

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

THE SIGN ON THE BANK
It is not enough to merely see; you need to know what things may be.

Over in the Green Forest Peter Rabbit was wandering about. He was looking for his big cousin, Jumper the Hare. His wandering had finally brought him over to Laughing Brook. It wasn't laughing now. In most places it was gurgling under the ice. Only where it ran too swiftly to freeze over was there any open water.

Peter was feeling a bit lonesome. He far had heard or seen anybody. "It is just as if nobody is living over here," thought Peter as he sat on the bank of Laughing Brook. "I wonder where everybody is. By the looks of things I don't believe anyone has been around here for a long time."

Just then he saw something lying on the bank just a little way from him. At first he didn't think anything about it. Then he began to wonder what it was. He hopped over to it and looked down at it. It was the tail of a small fish.

There was nothing more of the fish than just the tail.

Peter looked all around as if he expected to see the rest of the fish. "Now, how did that thing get here on the bank," thought Peter to himself. "It hasn't been here long, because it isn't dried up. It could be that Billy Mink has been fishing here and ate the fish, but didn't eat the tail. It must have been Billy. It couldn't have been anybody else."

Peter sat up very straight and looked carefully this way and that way. "I hope Billy isn't around now," thought he. "I'm afraid of that fellow. He is almost as bad as his cousin, Shadow the Weasel. I never feel safe when I suspect either of those fellows is in the neighborhood. I'll get away from here as fast as I can. I'll feel more comfortable somewhere else. I'm glad he left that fish tail. If he hadn't, I wouldn't have known he was anywhere about. I'm much obliged to him for leaving a sign."

Peter turned his back on Laughing Brook and away he went lighly. He kept looking back to see if by any chance Billy Mink was following him. Billy wasn't. The farther away from Laughing Brook Peter got the easier he felt in his mind.

Presently he forgot all about Billy Mink and the tail of the fish on the bank.

There wasn't the least doubt in Peter's mind that Billy Mink had caught a fish, eaten it there on the bank and left the tail. No, sir, there wasn't a doubt in Peter's mind. Yet, Peter was altogether wrong. And it was because he had failed to take notice of little things. He had more than once, from a safe distance, watched Billy Mink fish. He had seen Billy climb up out of the water with a fish in his mouth. But he never noticed that as a rule Billy carried that fish away to eat it. Never before had he found the tail of a fish left on the bank after Billy had been fishing. For all his curiosity and poking his wobbly little nose into other folks' business Peter doesn't know as much about his neighbors as he might. Every day he sees things without knowing what he sees. In this Peter is no different from most folks, strange as that may seem.

W.C.T.U. NOTES

QUESTION:
"Alcohol stimulates the mind, releasing hitherto undreamed-of powers."

ANSWER:
This typical double-talk of wet propaganda simply means that liquor "stimulates" the weaker nature by depressing self-control, judgment, moral inhibitions.

In other words, liquor begins by dulling that part of man's brain which distinguishes him from a beast. It thus "stimulates" the lower animal nature.

Fighting, murder, promiscuity, highway carelessness are some of the results. These are the "hitherto undreamed-of powers" released! Alcohol is a narcotic.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

The late Johan G.R. Baner of Ironwood, Michigan, a newspaperman and authority on Norse history, believed that a band of vikings visited Michigan in the 12th century. He based his belief on a runic inscription which he found in Sweden and translated.

Baner claimed the inscription told of the voyage of Vidar, a young Norse chieftain and 11 men. It was written by a historian named Arnyaat, who accompanied the party. Traveling to Vinland (America) from Iceland in a gallei, Vidar and his band reached the "Big Mouth," which Baner said was the entrance to the St. Lawrence River. They proceeded down this river to Georgian Bay. Since they could not have carried their gallei above Niagara Falls, Baner said, they apparently built a dug-out canoe, or one of bark after long and difficult journey they reached an "enormous lake" and a "big island" where copper was obtained. Baner believed the lake was Lake Superior and the copper site Isle Royale where Indians operated primitive mines. After a peaceful stay among the Indians, according to the inscription, Vidar returned to Sweden.

As a youth Baner left Sweden and settled in America. In an article he told that one day in 1891 while he was editor of a Swedish newspaper in Ashland, Wis., an Indian visited him at his office. The Indian said his name was Arnyaat, the same as that of the historian with Vidar, and spoke a corrupt form of Swedish. He said the Swedish words were "magic" and had been passed down to him by his ancestors. Other Indians, Baner said, later verified this claim. They told of a legend about men dressed in "ice" (Armor) and winged helmets who came from a far-off place in a boat.

