BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

A TRAIL OF TAILS

What you may scorn and throw away,
. . . . . .
Another's hunger well may stay.
—Blacky the Crow.

Blacky had just swallowed the tail of a small fish. That doesn't sound like much and it doesn't sound very good, does it? It wasn't much and it wasn't very good. Most folks wouldn't have thought it was fit to eat. But could Blacky have had several fish tails, he would have thought them a feast. You see, that one was the first thing he had had to eat that day.

Now Blacky had known right away how that tail had come to be on the bank. It was a sign that Little Joe Otter had been there. Little Joe often leaves the tail of a fish he catches. He eats a fish head-first and eats all but the tail. Blacky was hoping that Little Joe was still somewhere near and might appear with another fish.

"I guess he came up from the Big River. Perhaps he has gone up to the pond of Paddy the Beaver way up at the beginning of the Great Mountain. Perhaps there is some more open water between here and there. I think I'll take a look," said Blacky.

He spread his black wings and flying just above the tree tops followed the course of Laughing Brook as it came down from the Great Mountain. A little farther on he saw open water again. He flew a little faster. He was eager to look the banks over. Perhaps Little Joe Otter had been fishing there.

Sure enough, on one bank beside the open water was the tail of a fish. The first one he had found was small, but this one was even smaller. However, Blacky swallowed it greedily and was thankful. He looked all about hoping to find another tail, but didn't. Then he once more took to his wings and followed Laughing Brook deeper into the Green Forest. At the next open water he was disappointed. There was no tail of a fish there. There was nothing at all there that could be eaten. Perhaps Little Joe Otter hadn't come up as far as this.

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For a few minutes Blacky rested in the top of a tree trying to make up his mind whether to go on or go back. Finally he decided to go on a little farther.

This time Blacky didn't have to go so far before he reached open water. The first thing he saw was a brown head popping out from under the ice. It was the Head of Little Joe Otter. In his mouth was a fish. It had a bigger tail than any of the tails that Blacky had found, so, of course it was a bigger fish then any of the others. Little Joe Otter climbed out on the bank. He began to eat the fish. He began at the head. He didn't eat very fast. The truth was, he wasn't very hungry. He had already eaten several fish. Blacky watched that fish slowly desappear. It seemed as if he must fly right down there and snatch it away. But that would have been a crazy thing for him to try to do.

Little Joe Otter looked up at Blacky then went right on eating. In a moment or two he stopped eating. Once more he looked up at Blacky, then washed his face in some snow. Little Joe always wipes his face and whiskers in the snow if there is any, or in the leaves and grass if there isn't. Then he walked to the edge of the water and slid in. He disappeared under the ice. Blacky flew down to the bank. Little Joe had left almost a third of the fish. Blacky wondered if he did it purposely.

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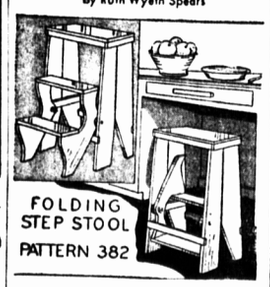
by Ruth Wyeth Spears



This stool has a modern look yet the folding steps are exact copies of a stool that has been in use for more than fifty years. It is 25-inches high which is just right to make a good seat and to push back under a table when the kitchen chores are done. The steps may be turned down with a single motion when needed for reaching high shelves. Steps provide maximum safety when the stool is used as a ladder. The pattern gives tracing diagrams for all shaped parts, list of materials needed and directions for assembling. The price of pattern 382 is 35 cents. For $1.50 additional the Kitchen Remodeling Packet of five standard size patterns will be sent postpaid.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Evangeline Adams was not the only person who had a premonition regarding the disastrous Windsor Hotel fire on March 16, 1899.

Mrs. Adam Badeau, widow of General Adam Badeau, a veteran of the Civil War, and her companion, a Miss Van Dolson, told me of a similar premonition under the same circumstances. They had just arrived in New York from one of their many European trips and went as usual to the Windsor Hotel, where they were shown to a suite on the 4th. floor. As their hand luggage was brought in, Mrs. Badeau, an imperious little French-woman, said to her companion, who made her traveling arrangements for her, "My dear, I do not like these rooms. Please go down to the manager and tell him I wish to have them changed.

Miss Van Dolson protested, "But the hotel is very full. You are tired and perhaps you had better wait at least until tomorrow. But Mrs. Badeau insisted that Miss Van Dolson try to get their rooms changed. Miss Van Dolson went down to the manager and returned saying the manager was most apolog but had no other suite he could give Mrs. Badeau.

