

BURGESS' BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

OLD MR. TOAD HAS A SCARE

Never boast you have no fear
Lest your boasting cost you dear.
—Old Mr. Toad.

There is a lot of good sound common sense in Old Mr. Toad's homely head. There is nothing more foolish than boasting of not being afraid. Sooner or later, everyone, little or big, is afraid. Fear is a part, a most important part, of daily life for nearly everyone. It is a wise person who knows enough to be afraid, what to be afraid of, and when to be afraid.

He couldn't be happy if he didn't make it. You see that is where he meets Old Mrs. Toad every year and sings to her one of the sweetest love-songs to be heard anywhere.

So far, Old Mrs. Toad had made no sign that she had even heard him or that she was in the Smiling Pool. Now, between songs, Old Mr. Toad was swimming about looking for Mrs. Toad and asking all he met if they had seen her. He hadn't been able to find her at the head of the Smiling Pool.

Now he was swimming across the Smiling Pool to the foot of it where Laughing Brook leaves it on its way to the Big River. He swam a few strokes, sang a few notes, then swam a few more strokes and did it all over again. He was al-



He saw Bandy the Water Snake and the fish he was swallowing.

most to the foot of the Smiling Pool when something moving on the bank at the edge of the water caused him to stop singing, and to stop swimming. He just floated there with his beautiful golden eyes looking as if they were trying to pop right out of the top of his head. He held his breath. Yes, sir, Old Mr. Toad held his breath. Why is it folks so often hold their breaths when they are frightened?

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A SIMPLE MATTER OF COUNTING

It is remarkable how often a game or even a slam contract is lost simply because the declarer won't take the trouble to count his sure tricks! In today's deal this was a very expensive oversight by South!

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K 4 2
♥ Q J 10 5 2
♦ 9 7
♣ A K 6

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

♠ 8 7 6 4
♥ 3
♦ K Q 6
♣ K 8 5 2

The bidding:
South West North East
2♣ Pass 3♥ Dbl. (!)
4♣ Pass 6♣ Pass
7♣ Pass Pass Pass

East's double of three hearts was one of those silly actions which can't do any good but may do much harm, and in this case it should have put South on notice that he could expect a peculiar heart break. Apparently, however, South didn't pay much attention either to simple arithmetic or to the opponents' bidding.

West opens the club jack — an opening which South should have considered very fortunate for himself! However, South discarded a diamond on the club king without a moment's thought. He then played a low spade to the ace, and was annoyed to see East show out. Now it was necessary for South to unblock the heart suit; he could throw one of his own heart honors on dummy's club ace, but he would have to get the other honor out of the way. Unfortunately for himself, however, when he laid down the heart ace East promptly ruffed, and that ended the matter.

To repeat, South merely had to count up to 13 in this case to insure his grand slam contract. The markedly correct discard on the club king was the ace or king of hearts; then South could cash the ace and queen of spades, go to dummy's spade king, and discard his other high heart on dummy's second club trick. Now the Q-J-10 of hearts would provide three tricks, and South could claim his contract as a mathematical certainty.

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



JOE PALOOKA



By Ham Fisher



By Carl Anderson

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POGO

By Walt Kelly

BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManus

LET'S SEE: HERE UNDER TRAINING IT SAYS...

KEEPING IN TRAINING IS MOST IMPORTANT! EAT GOOD WHOLESOME FOOD! GET TO BED EARLY! THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN BASEBALL IS BEING ALERT!

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LIL ABNER

By Al Capp

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By Alex Raymond

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