

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

Of something treasured each has need,
And lacking it is poor indeed.
—Old Mother Nature.

Trader the Wood Rat couldn't quite believe his eyes. No, sir, he couldn't. I suspect that had he thought of it he would have rubbed his eyes just to make sure that he was really seeing what he seemed to be seeing, not dreaming. There before him, beside Farmer Brown's sugar house in that part of the Green Forest where the sugar maples grow, was a box of treasures such as he was sure no Wood Rat ever before had found. In it were things that in the moonlight shone or gleamed or sparkled. For a few minutes he simply sat beside that box staring with bright beady eyes at these treasures and glistening over them.



Trader seized his prize and raced home with it as fast as he could go there. Nor did he appear again that night.

Never had Trader spent such a night. Never had he had so many desirable things to take home for his collection. There was a brass button. Now he loved that. There was a broken but shiny nickel belt buckle. He was not sure that he didn't love that even more. There were two or three shiny nails and half a dozen bent rusty ones. There were several empty brass pistol cartridges, a small piece of tin, an empty spool, several pieces of the broken cup of which he had already taken home the handle, and other like treasures. It was daylight by the time he had it all stored away in his collection and had half filled the treasure box with things in trade. You see he was an honest Rat; a happy and tired one.

It was a small box but to Trader it seemed big. He walked around it and peeped into it from every side. On each side he sat for a moment or two staring and glistening. He would take all these treasures home, every one of them to add to his collection. Yes, sir, that is what he would do. And right then sprang up the first little doubt. Or was it suspicion? Doubt and suspicion are so much alike that they amount to the same thing. Where had that box of treasures come from? It hadn't been there the night before. He was sure of that. Why was it there now?

All the little people of the Green Forest and the Green Meadows early learn that anything unusual, any sudden change from what has been, is suspect. It is to be regarded with doubt and approached with caution. Those who never forget this and act accordingly are the ones who live longest. Trader was cautious, very, very cautious. He walked around that box several times before he ventured to put his paws upon the edge of it and lean over for a close look inside. Nothing happened. He reached in slowly, carefully, and pulled out one of those treasures. And such a treasure! It was the handle of a broken, white, crockery cup. Still nothing happened.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

GOOD ODDS, BUT NOT GOOD ENOUGH!

When a declarer can make his contract by winning either of two available finesses, his prospects are excellent, since it is 3 to 1 that he will have success with at least one of the finesses.

Unquestionably, 3 to 1 are good odds—but they are not nearly good enough when declarer has a sure thing by playing correctly! Observe today's deal:

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

♠ K Q 3
♥ Q 10 9 6 4
♦ K 8 2
♣ A Q

♠ 10 9 7
♥ 8
♦ Q 6 5 4
♣ J 9 8 4 3

♠ 8 6 4 2
♥ 5 2
♦ 9 7 3
♣ K 6 5 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
4NT Pass 5♦ Pass
5NT Pass 6♣ Pass

West opened the spade ten. Declarer won in the closed hand, drew trumps in two leads, then took the club finesse. East won and returned a club. Now South was faced with the problem of guessing the position of the diamond queen, and, to his own disgust (which was doubled and redoubled by his partner!), he guessed wrong, thus losing the vulnerable slam.

It was not South's guessing ability that merited criticism in this case—it was the fact that he foisted a guess upon himself by failing to play the hand in such a way as to ensure success, no matter where the missing diamond queen and club king happened to lie!

The proper technique scarcely could have been simpler! After drawing the outstanding trumps,

QUICKIES BY KEN REYNOLDS



"Mary, about that Guardian Want Ad offering our house for sale, we've got an answer — I think!"

South should have cashed the spades, eliminating that suit from both hands, then should have cashed the club ace and played the club queen! It would not matter which defender took this trick; he would have to return a diamond, thus giving declarer an automatic finesse against the queen, or, by leading another club or spade, permit South to discard a diamond from one hand while he ruffed in the other.

The word Eskimo is not found in the Eskimo language, but is an Algonquin Indian word meaning "eaters of raw flesh."

BINGO

Holy Redeemer Hall TONIGHT 8.30

The prizes are the same as those prevailing at other Bingos in the city. For Charitable Purposes

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- Epochs
 - Tropical tree
 - Notion
 - A napped, tanned skin
 - Holding devices
 - Sounded, as a goose
 - Turkish title
 - Neuter, pronoun
 - A shield division (Her.)
 - At home
 - Funeral pile
 - Chin whisker
 - Receptacle for coffee
 - Milkfish
 - Motherless calves
 - Raise
 - Conjunction
 - Line of junction
 - Smallest state (abbr.)
 - Charge for services
 - Tainted
 - A mockery
 - Plague
 - Clock face
 - Man's name
 - Beach
 - City (Nev.)
- DOWN
- Rights
 - Regrets
 - Helps
 - Abrupt
 - Abyss
 - Fuses
 - River (Sib.)
 - Girl's nickname
 - Water vessel
 - Rational
 - Loose, hanging point
 - River in Chile
 - Jolly boat
 - Floor covering
 - Goddess of discord (Gr.)
 - Fish (Jap.)
 - Born
 - Remove, as a hat
 - Mountain nymphs
 - Drop in the middle
 - Method of painting on fresh plaster
 - The rise and fall of oceans
 - Bishop's headdress
 - Silkworm
 - Companion (archaic)
 - Thin tin plate
 - Is able
 - Old times (archaic)



Yesterday's Answer
44. Thin tin plate
46. Is able
47. Old times (archaic)

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, acrophonies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation
P BMM H THJN OCV LHJCD BMM, ATPLT SMLXCJB ZM HAHO—DPLXMGG

Yesterday's Cryptquote: THEIR VERY MEMORY IS FAIR AND BRIGHT, AND MY SAD THOUGHTS DOTH CHEER — VAUGHAN.

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By AL CAPP

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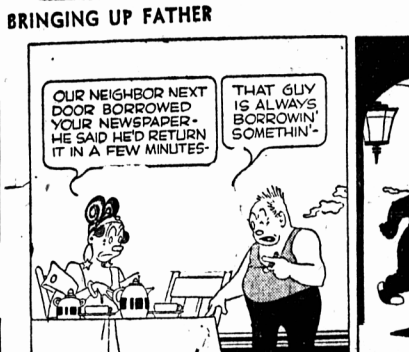
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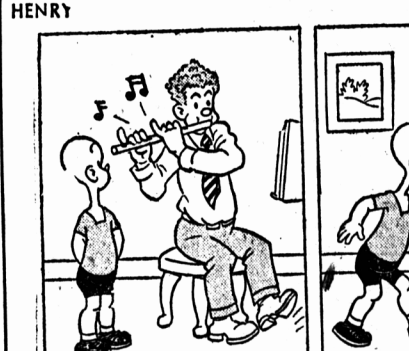
DOTTY DRIPPLE



BRINGING UP FATHER



HENRY



TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBB



LILLIE THE TOILER



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