

BEDTIME STORIES

Farmer Brown's Boy Wonders

By Thornton W. Burgess

None may ever fully know his neighbor's joy, his neighbor's woe.

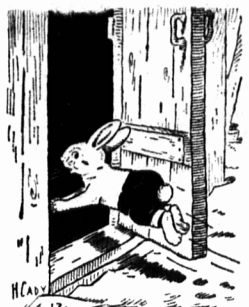
Farmer Brown and Farmer Brown's boy were busy these days over in the grove of maple trees over in the Green Forest. They were making maple syrup and maple sugar. It is only in the in-between time when winter has barely gone and spring hasn't really come that maple syrup and sugar can be made. It is a short season and he had to be the most of.

On every one of the maple trees there had been hung to collect the sap. Dripped from little spouts driven into the trunks of the trees. Then in a little house in a clearing the sap was boiled in what is called an evaporator. It was boiled until it had become the syrup boys and girls love so much on their pancakes. There was a lot of work collecting the sap, then putting the pails back again, seeing there was always enough wood, enough for the fire, and taking care of the syrup when it was ready to go into cans. Yes indeed, those were busy days for Farmer Brown and Farmer Brown's boy.

As they were crossing the little clearing to the nearest tree, Peter Rabbit suddenly darted out and ran right between them. He was a scared Rabbit. There was no doubt about that. They looked around to see what had scared him. They caught a glimpse of a red coat and knew that it was Reddy Fox who was after Peter.

Farmer Brown's boy wondered what would become of Peter. There was no hole and no hollow but Peter could find shelter in that Farmer Brown's boy knew of. He was a little worried. He would have liked to stop and watch what might happen, but there was no much work to be done. He couldn't waste time that way.

But as he went from tree to tree



Peter had dashed in.

emptying the sap from the pails on the trees to the pails he carried, he couldn't get Peter out of his mind. He was very fond of Peter. He couldn't bear to think of anything happening to Peter. At the same time he was fond of Reddy Fox. He couldn't blame Reddy for trying to catch Peter, because it was intended by Old Mother Nature that matters should be this way. Reddy was trying to catch Peter not just for the sake of killing him, but only because he was hungry and needed food. Farmer Brown's boy had often said he wished it was that way with two-legged hunters with their dreadful guns. Too many of them hunt for pure sport, not from need.

So it was that Farmer Brown's boy wondered and worried. As he went back and forth doing his work he kept watching for some sign of Peter and Reddy. He saw nothing of either. Had Peter been able to outrun Reddy? Farmer Brown's boy doubted that. Peter could run fast for short distances, but Reddy could run fast for long distances. Peter was wonderful at dodging, but he wouldn't be able to keep that up long. So, Farmer Brown's boy wondered and worried.

He would have been a surprised boy if he had known where Peter had gone. In fact, Peter really was surprised himself. He was inside that little house. Yes, sir, he was inside that little house. The door had been left ajar and almost without thinking what he was doing Peter had darted in. Would Reddy Fox do the same thing?



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U.S. Names Ambassador To Canada

WASHINGTON (CP) — A top-flight diplomat, regarded as one of the brightest minds in the state department, was appointed Wednesday as new United States ambassador to Canada.

From his vacation headquarters at Augusta, Ga., President Eisenhower announced the appointment of Livingston T. Merchant, 53-year-old assistant secretary of state for European affairs, to succeed R. Douglas Stuart, retiring after three years in the Ottawa post.

The transfer is expected to take place in the near future. The appointment of Merchant, the most skilled U.S. diplomat sent to Ottawa since the two countries established direct diplomatic relations in 1927, was interpreted here as American recognition of Canada's growing influence in world affairs and of the increasing complexity of Canadian-American problems arising with that growth.

Canadian embassy officials here expressed their pleasure at the same time paying tribute to the able job done in Ottawa by Douglas Stuart, millionaire cereal manufacturer, who was appointed by Eisenhower in May, 1953. Merchant, a native New Yorker and one time investment banker, joined the state department in 1942 and moved quickly up the diplomatic ladder. He has held a number of senior state department appointments and was one of Eisenhower's closest advisers at the Geneva conference last July.

