



# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

## PETER RABBIT HEARS THE TALE

Things always are or are not so, just which 'tis difficult to know. —Reddy Fox

"Have you heard the latest news?" asked Blacky the Crow when he stopped at the dear Old Briar-patch. "What news?" asked Peter, his long ears jumping straight up as they always do when he is curious. "A lot of tiny Toads have rained down out of the sky," replied Blacky. "No!" exclaimed Peter. "Yes!" retorted Blacky. "Who says so?" cried Peter.

"Reddy Fox" replied Blacky. "He says they rained down in that heavy shower yesterday. He says that before the rain there wasn't a Toad anywhere to be seen, but two minutes after it began to rain hard, there were so many little Toads around him that he could not step without treading on one. "I don't believe it," said Peter. "Neither do I," chuckled Blacky. "Just the same there are more little Toads hopping about on the Green Meadows than I have ever seen before at one time. If they didn't rain down, where did they come from? Anyway, that's the tale Reddy Fox tells, and he sticks to it. What is more, Mrs. Reddy seems to believe it." Peter looked thoughtful. He scratched a long ear with the toes of a long hind foot. He bent his head



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to one side and scratched the other long ear with the toes of the other long hind foot. That is what he does when he is thinking hard. "I don't believe it," repeated Peter as he stopped scratching. "Do you know what I think?" "I wouldn't know," said Blacky. He chuckled. "Don't tell me that you really ever think," said he. Peter paid no attention to him. "I think," said he, "that they all came from the Smiling Pool." "And I think," said Blacky, "that you don't know anything about it." "I don't," replied Peter. "I didn't say I do. I just said what I think. I'm going to find out this evening."

"Now just how do you propose to find out?" Blacky wanted to know. "I'm going to hunt up Old Mr. Toad and ask him. He'll know," said Peter. "Where is Old Mr. Toad?" asked Blacky. "He ought to be in Farmer Brown's garden," replied Peter. "And you ought to keep away from Farmer Brown's garden," said Blacky. Then he added, "I fly over that garden almost every day, and I haven't seen Old Mr. Toad since he left early in the spring to go sing in the Smiling Pool. When did you see him last?" Peter looked a bit startled. "Why-why-well, I guess that is when I saw him last," said he. "I had forgotten all about it. Now that I think of it, I haven't heard him

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## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

### DUMMY — REVERSAL

A dummy-reversal plan of play produced a good result in the following deal.

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable

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

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass  
2♥ Pass 4♥ Pass  
Pass Pass

Three notrump would have been easy on the North-South hands, but the actual bidding could not be criticized. Certainly, it was natural for North to give a heart raise on the second round instead of branching out into notrump, since he had nothing of value in diamonds, and after this heart raise South had every reason to look for game at that denomination. Even at match-point duplicate it is safe to say that most experienced partnerships would land at four hearts rather than three notrump, and, in fact, they would be wise to do so since 10 tricks could not be made at notrump against good defense. Against four hearts, West led the spade king, and when East played the eight on dummy's ace, it was pretty well established that he had started with two spades as a maximum. South considered discarding a spade on dummy's second club honor, then leading diamonds with an eye to ruffing out that suit, but it was obvious that the defense would counter by leading trumps, so South chose a different course. He cashed the top clubs, discarding a diamond, and ruffed a club with the heart ace. He cashed the heart king and led the three to the ten, then ruffed another club, with the heart queen. Now he entered dummy via the heart jack and discarded another diamond on the established fifth club. South now had nine tricks home and was assured of the fulfilling trick — all he had to do was lead the spade jack from dummy. Actually, this resulted in an extra trick, because when West took his spade queen he did not want to surrender by returning a spade to dummy's ten — instead, he laid down the diamond ace on the desperate hope of setting the contract.

## KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

By Z. Grey



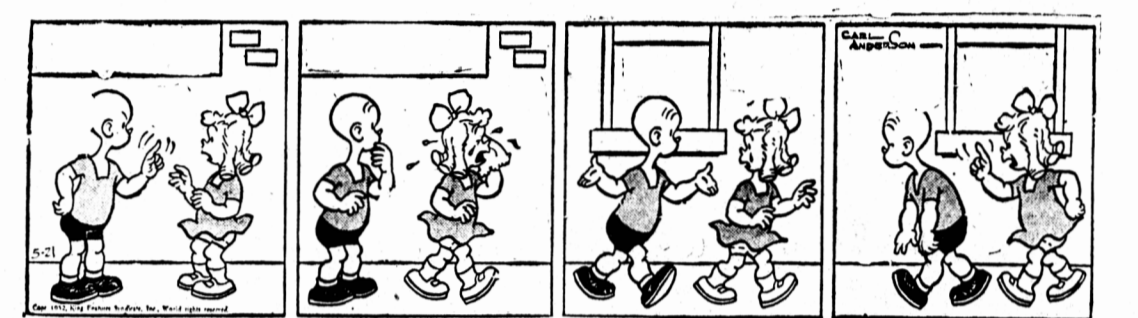
## JOE PALOOKA

By Ham Fisher



## HENRY

By Carl Anderson



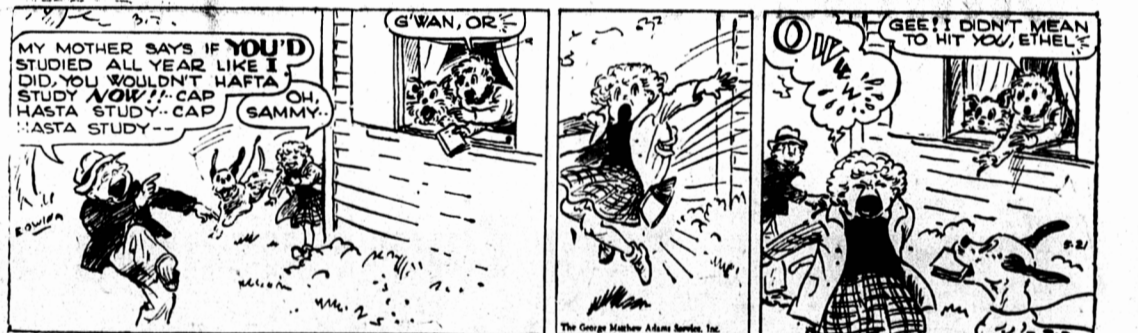
## DOTTY DRIPPLE

By Ruford



## TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS

By Edwin



## NOTICE

The following places of business will be open Friday evening, May 23rd and closed Saturday, May 24th.

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## NOTICE OF POLL - SCHOOL UNIT NO. 1.

TO ALL PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE AT SCHOOL MEETINGS

Take notice that for the purpose of electing TWO TRUSTEES for School Unit No. 1—One Trustee to each Polling Division—a poll will be held on Wednesday, the eleventh day of June, 1952 from 12 o'clock noon to 9 P.M.

POLLING DIVISION NO. 1 is defined as that portion of School Unit No. 1 formerly known as the school districts of Spring Park and Parkdale.

POLLING DIVISION NO. 2 is defined as that portion of School Unit No. 1 outside the former school districts of Spring Park and Parkdale.

Nominations of candidates for election to the Board of Trustees shall be filed with the Secretary at any time up until 4 o'clock in the afternoon of May 31, 1952. Each nomination shall be signed by at least two sponsors who are ratepayers in the Unit. The candidate must be a ratepayer resident in the DIVISION and, unless such candidate is a parent ratepayer his or her nomination paper must be signed by at least one parent ratepayer.

GORDON M. RICE, Secretary, School Unit No. 1

## NOTICE

A special meeting of the ratepayers of Parkdale will be held in the Institute Hall on Thursday, 22 May, 1952, at 8:00 P.M., for the purpose of electing two qualified citizens to the office of Commissioner of Parkdale. And for the purpose of considering the advisability of having six commissioners instead of three and, if so desired, the election of the additional three commissioners.

Signed: Commissioners of Parkdale.

## POGO

By Walt Kelly



## Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



## LIL ABNER

By Al Capp



## RIP KIRBY

By Alex Raymond



## BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManus



## TILLY THE TOILER

By Bob Gustafson



## PENNY

By Harry Hoerger

