

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

The busy, troubles can forget — Are seldom lonely, seldom fret. —Trader the Wood-Rat.

Peter Rabbit was over in the Green Forest early in the evening. He was curious about Trader the Wood Rat, whose acquaintance he had recently made. Now he sat by Trader's house waiting for him to come out if not already out, or to return if off collecting. He liked Trader and had formed the habit of paying him a call whenever visiting the Green Forest. When Trader did appear it was so sudden that Peter didn't know whether he had come from inside the house or had returned from a trip.



"Do you live alone?" asked Peter

"I've just had my dinner," said Trader, washing his white hands and then his face. "That is good, for now you have time to tell me some things which I want to know," replied Peter. "Who says I will?" retorted Trader, lifting a foot to wash it. "I'm a very busy fellow. I am one of the busiest people in the Green Forest. I have no time to waste, as some folks seem to have."

hunt for something to add to his collection. Peter shook his head as he watched Trader out of sight. "I wonder if that fellow ever has time to enjoy life," he muttered. You see, Peter has not yet learned the joy of keeping busy and probably never will learn. Trader the Wood Rat, like Paddy the Packer had found out this truth long ago.

"Do you live alone?" asked Peter sharply. "I didn't say so, though you do seem to have a lot of time to sit around," retorted Trader. "What is on your mind now, Peter Rabbit?" His began fussing with some of the things in his collection on the roof of his house, rearranging them.

"Do you live alone?" asked Peter. "I do just now. In fact, I do most of the time," replied Trader. "Is there a Mrs. Trader?" Peter asked.

Trader grinned. "There was the last time I saw her," said he. "Where is she?" persisted Peter. "She's in her house, if she isn't busy outside. How should I know?" "Does she have a house of her own?" asked Peter wonderingly. "She certainly does," said Trader.

"You mean she has a house and you have a house? How queer," said Peter. "What is queer about that? She likes to live alone, and I like to live alone. So that is the way it is most of the time," said Trader. "Don't you ever get lonesome?" asked Peter.

"No," said Trader shortly. "I'm too busy to ever get lonesome. But you wouldn't understand that."

"What wouldn't I understand?" Peter wanted to know. "That folks who keep busy have no time to be lonesome," said Trader. "That is a truth I found a long time ago. It is one reason I started my collection and keep adding to it. It keeps me busy ever minute when I am not sleeping or looking for food. There is always something to be found to add to it. Know what, Peter Rabbit?"

"What?" asked Peter. "The most important thing in living is to keep busy. It is the surest way of keeping out of trouble. It is the most certain way of keeping happy. Busy people have no time to be unhappy. And they have no time to do what I am doing now," replied Trader.

"What are you doing?" asked Peter, for Trader seemed to be doing nothing just then. "What you seem to be doing most of the time, wasting time, and I haven't any to waste," replied Trader, and away he went to

West dealer. North-South vulnerable. J 3 2 K 6 3 S 4 3 2 A 7 6 4

Q J 9 2 N 10 8 7 4 A S 10 8 5 J 9 5 3 2 K 10 8 A K 10 9 7 6 5 4

The bidding: West North East South 1 Pass 2 Pass 2 Pass 3 Pass 4 Pass 5 Pass 6 Pass

South, despite his tremendous strength, had no earthly right to bid the slam unassisted, but this time Fortune smiled on him.

West led the diamond king, then the queen. South ruffed, drew one round of trumps, then entered dummy with a trump and ruffed another diamond. This left the diamond nine blank in dummy. South then cashed every trump, keeping two hearts, the diamond nine and one club in dummy. West held on to a high diamond, the king-ten of clubs and one heart, leaving it to his partner to stop the heart suit. When, however, South then cashed the heart ace and led to the king, West was squeezed. He could not well afford to give up the high diamond, so he blanked the club king. Thereupon South, having placed West with the club king for his opening bid, led directly to his own club ace, ignoring the opportunity to finesse. When the king dropped, the slam was home.

Considering South's bidding it was inconceivable that South had two diamonds. That being so, West was only furthering the enemy's interests when he continued with the second round of diamonds. Admittedly, it was difficult to foresee any bad effect from that play—but observe that a shift by West to hearts or spades would have made it impossible for South to ruff the two rounds of diamonds that robbed East of his stopper in that suit. With East keeping the diamond ten, the squeeze would not be operative.

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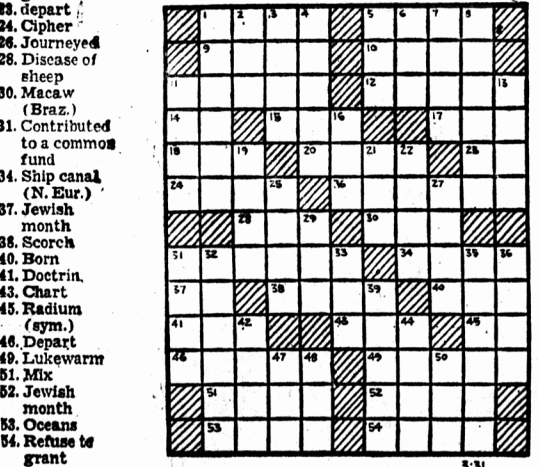
WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE TROUBLE WITH HIM, ELSBY? WELL DOCTOR, WE THINK HE'S JUST PINING AWAY FOR A COUPLE OF OLD SCOUNDRELS THAT DOGNAPPED HIM RECENTLY. THEY FED HIM WELL AND HE SEEMS MUCH ATTACHED TO THEM.