Negro Vocalist Cancels His Southern Tour

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—Nat (King) Cole, Negro vocalist and pianist, Wednesday cancelled three southern appearances following an attack by a group of white men at the municipal auditorium.

The 37-year-old Alabama-born musician said, however, he hopes to sing again in his native state. He made the statement before flying to Chicago for a rest.

Cole, whose soft rendition of ballads has made him one of the country's most popular vocalists, was shaken but unhurt Tuesday night when knocked down while singing before an audience of 4,000 white persons.

He received a five-minute ovation when he reappeared.

The attack drew a chorus of protests. The Birmingham News in an editorial called for the "fullest investigation of the case." The editorial referred to the attack as "outrageous" and said Alabama is "deeply shocked and shamed."

The incident occurred three days after a group of white citizens councils launched a campaign against "Negro music" and bebop here. Cole doesn't emphasize either that type of song or rock-and-roll, another target of the councils.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

A questionable bid by South in the following deal resulted in a "touchy" contract, but, strangely enough, it was better than the contract that would have been reached via more orthodox methods. Moreover, under South's skillful handling, it came through.

SKILLFUL PLAY. North dealer. Both sides vulnerable and on score. Hand diagram showing cards for North and South.

The bidding: North East South West. 1♣ 1♦ 2♥ Pass. 2♠ 3♣ Pass Pass. 3♥ 4♣ Pass Pass. 4♥ Dbl. (fin. call)

South, with so little in the way of defensive values, tried to keep the opponents from getting together by jumping to two hearts over the takeout double, but the real effect was to mislead North. The latter realized that South

was making a relatively weak bid (since he didn't redouble or didn't even wait to come in later) but North did think that his partner had at least six hearts to the queen-jack, or some such holding. Thus, at the score, North persisted to four hearts in the face of East's diamond bidding.

West opened the deuce of diamonds; East took his queen and wisely led another high diamond. At that juncture South displayed some wisdom on his own account; he ruffed the second trick with dummy's ace, then led the trump six. East ducked and South won. Another trump lead was taken by East, who returned a third diamond. South ruffed and drew East's remaining trumps; then on the certain knowledge that East had started out with at least six diamonds, four trumps, and presumably some strength in spades, South took the club finesse. It would have been unlucky indeed if East had had the club queen, since he was marked with no more than a singleton in that suit, but South ran into no such disaster, and when he made four club tricks, he also made the doubled contract.

Incidentally, it might be observed that if South had not put in the somewhat rash bid of two hearts, North probably would have ended up in a four-spade contract, down at least one.

arisen in the course of a general reappraisal of Britain's position in that area. Its urgency was underlined by French governmental support for such an East-West conference and by what seemed in London to be the lack of American support for Britain's vital interests in the Middle East.

The informant said Prime Minister Eden and his colleagues have rejected the tentative proposal mainly because they felt the Soviets could not be trusted to cooperate faithfully in the fulfillment of agreed aims—even if such aims could be defined.

LONDON (AP)—Britain has been considering the idea of proposing a high-level Western parley with Russia to secure the peace of the Middle East, but an authoritative source reported Wednesday night the Eden government had decided against it.

The question was said to have

Believe It or Not! MR. THRIFT IS A BANK TELLER Baltimore, Md. THE RIVER THAT FLOWS ONLY AT NIGHT! RIO ARICA in Chile RUNS ONLY AFTER DARK BECAUSE THE ANDES SNOWS WHICH MELT DURING THE DAY REACH THE RIVER ONLY AT NIGHT.

Our Boarding House Major Hoople Out Our Way By J. R. Williams. I've got a better hunch, Hannibal! I've got a wonderful hunch twiggles! I've got a better hunch, Hannibal! I've got a wonderful hunch twiggles!

Bring Up Father Secret Agent X9. Jiggs, my pearl necklace has been stolen by the police! Worry, chief, she's worried about it! I've got your mind set busy and mind it quick!

Grandma. GRACIOUS, GRANDMA IT WAS MIGHTY NICE YOU BAKE THIS CAKE... IN CELEBRATION O' MY YEARS O' CARRYIN' MAIL, ALL I CAN SAY IS THANKS, AN'...