"Then I will not remain here," Mrs. Badeau said. "Please order our luggage sent down. We will seek accommodations in another hotel.

Within less than a half-hour after they left the Windsor Hotel fire, with its terrible loss of life, broke out.

Latest reports from the Air Force indicates that flying saucers do not exist but that the Air Force, on the other hand, is building an airplane that is a flying saucer. An artist's conception of what the craft would look like shows a huge disk with a raised central cabin crossed by many vanes. Atop the cabin is a transparent cockpit like that of a conventional aircraft.

While releasing a photograph of the artist's drawing, the Air Force was at pains to point out that its actual "saucer" doesn't look like that. What it does look like, nobody would say but it is being built by Ryan Aeronautical Company and may have already flown by the time you read this. The Air Force "saucer" is not like the Navy's "Pogo" which is really a kind of helicopter.

At the time of the announcement of the "saucer" Donald A. Quarles, secretary of the Air Force, made public a 316-page study complete with charts, drawing and statistical data, showing that sightings of flying saucers are all illusions or explainable as "conventional phenomena."

The study purports to be based on 4,854 sightings beginning in 1947. Its main point appears to be that if reporting of the sightings has been improved, virtually none could be considered authentic. Despite the fact that no foreign power, no alien creatures, and no one else has sent such craft flying over the U.S., said Secretary Quarles, we ourselves "are now entering a period of aviation technology in which aircraft of unusual configuration and flight characteristics will begin to appear."

Which reminds us of a story we think is apropos: When Robert Peary first arrived at Cape York, Greenland, he found Eskimos. They were very surprised to see him, because they had thought they were the only people in the world.

Our folklore is richly flavored with more than a mere sprinkling of myths concerning our animal life. Here are some facts to counteract the myths:

Myth: Toads possess the ability to remain imprisoned underground, sealed in rocks or in the cleft of a growing tree for years on end. Fact: Almost every year there are stories of toads being blasted out of rock during excavation operations or being dug up from great depths beneath hard-packed clay, or being released from within some building's cornerstone. Some versions say it is a horned toad (which is not a toad but a lizard), but the details are the same.

The truth is no toad could exist for several years in a sealed-in condition. However, there is a toad, the spadefoot, which spends a good share of its adult life underground. They burrow under the soil when it is soft and wet. Sometimes these are uncovered under hard-packed earth. But if the soil had become wet again they would have emerged under their own power, and it would have happened in any event during the following rainy season.

In unusually dry years, it is conceivable the toad might possibly skip a year and not escape until the next rainy period-but many would not survive the second year.

Highest peak in Finland, generally flat with many lakes, is 4,100-foot Mount Halderfjall.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

THE IMPORTANT SECOND-ROUND CALL

It is a relatively easy matter to select the right opening bid from one or more alternatives, and it is also easy to choose the best first-round response, but opener's and responder's second-round rebids may not be so easy. What is more, the discrimination (or lack of this quality) applied to each rebid is apt to be the most important factor in the choice of the final contract. Thus, while it cannot be said that any bid is unimportant, it is obviously a very good idea for players to give extra consideration to their second-round calls.

That is precisely what South did not do in the following case.

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the unbid suit, diamonds, and the defenders took two tricks there. East then led a third diamond, not caring whether or not this would give declarer a ruff-and-discard. Actually, South did throw off a club from his own hand and ruffed the trick in dummy (to preserve his own greater trump length) but he still could not handle the outstanding trumps and eventually went down two tricks. Since North-South could have made quite a few points, at a part-score contract in clubs, their loss on the deal was rather substantial.

It was South's rebid that derailed the partnership. True, North did not have to raise spades, but a better action was hard to find. North was willing to reach game at spades if South had four good trumps—there was no way of his knowing that South's spade suit was so weak.

Everything considered, South should have been satisfied to make the less encouraging second-round call of three clubs. If North elected to pass, it was scarcely likely that any laydown game would be missed, and at least South would collect his honors.

Brazil Reports Jungle Revolt

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuters) — Naval, air force and army detachments are taking part in a combined river-air operation aimed at ending Brazil's "revolt in the jungle."

Brazilian President Juscelino Kubitschek, who took office Jan. 31, has been conferring with service chiefs on the revolt which began a week ago.

