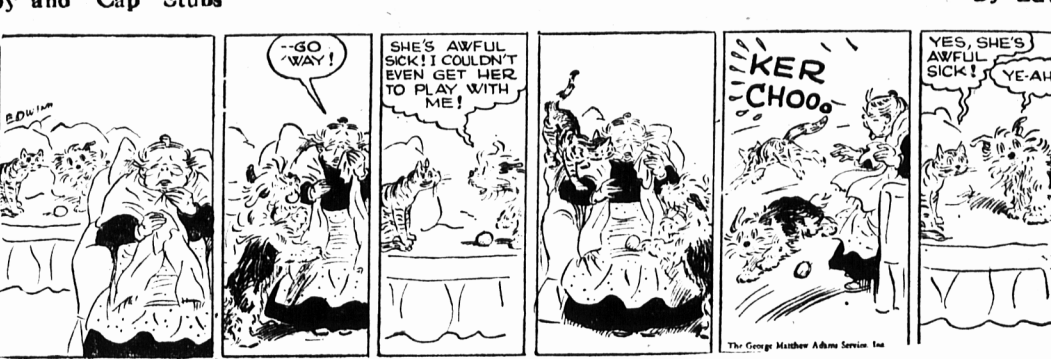
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By Ruford



## Tippy and "Cap" Scrubs

By Edwina



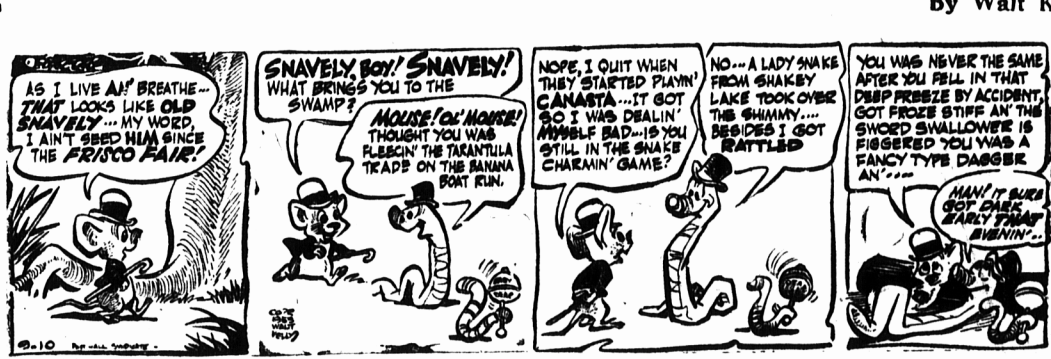
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By George McManus



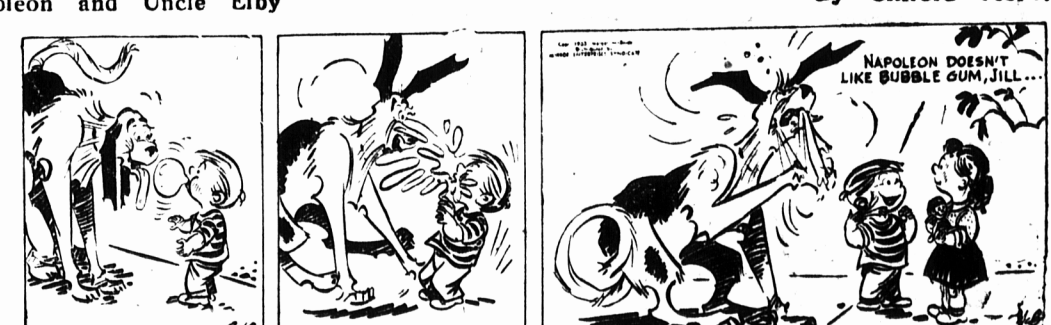
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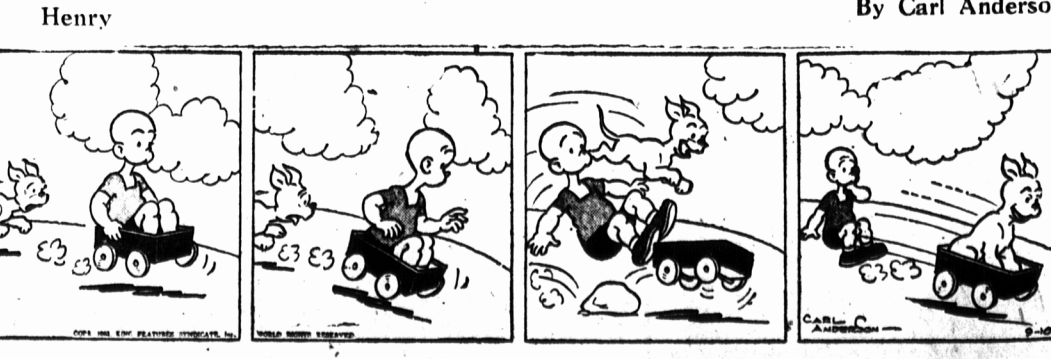
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## King Of The Royal Mounted

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