

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

THE TERRORS OF THE SMILING POOL.

The time you wisely spend today you'll find tomorrow will repay. Grandfather Frog.

Grandfather Frog has lived in the Smiling Pool a long time because he is old he is thought by his neighbors to be wise, for age and wisdom are supposed to go together. But Grandfather Frog is neither as old nor as wise as he likes to believe his neighbors think he is. On his favorite big green lily-pod, dressed in his green coat and white and yellow waistcoat, Grandfather Frog likes to sit in the sun trying to look the picture of wisdom. With his big goggle eyes on top of his head he watches what is going on about him, and waits for a foolish green fly to come within reach, or a careless Minnow, or even another Frog, providing the latter is smaller than himself.

Just now he was watching Mrs. Quack and her flock of half-grown children. He remembered the first time he had seen them. Mother Quack had brought her downy ducklings out from the rush for their first swim in open water. She was very proud of them. She fussed over them. Two or three were riding on her back. One venturesome little swimmer over near the big green lily-pod on which Grandfather Frog was sitting. He was tempted. Yes, sir, he was tempted. But that duckling was just a little too big even for his big mouth. Grandfather Frog was looking another way. In this he was as wise as he was reputed to be. There is no greater test of wisdom than in turning away from temptation. When Grandfather Frog rolled his big goggle eyes that way again the duckling was back with his mother.

But now those ducklings were far too big to be even a temptation. "Chuga-rum!" exclaimed Frog. "How those youngsters have grown! They will soon be as big as their mother. Mrs. Quack has a fine family. She certainly has. But somehow it doesn't seem as big as it did at first. I wonder if Billy Mink has caught some of them. I haven't seen Billy around. Perhaps his small cousin, Shadow, the Weasel has been around. Or maybe Reddy Fox surprised some of them in the night. It could be that Hooley the owl caught some. Anyway those with her now are big enough to take care of themselves. I guess she doesn't worry much now. She has no reason to."

Just then an ugly black head appeared in the water just outside the lily-pads. Grandfather Frog saw it. "Snapper the Turtle," he muttered to himself. "And there is Mrs. Snapper out in the middle." It was so. Her black head was out of water in just about the middle of the Smiling Pool. The two heads looked for all the world like the end of two sticks. As long as they didn't move one would have to be close to them to see what they really were.

"Those two are terrors, the terrors of the Smiling Pool, and have been for as long as I can remember. Even Billy Mink and

Fire Fighters THROW OUT RED

No—not a Communist, but the fire-engine red that goes with clanging bells, screaming sirens and racing fire trucks. The Kent Fire Brigade, in England, has gone against tradition and now uses vehicles of aluminum—for three good reasons: No more painting. Less gas... we mean petrol. And better roadability and handling because of the lighter-weight aluminum bodies. We'd guess there's a further premium that the Kent folk enjoy: pride in their fire brigade when it flashes by in its gleaming new dress. Few materials can match aluminum for its fresh and lasting good looks.

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Give out ACHES



Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

If you're driving in heavy traffic, always keep both hands on the wheel and one thumb on the horn button. But don't blow it unless someone tries to cut you off without looking. With your thumb on the horn button you can warn the other driver instantly. Instead of two seconds and \$500 worth of damage later.

If you're driving along a street with a lot of cars parked by the curb, watch out for exhaust smoke. That means somebody has a motor running and may pull out from the curb in front of you.

When you are following a truck and want to pass it, don't drive to within five feet of its rear and then peek out coyly to see if its clear ahead. Take your look at least eight car lengths behind. Then you will have plenty of time to pull back if the way is not clear. And you won't be so apt to get smashed right in the middle of the radiator ornament by an approaching car whose driver never dreamed anyone would be so silly as to peek out from behind a truck like that.

Never drive more than 50 m.p.h. at night. If you do, you are out-driving your lights and there may be some jerk over the brow of the hill parked in the road changing a tire.

Defensive driving means defend yourself against the other drivers and see that you drive properly at all times.

There are thousands of screwballs behind the wheels of automobiles in spite of the fact that they had to pass an examination to get a driver's license. Why should you tangle with them?

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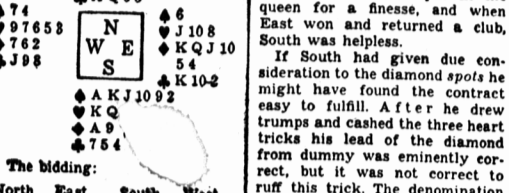
OTTAWA (CP)—A plaque commemorating John Murray Gibbon, founder of the Canadian Authors Association and the Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies, will be unveiled at the Banff, Alta., School of Fine Arts Aug. 7, the northern affairs department announced Friday. Mr. Gibbon, a native of Ceylon, died in Montreal in 1952.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

OFF THE TRACK
SOUTH almost could have claimed his slam contract, below, from the moment he saw the opening lead and the dummy, but the "guaranteed" line of play escaped his notice.

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.



The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ 1 ♦ 2 ♣ Pass
3 ♠ 4 NT Pass
5 ♠ Pass 6 NT Pass
6 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

West opened the diamond seven and East put up the ten. South won, drew the opposing trumps, then cashed the king and queen of hearts. He went to dummy with a trump and discarded his losing

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1. Take out (Print.)
5. An action (Sp. Law)
9. Juice of apples
10. Stirs up
12. Variety of willow
13. Proportion
14. Perform
15. U. S. temperancer leader
16. Smallest state (abbr.)
17. Top of a wave
19. Begin to grow
21. Subtle emanation
25. Make proud
26. Five dollar bill (slang)
27. Hire, as a car
28. Dried juice used in chewing gum
29. Mine entrance
31. Jewish month
32. Mirrored
35. Assam silkworm
36. Refresh
37. Girl's name
40. Foreign
41. Not difficult
42. Not living
1. A follower
2. Prepare for publication

Yesterday's Answer
35. Pen-name of Charles Lamb
37. Wander about idly
38. A suffix in adjective, as docile

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

A Cryptogram Quotation
MVA NFTJ FB FMB CZT QWHGA,
HTJ FT FMBAXW GHT NHYA M
VAHLT CX VAWW, M VAWW ZX
VAHLAT-NFWMCT.

Saturday's Cryptquote: HE WAS THE MILDEST MANNERED MAN THAT EVER SCUTTLED SHIP OR OUT A THROAT-BYRON.