

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

### WHEN DANGER MEANS SAFETY

More often than you ever dream, Are facts reversed from what they seem.

—Old Mother Nature.

One of the children of Mrs. Grouse was perched a little way up in a big hemlock tree. He was fully grown but still in his first year, still with very much to learn. In all the green Forest there was no one suffering from greater fright than was this young Grouse. This was because in a neighboring tree sat Hooty the Owl. Mrs. Hooty was perched in another tree close by. This dark gloomy part of the Green Forest was where they lived. These big, fierce, feathered hunters are lovers of darkness rather than light.



"What did you bring me here for?" he whimpered.

Grouse, "when it is safer to be close to danger than it is to be even at a long distance from it." Grouse.

"I'd rather be a long distance from Mrs. Grouse," he whimpered. "It was a thorny little chuckle. 'If you were away at a distance, you wouldn't know where Hooty was. He might come looking for you and you might not see him in time. You know he flies without making a sound. But now you know just where he is. What is more, he isn't looking for you.'" said Mrs. Grouse.

"How do you know he isn't?" asked the young Grouse. "Because," replied Mrs. Grouse, "at this time of day he isn't looking for anybody. He does most of his hunting when the Black Shadows come. What is more, he not only isn't looking for you now but he won't be looking for you here when he starts out hunting. He and Mrs. Hooty know that most folks know where they live and keep away from there. They don't hunt around home because they haven't any idea that anyone will be around for them to hunt. So this makes it the very safest place in the Green Forest for you just now. When they start out hunting to night they won't waste any time looking about here." It proved to be just so.

### STRANGE BUT TRUE

By F. H. MacArthur

In addition to the many old customs still kept up here, and there throughout the country in connection with the season of Lent, several interesting particulars have been bequeathed to us of the way it was observed in days gone by. Thus Mr. Fosbrooke tells us that ladies wore girthing during Lent, and quoting from "Camden's Remains," narrates how Sir Thomas More, finding his lady one day scolding the servant in Lent, gave deavored to restrain her. "Tush, tush, my lord!" said she, "look here is one step to heavenward!" showing him a friar's girthing. "I fear me," said he, "that one step will not bring you one step higher."

It appears, also, that it was formerly customary for persons to wear black clothes allusion to the streets amid much noise and merriment; after which it was often either burnt, shot at, or thrown down a chimney. In Ben Jonson's "Tale of a Tub" it is thus noticed: "On one Ash Wednesday, when thou didn't stand six weeks the Jack o' Lent for boys to hurl three throws a penny at thee." In years gone by, during Lent, an officer denominated the "King Cock Crowler" crowded the hour every night within the precincts of the palace, instead of proclaiming it in the ordinary manner. On the first Ash Wednesday after the accession of the House of Hanover, as the Prince of Wales, afterward George II was sitting down to supper, this officer suddenly entered the apartment, before the chaplain said grace, and crowed "past ten o'clock."

The astonished Prince, not understanding English, and mistaking the tremulation of the crowd for mockery, concluded that the ceremony was intended as an insult, and instantly rose to resent it; when, with some difficulty, he was made to understand the nature of the custom, and that it was intended as a compliment, and according to court etiquette. From that period the custom was discontinued.

### Grand

TO THE BOTTOM OF THE JAR

# Barbour's

STABILIZED PEANUT BUTTER

### THROAT SORE?

For common ordinary sore throats

JUST RUB ON

# MINARD'S

KING OF PAIN LINIMENT

# CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

### A FREQUENT PROBLEM

In many deals the declarer is faced with this problem: shall he take a chance on the favorable location of a key card, or shall he depend on an opposing error? If the opponents are very weak it may be a good idea to rely on their assistance, but, getting down to a specific case, it is obvious that one of the declarers in a team-of-four match sadly underestimated his opposition in this hand:

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

♠	QJ963	♠	5
♥	AQ5	♥	10876
♦	73	♦	985
♣	K65	♣	43

♠ 74 ♠ 5  
♥ KJ93 ♥ 10876  
♦ KQ10 ♦ 985  
♣ J72 ♣ 43

♠ AK1083  
♥ A62  
♦ A1098

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Win Thanks...

by passing this healthful, delicious treat around to your friends. It costs so little, yet people really appreciate it. Serve refreshment with Wrigley's Spearmint at parties, family get-togethers, after meals, too. Keep a supply on hand, especially during the holidays. Get some today.

### DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Founder of the Ottoman dynasty
2. Rascal
3. Equip with men
4. Part of "to be"
5. Northeast (abbr.)
6. Forests
7. Sea eagle
8. Arabian garments
9. Ceremony
10. Boil slowly
11. Help
12. Branch of learning
13. Rational
14. Bestow
15. Man's nickname
16. Stitch
17. Begin a quarrel
18. Factor
19. Web-footed birds
20. Taste
21. Resort
22. Parts of windows
23. Benefit
24. Grow old
25. Of flowers
26. A witty saying
27. Luzon native
28. Constellation
29. Type measure
30. Ecclesiastical laws
31. Doom
32. Thin tin plates
33. Projecting roof edges
34. Choice playing marble
35. Sandarac trees

DOWN

1. Bones (anat.)
2. Biblical name
3. Straight line through center of a circle
4. Amount
5. Sea-weed
6. Pines
7. Decade
8. Botch
9. Single unit
10. Distasteful drink
11. Polynesian
12. Water god (Babyl.)

### DESERT CHINA REDS

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—The military information service of the defense ministry said Friday many thousand Chinese youths disillusioned with communism have joined guerrilla forces on the Red mainland. It quoted "an unidentified chieftain" as saying the guerrilla forces used to be composed principally of former Nationalist troops and government employees, but now consisted largely of students, teachers, workers, farmers and others who had been "cheated by the Communists."

### Our Boarding House Major Hoople

FOR ONCE YOU'VE GOT ME STIFF-ARMED TWIGS... READING YOUR MIND IS LIKE TRYING TO READ A NEWSPAPER IN A NIGHT CLUB HAZE—THE PICTURE IS FOGGED UP AND I'D RATHER NOT GUESS!

WHAT I'VE GOT FRYING BETWEEN THE EARS STILL AIN'T READY TO SERVE, MOKRISSEY! BUT I HOPE IT COMES OUT SUNNY SIDE UP!

MY WORD! THIS IS LIKE AN AMUSEMENT PARK MAZE OF MIRRORS... WE GO MERRILY FROM ONE MYSTERY TO ANOTHER... HEH-HEH!

THIS IS ONLY ACT II, MAJOR!

### DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR  
is  
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

KYDL EZDRRI WRDLLZEX D FDJ  
MX LYLD ISA LYMJP YMF KSELY  
WRDLLZEMJU—XYDK.

Saturday's Cryptogram: WHO BREAKS NO LAW IS SUBJECT TO NO KING—CHAPMAN.

### The Lone Ranger

IF YOU'RE SO SURE THOSE MEN WE TALKED TO ARE THE ONES WHO FORBID THE STAGE, WHERE HAS THE CASH?

MUST BE SOMEWHERE, HOESBY.

WHERE'D YOU KEEP THE CASH?

IN A CRACK BETWEEN TWO ROCKS.

AFTER THE EXCITEMENT OF THE ROBBERY DIES DOWN, WE'LL GET IT.

WE CAN'T!

MEANWHILE, IN THE STAGECOACH OFFICE ACROSS THE STREET...

### Tilly the Toiler

MAC! ASK MR. SMOKING IF I CAN HAVE THE AFTERNOON OFF TO GO SHOPPING WITH BUBBLES.

OKAY!

NO!

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### Joe Palooka

THE CLOSEST KEYHOLE LITTLE MAX SEES ONE OF THE CROSS LEAVE IN QUEST OF SOME GRUB. HEK REMEMBERS QUICK SWARTLEY IS WIFE.

AMM, WONDER IF I CAN DO IT... GOTTA GET UP ON THAT SHELF QUICK...

