



### BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

**TOO-SMART FIGHTS FOR HIS OWN**  
Who fears to battle for his own Deserves to go his way alone.  
—Old Mother Nature.

These were troubled days and nights for the two young foxes who had started a new home. It had been bad enough when a handsome stranger had appeared, a stranger in a silvery black coat who said his name was Silver Fox. The fox in the neighborhood had brought a hunter and trapper who wanted that lovely silvery black coat. Those dreadful traps had to be watched for and avoided by Too-Smart and Soft-Eyes, just as much as by Silver Fox. There had been no such trouble before he came; he had brought it, and Too-Smart hated him because of this. Also, he hated him because of jealousy Soft-Eyes admired the hand-

some fox too much. Anyway, that is how Too-Smart felt about the matter.  
More and more the handsome stranger hung about the neighborhood of their home. It was clear that he was trying to win Soft-Eyes away from Too-Smart. It was very clear that Soft-Eyes admired the handsome stranger. Too-Smart grew more and more jealous. He watched for a chance to pick a quarrel with Silver Fox, and finally the chance came.  
A terrific fight followed. Soft-Eyes stood a little way off watching. Such a snarling and growling! Such angry yelps! Locked together, they rolled over and over on the ground. Now Too-Smart would be on top, and a moment later it would be Silver Fox. The black stranger was big and young and strong. So was Too-Smart and they were evenly matched. But Too-Smart had one advantage, he was fighting for his own. He was fighting for his mate and his home. Which one did Soft-Eyes want to win? She hardly knew herself.



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Perhaps down deep in her heart she knew, but there were moments when she wasn't sure of this. That stranger with the silvery black coat was handsome. Yes indeed, he was handsome. He was the handsomest fox she ever had seen. Perhaps if he had come along first she would have gone away with him.  
It was a bitter fight while it lasted. Finally the two separated. Both were torn and too tired to continue the fight without a breathing spell. Suddenly Silver Fox turned and limped away. He had had enough. His beautiful coat was torn in several places. He limped quite badly. Too-Smart was not much better off. His coat was torn too, and he held one paw up. It had been hurt by the sharp teeth of the beaten stranger.

### Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

**NOT A "CRIME"**  
To the uninitiated, "trumping partner's trick" is a bridge crime, and it has even been the subject of jokes and cartoons. Actually, however, it may be an excellent idea to trump a trick that partner can obviously win. Observe this case:

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

♠ J4  
♥ QJ862  
♦ K73  
♣ J53

♠ AK10  
♥ 8752  
♦ Q104  
♣ 706

♠ 9763  
♥ J85  
♦ Q972  
♣ AK1087

♠ A62  
♥ AK4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2♥ 3♥ Dbie. Pass  
3♠ Pass 3NT Pass  
4♥ Pass 5♣ Pass  
6♣ Pass Pass Pass

West opened the heart king. Declarer ruffed, laid down the spade ace, then led low to the spade jack. Next, he led the heart queen — and at this point East made a bad mistake: he discarded a low club.

Needless to say, South was delighted at this development, because he was now as good as home. He discarded a diamond from his own hand, glad to let West win the trick with the heart ace. West made a desperate effort to kill dummy's heart jack by returning the ten, but South naturally played low from dummy and ruffed in his own hand. There was nothing to the rest of the play — declarer simply drew trumps and discarded his low club on the established jack of hearts.

It is difficult to guess what went on in East's mind when he failed to ruff dummy's heart queen. Surely, he could assume that declarer had not carefully selected a heart honor from dummy in order to trump the trick in his hand. Thus, it should have been quite apparent that South was attempting to establish one heart trick, and since East's trumps were quite worthless for any other purpose, he certainly might have used one of them to scotch declarer's plan.

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By Bob Gustafson



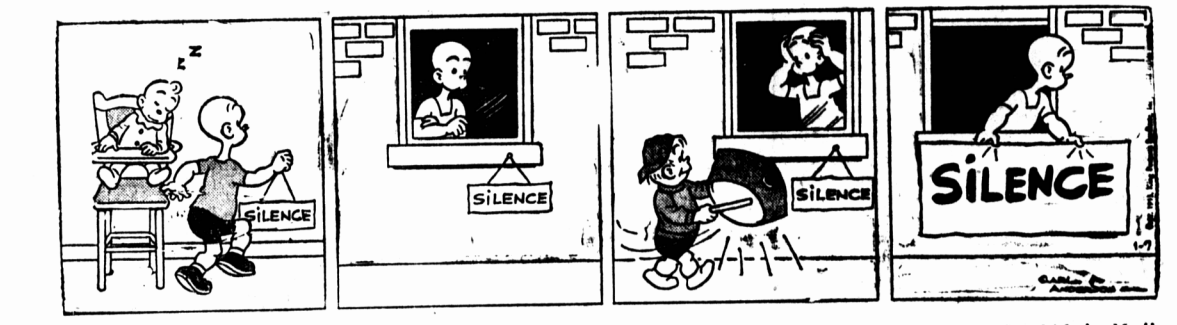
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By Clifford McBride



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