Remembering the Vidar saga, Baner said, he dug out the notes he had made long before and found the story paralleled perfectly with the Indian's story. He was convinced that the Indians could have learned the ancient Swedish words only from the Vikings, who alone of the ancient visitors to America fitted the Indians' description.

In Lebanon, Ohio, four sisters, Ann, Elizabeth, Mary and Sarah Horner were killed by the same bolt of lightning.

In the San Francisco Bay area they're worried about tremendous explosions that occur. No one can find where the blasts originate, but they definitely aren't earthquakes. Time after time all jet aircraft have been checked and cleared by military authorities. No known explosives are being set off in the vicinity.

The blasts are real all right-heavy enough to shake houses, rattle windows. Many people have tumbled out of their beds and rushed into their cars. Even windows have been broken. The blasts have been intense over widely separated areas. Switchboards of police, newspapers and radio stations have been jammed.

Army, Navy, Air Force, the Observatory, University of California, Weather Bureau, Coast Guard, Pacific Gas and Electric, Fire Department and Police Departments have all investigated. No one has come up with the right answer.

Patrolman Stephen Sargent was on his beat when he spied Mrs. Rose Deraicuk, 30, and her two

young children in a parked car piled with clothing and food. "How come?" asked the Passaic, N. J. patrolman. "Ghosts" was the answer. The father, Manislaw Deraicuk, was located at work, where he confirmed the story.

The family had moved out of their five-room apartment because they said spirits were roaming about, talking in the walls, and generally making weird noises. They had spent two or three days living in the cramped confines of their car in preference to sharing their living quarters with spirits. A thorough investigation of the apartment found no evidence of ghosts, and at the last account,

the family were back in the house. In Anatolian Turkey, British archaeologists have unearthed a 3,000-year-old palace comparable to the mighty palace of Minos in Crete and apparently the home of a people called the Arzawas who fought the ancient Hittites before the Trojan War. The palace was found beneath a huge mound about 150 miles up the Meander River in southwestern Asia Minor. Most of the large rooms had been subterranean and carried a heating system. The palace had been painstakingly razed and in every chamber large areas of pavement had collapsed into the blazing corridors beneath.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

HE DIDN'T COUNT TRUMPS

East could scarcely wage the best defense in the following deal considering that he obviously neglected to count the played trumps.

West dealer
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 102
♥ 843
♦ KJ98652
♣ 10

♠ K85
♥ AKQ
♦ 10
♣ A Q 10

♠ A J 9 6 3
♥ 6
♦ K J 9 8 7 6 5
♣ 4 3 2

The bidding:
West North East South
1 Pass 1 Pass 2 Pass
6 Pass 6 Pass 6 Pass
Dble. Pass Pass Pass

West's leap to six hearts was optimistic, but it was considerably more logical than South's bid of six spades. Even if South had not been vulnerable, that bid would have been a "flag-flyer" of the worst type. Six hearts couldn't have been made, and so South's "sacrifice" was unnecessary, as well as very expensive.

At that, however, South escaped full punishment. West opened the heart king and continued with the ace. Declarer ruffed and led a club. West won and led a third heart. Declarer should have led the club king in an effort to cash it or to force West to use a high trump, but instead, South led a low club. West discarded a diamond and dummy ruffed with the spade deuce. Now declarer ruffed a diamond with the spade nine and returned another club. Again West discarded a diamond, dummy ruffed with the spade ten and a diamond was returned.

Now everything should have been perfectly clear to East. West had shown one club, five diamonds and four hearts, hence must have started with three spades. Since declarer had ruffed three times, he was obviously down to two trumps. That being so, East now should have ruffed in with the spade queen, thereby preventing declarer from making another low trump. But East discarded a heart, and this led declarer bring home the spade jack.

The penalty was substantial as it was -1400 points—but East made the enemy an outright gift of 300 points.

Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams

TRYING TO BE FUNNY AGAIN?
NO-NATURAL! I'VE PUT SO MUCH TIME IN THE BACK SEAT WITH VEGETABLES. I'M SET TO LOOK LIKE 'EM!