Mickey Mouse. WELL... YOU'VE FINISHED YOUR SODA, GOOFY! LET'S GO! WAIT... I'M JUST GETTIN' TO TALK GOOD PART! GLURP... GLURP... GLURP... GOOFY!

Henry. SNAP. WAS THAT BIG? ... I CAN SEE IT BETTER WHEN YOU HOLD IT THAN WHEN I DO!

Mugs and Skeeter. PA, WOULD YOU LIKE PART OF THIS PAPER? NO, DEAR... I LEFT MY GLASSES UPSTAIRS... AND WITHOUT THEM... I CAN SEE IT BETTER WHEN YOU HOLD IT THAN WHEN I DO!

Tilly The Toilet. EWG! WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE TAKING? SPRING TONIC. OOPS! I DROPPED AN EARRING! PARDON ME, THERE'S THE PHONE!

Etha Kett. DAD, MY PET MOVIE STAR SENT ME HIS PICTURE! ISN'T HE TOO UTTERLY DIVINE? DREAM MAN! I DON'T UNDERSTAND WOMEN! NICE!—BUT I'LL STICK TO MARDON! YOU'RE SIGHING OVER A MAN OLD ENOUGH TO BE YOUR FATHER! AND YOUR MOTHER'S MOON-EYED OVER ONE YOUNG ENOUGH TO BE HER SON!

Joe Palooka. COME BACK, STEVE—DON'T RUN AWAY LIKE THAT! I LEAVE EXPLAN. MAYBE YOU SHOULD LISTEN, KID. YOU'RE HAVING YOUR TROUBLES WITH YOUNG PALOOKA? JOE NEVER WAS A PROBLEM—EH, KNOBBY? HUH? UN... SCUSE ME, DAN, THERE'S TH' PHONE? HELLO, KNOBBY—WHAT'S THIS BORN HOUSE? TRY AN' SET THINGS RIGHT AGAIN... AN' WIS— I GOT A STANLASH? FEELIN' TH' WORST IS YET TO COME?

The Lone Ranger. I GOT SOME IMPORTANT WORK AN' NEED A HELPER! WANT THE JOB? WE GOT OTHER WORK TO DO. MEANWHILE THE JONES BROTHERS, EX-CONVICTS, OCCUPY A HOTEL ROOM. HEY SCAR! LOOK ACROSS THE STREET! THE DYNAMITER WE HIRED IS TALKIN' TO THE INJUN WHO BROUGHT IN REDS' BODY!

Secret Agent X9. Strange talk for a highly trusted FBI agent— I DON'T WANT TO ADD MURDER TO BRIBERY AND TREASON! DELIVER THE FIFTY GRAND IN GOOD FAITH AND I'LL ARRANGE A LOGICAL ESCAPE FOR YOU! Minutes later, Paul and Doctor Doom carry Juanita to the plane. JUANITA, I HAVE MADE A DEAL WITH CORRIGAN! I'M SORRY THAT YOU COULD NOT BE INCLUDED! WATCH THESE MEN! IT COULD BE A TREE! THEN, AS THE PLANE IS AIRBORNE, DOOM MUSES TO HIMSELF... IF CORRIGAN IS PLAYING IT CUTE, THE PARTY WILL HAVE ANOTHER TYPE OF PAY-OFF FOR HIM!

POGO. NOW, LOOKY HERE, ON PAGE FOUR THE INKUM INSTRUCTION BOOK SAY LONG AS I IS A WIDDERER I MEBBE IS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF A JOINT RETURN FOR TWO YEARS FOLLOWIN' THE DEATH. EXCEPT FER THE FACT YOU AN' NEVER MARRIED YOU IS ALL SET TO SAVE A PORTUNE ON 'NO TAX. IT'S SPRING— I, BEN A RO-NANTIC TYPE, COULD GIT NITCHED... TROUBLE IS YOU HAFTA HARRY GOEBODY ALREADY DEAD— ANOTHER SNEAKY ITEM IS WHEN THEY SAYS 'BENEFIT OF A JOINT RETURN FOR TWO YEARS'...

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