



BURGESS BEDTIME STORES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE SHUT-IN
Life depends on how you take it. What and how you choose to make it.

—Old Mother Nature—
Reddy Fox had told Young Reddy that probably Johnny Chuck was asleep, then had gone away before any more questions could be asked. Young Reddy was puzzled.

"He may be asleep just now, but he can't be asleep all the time. He must come out to get something to eat, so why don't I see him," thought the young Fox.

Then early one morning, when he was over by Johnny Chuck's house, who should come along but Jimmy Skunk. Young Reddy had already learned that as long as he was polite, and didn't interfere with Jimmy Skunk, there was no reason to be afraid of him. "If you please, Mr. Skunk," said he, "do you know what has happened to John Chuck? I haven't seen him for a long time."

"Of course you haven't seen him," grunted Jimmy Skunk. "He's asleep."

"But he can't sleep all the time. He must come out to eat. Why don't I see him then?" asked the young Fox.

"Your mistake. He does sleep all the time. He will sleep all the time until warm weather comes again. That is, he will sleep most of the time. He may wake up once or twice, but he will go right back to sleep again. And he doesn't have to eat," explained Jimmy Skunk.

Young Reddy didn't understand this at all. "Why doesn't he have to eat?" he wanted to know. Then he added, "Everybody has to eat." "You have a lot to learn, young fellow," said Jimmy Skunk. "Didn't you notice how fat Johnny Chuck was the last time you saw him?"

Young Reddy chuckled. "I'll say he was fat," said he. "He was so fat he could hardly waddle." "And that is why he doesn't have to eat now, and won't have to eat until next spring," replied Jimmy Skunk.

"Where is he sleeping?" was the next question.

"How should I know. Probably down in his house. That is where he usually sleeps," said Jimmy Skunk, and started to walk away.

Young Reddy watched Jimmy out of sight. Then he walked over to the doorway of Johnny Chuck's house, and poked his head inside. Right away he made a discovery. The door was shut. Yes, sir, the door was shut. Of course, Johnny and Chuck doesn't have a real door. He had blocked the entrance with sand, packing it in tight, so the effect was the same as closing a door.

He had shut himself in. He was curled up in his bedroom way down below the frost line, and he was sound asleep. Could the young Fox have seen him, he might have thought Johnny Chuck was dead, rather than asleep. That is how sound he was sleeping. With the entrance closed, he was quite safe down there in the ground. The kind of sleep he was in then was a long name. It is called hibernation. He would sleep all through the winter unless there

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Pioneer Days in P. E. I.

By F. H. MacArthur

Finally a rough, low tent was thrown together; Henry then kindled a fire and ate part of his lunch. When he fell asleep, the wind still whistled among the tall trees but Henry did not hear it.

The morning broke clear, cold and calm, and the youth found to his dismay that some wild animal had entered the place during the night and had eaten his little food-store.

Now the snow was knee-deep, and Henry was cold and hungry, but he kept plugging along. In his belt strap hung the axe while over his left shoulder rested the gun, loaded and ready for use at a moment's call. The stillness all about him was intense. How different he thought it today from last night—what that sound!

Henry took the gun from his shoulder, pulled back the hammer, held it steady and waited.

Bruin parted a clump of bushes, peeked out and then drew himself up on his hind-legs.

"Bang!" the gun spoke. For a moment a wisp of curling smoke obscured the scene; then it cleared away, showing the dead bear lying full-length upon the crimson-splashed snow. Henry's shot had not been fired in vain.

As presented in the magazine for the reader's self-test, only the North-South hands are set down originally—the entire deal, as above, goes along with the official solution.

Since this was a play problem, the bidding does not matter, but it was stipulated that South is declarer at a six-club contract and that neither opponent entered the auction.

West's lead is the queen of spades and the question is, of course: how should South plan the play?

The official solution discusses the point of the hand at some length. South's best plan, by far, is to put up the spade ace—the third one—and held it over the hot embers to broil.

When Henry returned to the settlement, he narrated the story while you have just read, a simple little tale of pioneer days in New Glasgow.

A very few of the early settlers to this Island were accustomed to good clothes but they soon learned

DANISH FARMS

Most farms in Denmark range between 12 and 75 acres, with pig and cow breeding the main industries.