A member of the president's entourage Sunday hinted that a state of siege might be reimposed on the country.

Out Our Way

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Our Boarding House

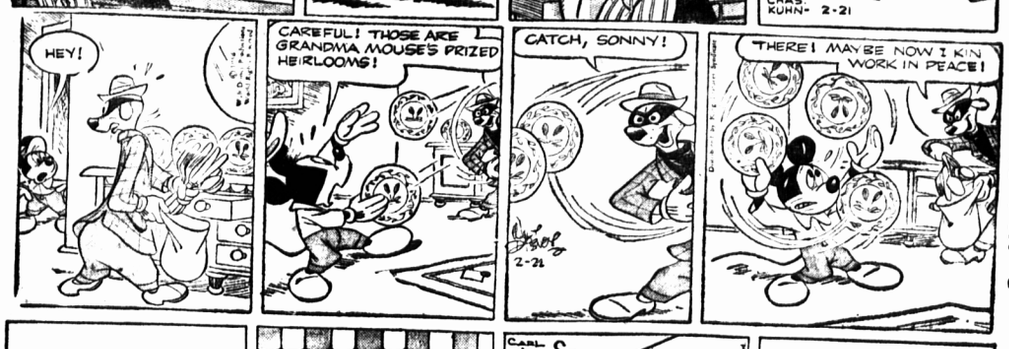
Major Hoople

Grandma

By Charles Kuhn

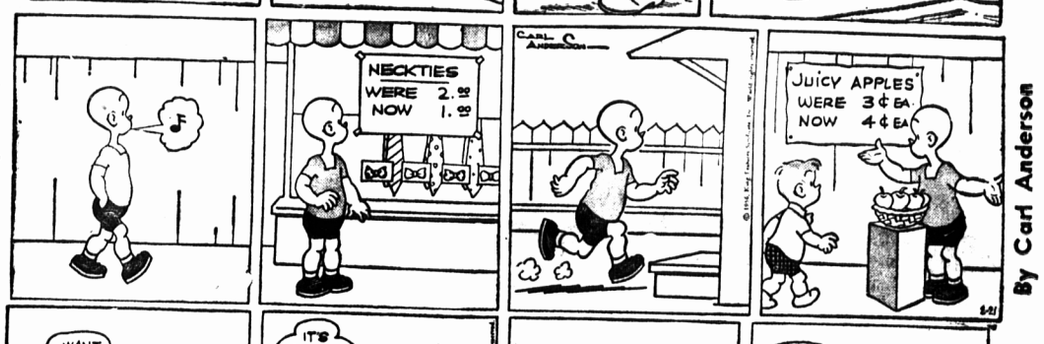
Mickey Mouse

By Walt Disney



Henry

By Carl Anderson



Muggs and Skeeter

By Wally Bishop

Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson

Etta Kent

By Paul Robinson

Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher

The Lone Ranger

By Fran Striker

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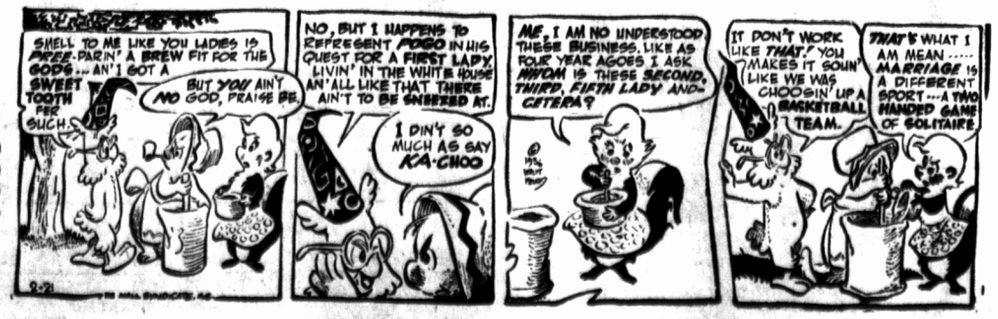
POGO

By Walt Kelly



Li'l Abner

By Al Capp

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6:50 p.m.—CBC News
7:00 p.m.—Frankie Laine
7:30 p.m.—Adventures of Robin Hood
8:00 p.m.—G. M. Theatre
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9:30 p.m.—Pick The Stars
10:00 p.m.—Citizens Forum
10:30 p.m.—What's My Line
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11:10 p.m.—Weather
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12:15 a.m.—Sign Off