HE HASN'T TOUCHED A MORSEL OF HIS COOKING SINCE WE GOT HIM BACK. THIS COULD BE SERIOUS. HE'S ALL RUN DOWN FROM WORRY AND MALNUTRITION. TRY TO FIND HIS NEW FRIENDS. SEE THE CIRCLES UNDER HIS EYES.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS: 1. Breaches, 5. Nocturnal birds, 9. Revolver, 10. Fencing sword, 11. Italian poet, 12. Tribunal, 14. At home, 15. Cutting tool, 17. Bustle, 18. Turkish, 20. Place where grain is ground, 23. depart, 24. Cipher, 26. Journeyed, 28. Disease of sheep, 30. Macaw (Braz.), 31. Contributed to a common fund, 34. Ship canal (N. Eur.), 37. Jewish month, 38. Scorch, 40. Born, 41. Doctrin, 43. Chart, 45. Radium (sym.), 48. Depart, 49. Iceworm, 51. Mix, 52. Jewish month, 53. Oceans, 54. Refuse to grant
- DOWN: 1. Association of farmers, 2. River (Fr.), 3. Kettles, 4. Vapor, 5. Away, 6. Court, 7. Coln (It.), 8. Mud, 9. Cutting tool, 11. A Mexican president, 13. Temper, 16. Humor, 19. Constellation, 21. River in Chile, 22. Skull, 25. Lubricates, 27. Shower, 29. River (Scot.), 31. Bucket, 32. Haunt, 33. Millpond, 35. Weirily, 36. A metal, 39. Vase, 42. Ch-p, 44. Kilauea goddess, 47. By way of, 48. Bitter vetch, 50. Play on words



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it!

AXYDLBAAXR is LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation JA JGRIS VDN JRPZ-CALO JOSPF RVJ JPNIUNL JVALN-GAGN.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: STILL IN THY RIGHT HAND CARRY GENTLE PEACE, TO SILENCE ENVOIOUS TONGUES—SHAKESPEARE.

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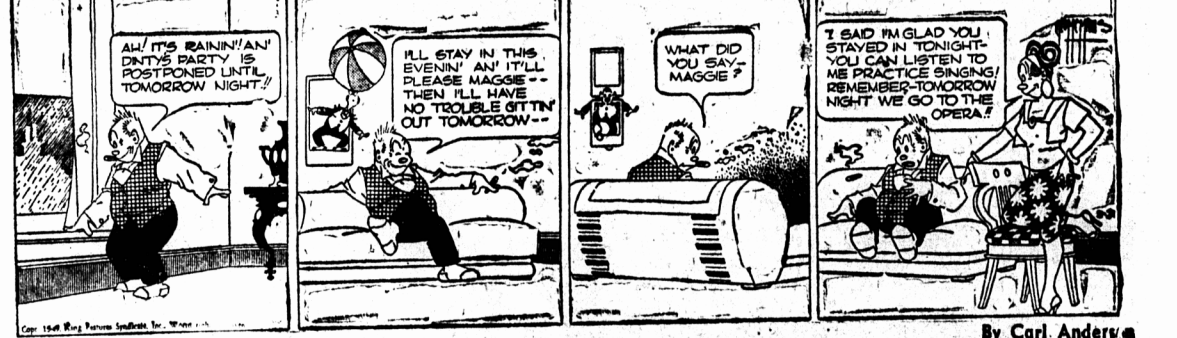
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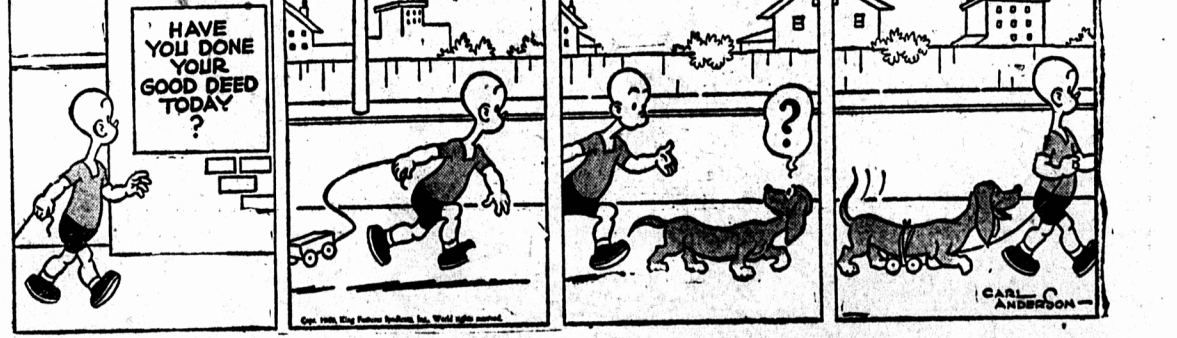
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