East. The spade ace and lead the diamond king through East, but few players would have the vision to concede this trick instead of ruffing East's ace. The reason that South should not ruff is that he cannot depend on the rest of the diamonds "trailing," and since, with only a five-card trump suit, South cannot afford to ruff two diamonds, the concession is vital.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

A PLAY PROBLEM
One of the most interesting features of The Bridge World magazine is a quiz entitled "Rate Your Own Game." A series of questions involving bidding or play (or both) is presented; the reader reaches his own conclusions, and then can compare them with the official answers, crediting or demeriting him self according to a specified scale. One of the best problems on play as follows:

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A 4 3
♥ K 7 2
♦ K Q J 7 5
♣ 10

♠ 8 6 6
♥ Q 10 6
♦ A 10 8
♣ 4

♠ K 7 5
♥ A 8 4
♦ —
♣ A K Q J 9

1 ♠ 30
2 ♠ 8 5
3 ♠ 6 2
4 ♠ 5 3

♠ N
♥ W
♦ E
♣ S

♠ 8 6 6
♥ Q 10 6
♦ A 10 8
♣ 4

♠ K 7 5
♥ A 8 4
♦ —
♣ A K Q J 9

The bear steak tasted mighty good. Of course, Henry had eaten this kind of meat before but today it was especially tender and juicy. He cut himself another slice—the third one—and held it over the hot embers to broil.

During the first couple of years before a supply of linen could be made ready, many families patched their old clothes with tanned rabbit skins and the skins of sheep that had been killed by bears. Like Robinson Crusoe, they wore odds and ends of anything that would keep out the cold of winter. Bear skins and sheep pelts also served as mats and when properly tanned, made soft and warm floor coverings.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. A Dickens character.
 4. Not many.
 7. Coralline material.
 8. Metallic rocks.
 10. Beach.
 11. Climbing plant.
 18. Thallium (sym.).
 14. Exclamation of inter rogation.
 15. Even.
 16. The helm oak.
 20. Chinese river.
 19. Lemniscate.
 20. Conjunction.
 21. A measure.
 22. Vestige.
 23. Lights.
 25. Not working.
 26. Swiss river.
 28. Sloth.
 30. Colored, as Easter eggs.
 - M. Sound as a bell.
 30. Yes (Sp.).
 40. Malberry.
 41. Perilous.
 42. Robust.
 43. Ornament for the finger.
 46. Genus of ducks (Scot.).
 47. Tunisian ruler.
 - M. Halfpenny (Eng.).
- DOWN**
1. A weight table.
 2. Wetlike material.
 4. Small cavity (anat.).
 5. One of the Great Lakes.
 6. Interlace threads (Scot.).
 7. Paleness (abbr.).
 8. To cut; used in phrase after "anick".
 10. Allotted piece of work.
 19. Lemniscate.
 20. Conjunction.
 21. A measure.
 22. Vestige.
 23. Lights.
 25. Not working.
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Yesterday's Answer