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

Our Boarding House

Major Hoople

YOU'VE GOT A NICE STIFF LEFT THERE, LEANER, BUT WHERE'S YOUR RIGHT?—ARE YOU SAVING IT FOR

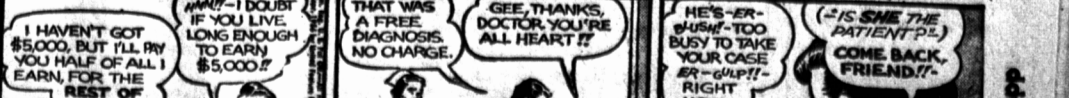
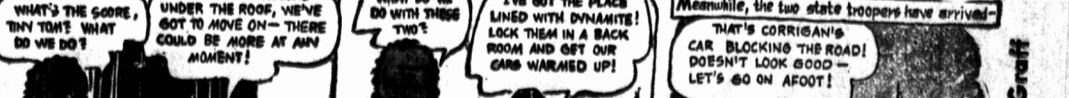
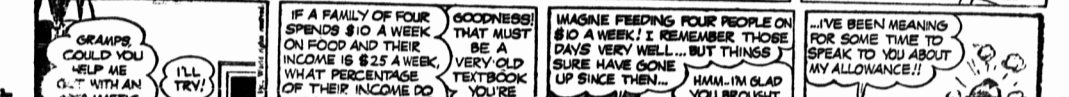
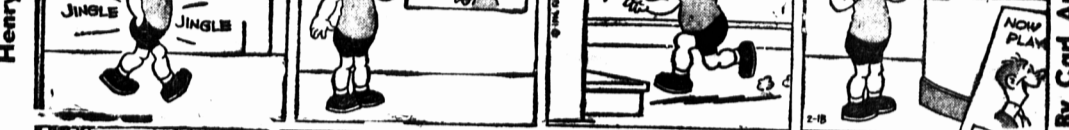
I'VE TAKEN A ROKE WHA'LOW THAN A BAD-MINTON BIRD JUST TO PITCH THIS ONE HAYMAKER

I COULD FEEL THAT THING LIKE LOW GRADE IN GRAMMAR!

PLUCK!

INSTRUCTOR IS INSTRUCTED

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WHY HAVE SORE FEET?
JUST RUB IT
MINARD'S
"KING OF PAIN"
LINIMENT

Scratchy Throat?
Gargle with Soothing
DR. FOWLER'S
extract of
WILD STRAWBERRY

TELEVISION
CKCW — Moncton

Television Programme

Channel 2

SATURDAY

- 2:00 p.m.—FM Pops
- 3:00 p.m.—Hopalong Cassidy
- 4:00 p.m.—Junior Playhouse
- 5:30 p.m.—Kids On Camera
- 6:30 p.m.—Wild Bill Hickock
- 7:30 p.m.—Disneyland
- 8:00 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
- 9:00 p.m.—Weather
- 9:45 p.m.—Sports
- 10:00 p.m.—CBC News
- 10:30 p.m.—Navy Log
- 11:00 p.m.—Holiday Ranch
- 11:30 p.m.—Stage Show
- 12:00 a.m.—Honeymooners
- 12:30 a.m.—On Camera
- 1:00 a.m.—TBA
- 1:30 p.m.—The Hay Riders
- 2:00 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
- 3:00 p.m.—Weather
- 3:15 p.m.—Billy O'Connor
- 3:35 p.m.—Charlie Chan
- 3:55 a.m.—Sign Off

SUNDAY

- 9:00 p.m.—FM Choral Hour
- 10:00 p.m.—Country Calendar
- 11:00 p.m.—Window on Canada
- 12:00 p.m.—Perspective
- 1:00 p.m.—You Are There
- 2:00 p.m.—Climate
- 3:00 p.m.—Lassie
- 4:00 p.m.—Sunday Interlude
- 5:00 p.m.—News Magazine
- 6:00 p.m.—Butternut All Star Theatre
- 7:00 p.m.—Father Knows Best
- 8:00 p.m.—Our Miss Brooks
- 9:00 p.m.—This is the Life
- 10:00 p.m.—Toast of the Town
- 11:00 p.m.—Four Star Theatre
- 12:00 a.m.—CGE Showtime
- 1:00 a.m.—International Playhouse
- 2:00 a.m.—Theatre
- 3:00 p.m.—CBC Folio "The Lady and the Lodger"
- 4:00 a.m.—Sign Off

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Bringing Up Father

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Henry
Mugs and Skeezer
Tilly the Toiler
Eva Kent
Joe Palooka
The Lone Ranger
George McManus
By Weat Kelly
LIV Abner

By Charles Kuhn
By Walt Disney
By Carl Anderson
By Wally Bishop
By Bob Gustafson
By Paul Robinson
By Ham Fisher
By Fran Striker
By Mel Graff
By Al Capp