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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES
(By Thornton W. Burgess)

THE FOOLISH WISH
Now and then a wish comes true. But no foolish wishes do.
—Old Mother Nature.

Out in the Green Meadows a young Meadow Mouse had met Peter Rabbit. She was just starting out in the Great World to make a home for herself. To her and me she would have seemed very young, but in her little world she was almost grown-up. It was time for her to be thinking of a home of her own; to be out in the Great World looking for it, and she was. She was all of four weeks old.

Peter had her scared almost to death by his discovery of her before she had time to hide. You see this was the first time that she had seen any one much bigger than herself, and Peter was so much bigger that to her he was a giant. Peter had explained that she had nothing to fear from him; that he had almost as many enemies to watch for as she had, and the very same ones. She felt a little better then. She looked at him admiringly. She sighed, "What a long ears caught the sigh."

"What is that for?" asked Peter. "What is that for?" asked the little Mouse, pretending that she didn't know.

"That sigh," replied Peter. "It must be nice to be so big, I was wishing that I was as big as you," replied the small person looking up at him so admiringly. "A foolish wish," said Peter. "I don't see why," said the Mouse. "If I were as big as you I wouldn't be so much afraid. I must be able to run very much faster than poor little me."

"Listen, little Miss Know-nothing," retorted Peter. "It is true that I can run faster than you can. I need to for it is also true that I can be seen from a far greater distance than you can, and there are almost as many sharp eyes watching for me as are watching for you."

"I don't see why," said the young Mouse. "Because you can get out of sight so quickly. You can hide under almost anything. You can get out of sight almost as soon as you are seen. I can't. I must run and run and run, and run some more, and get to a place where I can't be followed, a bramble-tangle, a hollow log, a hole in the ground. Those places are not always handy," explained Peter.

"Then why don't you stay where those places are handy?" asked the young Mouse in her high, squeaky voice.

"Peter took no notice of this. "I hope that now you see why wishing to be what you are not and can't be is a foolish wish," said he gravely.

"No, I don't," replied his small companion sharply, and she didn't stop just then anyway.

Fill the doubled contract. South's "bravery" however, was not rewarded. East shifted to a low diamond, and after West had won and run his hearts, the defenders could easily shut out the club king. East taking the last few tricks with diamonds.

It was foolish for South to incur a 300-point penalty. He should have seen that a 100-point penalty would give him a good score, since it was obvious that East-West could have made more than 100 points by playing the hand at their own best contract.

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED
By Zane Grey

IDE PALOOKA
By Buford

DOTTY DRIPPLE
By Ham Fisher

BRINGING UP FATHER
By George McManus

HENRY
By Carl Anderson

TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBBS
By Edwies

LILLIE THE TOILET
By Westover

PENNY
By Harry Hoengien

AMPLIATES OWN HAND
KINGMAN, Ind., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Ole Wann, a 43-year-old farmer, amputated his own left hand with a pocket knife after the hand was a corn-picker. Wann, alone in the field, bleeding and held fast by the machine, cut off the hand to free himself after his shouts failed to bring help. His condition is good.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Trickles
2. Fiel
3. Musical instrument
4. Crossed
5. Continent
6. Aromat
7. Spier
8. Souther
9. person
10. S
11. Varying weight
12. (Imag)
13. Tailor
14. fabric
15. Hit heavily
16. Perform
17. A slight en
18. Guide
19. Title of respect
20. Before
21. Kind of roo
22. (pt)
23. A filmy fabric
24. 3,136
25. Licks up
26. 1000
27. Racer
28. (Sax)
29. Composit
30. Negative reply
31. Part of a check
32. Common sense
33. Eskimo tool
34. Girl's name
35. Place
36. Plant ovule

DOWN
1. Tone down
2. Blunder

3. Shield
4. Agreements
5. Edible mollusks
6. Visit between whalers
7. Turkish title (pl.)
8. To withdraw from a union
9. Affected manners
10. God of love
11. Part
12. Location of "Leaning Tower"
13. 41 Maxim
14. Comfort
15. Beades
16. Nicknames for Sidney

21. Lassic
22. Fellet of medicine
23. Terms of endearment
24. Quantity of paper
25. Resort's title (pl.)
26. A gap
27. Extras drawn from a union
28. Light weight
29. Boy's school (Eng.)
30. Upright slab used as a gravestone

41. Maxim
42. Comfort
43. Beades
44. Nicknames for Sidney

Contract Bridge
By Josephine Culbertson

TOO BRAVE:
There is a time for last-ditch fighting, and a time for surrender!

12-15
South dealer
Neither side vulnerable
Match-point duplicate.

♠ A 9 7 4 3
♥ A 5 2
♦ Q 6 3
♣ K 5

♠ Q J 8 7
♥ 6 3
♦ A 10 7
♣ A J P 2

♠ Q J 8 7
♥ K 10 8 4
♦ K 8 5
♣ K 7 4

♠ 9 5 2
♥ 8 7 6 4

This was the bidding at one table in a match-point pair contest:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass

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By Ken Reynolds

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UP KIRBY
By Alex Raymond

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A R
M L O N G V E L L O W

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

A Cryptogram Quotation
S O E E V L H K L T M O Q B O O W K F
W D O F X Q B X M S O I T E K Q S D B O
E D F A E K Z M L - X D H K F

Yesterday's Cryptogram: AND 'TIS REMARKABLE THAT THEY TALK MOST WHO HAVE THE LEAST TO SAY—PRAIR.

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