34. Mad, as a dog.

36. Moon goddess.

38. Not any.

39. False.

45. Tattered piece of cloth.

17. Epoch.

18. Selenium (sym.).

21. The art of teaching.

26. Jackdaw (Scot.).

24. Cirrus (abbr.).

26. A spring month.

27. Beseches.

30. Mournfully (Chin.).

36. Perform.

38. Winglike.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

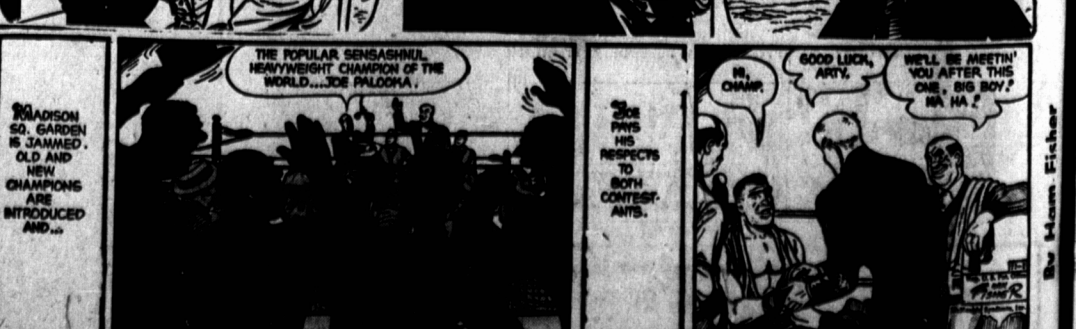
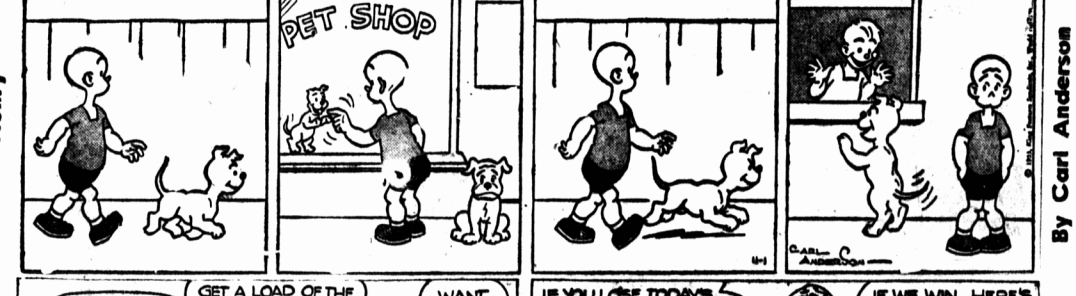
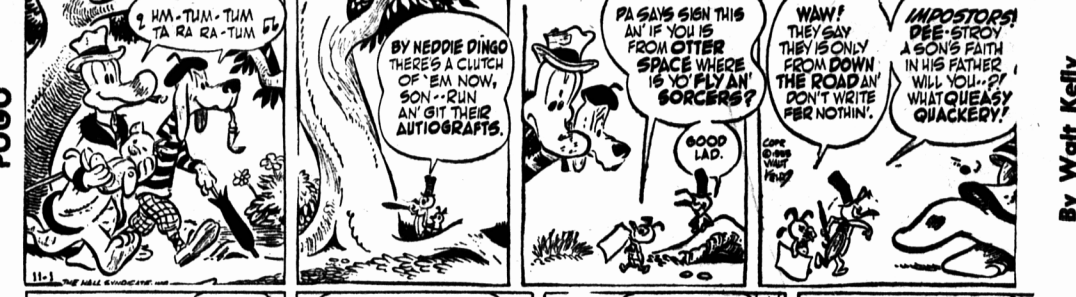
AXYDLBAAXE
LONGFELLOW

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

A Cryptogram Quotation

VMJJB VGCVVGC TL IUG VONGN.
KUGG IUG LAGES KMN BGI OC.
IAEEGS—NMCSBN.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: DEVOUT YET GIBBERISH, ACTIVE YET RESIGNED — ROCHESTER.



Does Tony Leswick Hate 'The Rocket'?

Personal feelings run high when opposing hockey players meet on the ice, but sometimes they are no less bitter after the game. In The Standard this week Sports' Editor Andy Gibson tells of the attitude of certain popular players and the reason for their likes and dislikes. A new sidelight on Canada's national sport. Get The Standard—on sale now, complete with magazine, 12-page novel and 20 pages of comics. Only ten cents!

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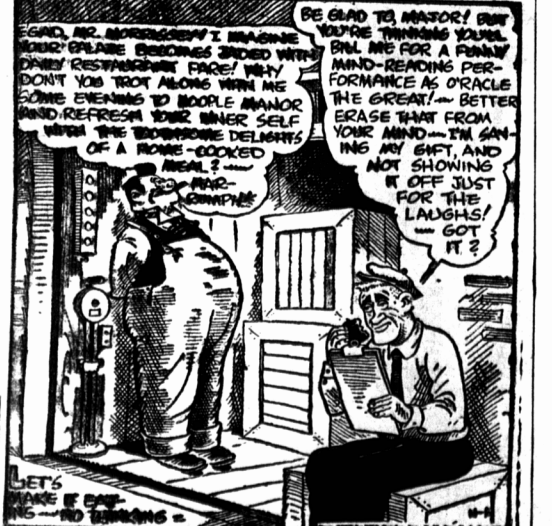
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