GOOD... I MADE IT... NOW I'VE GOT BACK DOWN AND USE MY STRENGTH.

HEY... CUT OUT THAT NOISE, YA LITTLE PUNK... OKAY... I'LL SHUT 'EM UP!

### Bringing Up Father

SOMETHING'S TWO O'CLOCK... I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP REAR!

SO YOU SNEAKED OUT WHEN I WENT TO BED? NOW I SUPPOSE YOU'LL CLAIM YOU'LL FALL ASLEEP DOWNSTAIRS.

BUT, MAGGIE...

### Grandma

ERRR! I'LL FIX THOSE PRATES! I'LL SHIVER THEIR TIMBERS! I'LL CURL THEIR BEARDS!

RUDDLEPH... LOOK!

BLACKBEARD'S SHIP!

SO AHEAD, RUDOLPH! YOU LEAD THE CHARGE!

ER—W-W-WAY A MINUTE!

I—I—FORGOT MY PILLS!

### Mickey Mouse

GOLLY, HOW YOU NOTICED HOW CROSS GRANDMA HAS BEEN ALL MORNING?

YEAH! LET'S JUST WALK OUT TH' DOOR AN' GO HOME!

WHAT? AN' LEAVE ALL THESE FRESH-BAKED COOKIES?

CHECK, I DON'T MIND HER SCOLDIN' THAT MUCH.

### Ya Kent

HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR JOB AS NIGHT WATCHMAN AT THE ZOO?

OKAY... BUT TV RECEPTION IS FLOOR IN THIS PART OF TOWN!

NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!

WORKS FINE NOW, MICKEY!

### Henry

WOW! CHICKEN-HAM? I SURE PICKED A GOOD DAY!

I'LL HAVE TO CLEAN IT OUT!

HEY!

CAUGHT YOU RIGHT IN THE ACT, DIDN'T I?!

BUT DAD... HE WAS THE MAN TO FIX OUR REFRIGERATOR!

### Pogo

THE PLACE IS JUST AS WE LEFT IT—YOU'D THINK SOME FRIENDLY BEING OF STRENGTHENED UP YOUR ABSORBER.

WELL... CUT IT! CUT IT! CUT IT! CUT IT! CUT IT!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

I'M MY GOOD FRIEND, AM I NOT? FRIENDLY SPEAKING TO YOU TO HELP YOU TO YOUR OWN M-M-MENUS.

YOU CAN POOL AROUND IN YOUR BRAIN IF YOU WANT, BUT I'VE GONE TO LOCK UP YOUR BODY AN' BODORAPLATE OF SUPPER.

YOU HAVE NO RESPECT FOR CULTURAL THINGS! HEWEE...

I FORGIVE YOU—SO WHILE YOU'RE UP, GORRUP? I'VE LIKE A GOOD FELLOW, AND I'VE GOT PLENTY OF GRUBBY ON THE GREAT'S-ART.

### Muggs and Skeeter

WELL... AT LAST!

WELL, HOW DID YOU EVER GET LITTLE SAMMY CALLED DOWN AND READY FOR BED?

(NOTHING TO IT... HE PLAYS COWBOY...)

I PRETEND TO SHOOT HIM WITH MY TRUSTY FOREFINGER FIVE OR SIX HUNDRED TIMES...

...AND HE FINALLY FALLS ASLEEP, PLAYING DEAD!

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### By Mel Graff

ON THE LONELY ROAD BETWEEN THE WEATHER-PLATION AND KARATOU...

DON'T SHOOT, DR. REBOTCO! YOU CAN HAVE THE J-USEP!

MEANWHILE...

PHIL, LOOK! DE GEVIEK IS STUMBLING DOWN THE COMPANY STREET!

LET'S GET TO HIM! HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN IN A FIGHT! A BAD ONE!

### By Al Capp

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By Walt Disney  
By Paul Robinson  
By Carl Anderson  
By Walt Kelly  
By Wally Bishop  
By Bob Gustafson  
By Ham Fisher  
By George McManus