BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

MRS. RATTLES KEEPS A SECRET

— Mrs. Rattles. When all is said and all is done, A secret best is kept by one.

The new home that Rattles the Kingfisher and Mrs. Rattles had been digging in the big sand pit that Rattles thought was too far from he nearest water was completed. Rattles gave a sigh of relief as the last few grains of sand were being pushed out of the doorway, and trickled down the steep wall of the pit.

"I don't see what that has to do with the matter," said he.

"It really is good", declared Rattles.

"It would be better if it were not for that stone we had to dig around," said Mrs. Rattles.

"I am not sure that that stone isn't a good thing. Really, it was no work to dig around it. And if we should have an unwelcome visitor they probably wouldn't try to go farther than that stone," said Rattles.

"I hope we have made the nursery big enough," said Mrs. Rattles.

"It is as big as usual, and that ought to be sufficient. Are you thinking that we may need extra room?" said Rattles.

Mrs. Rattles had a dreamy look in her eyes. "I may lay some extra eggs," said she.

"Why some extra ones?" demanded Rattles. "We usually have a big enough family as it is."

"We are a long way from where we can catch any fish," said Mrs. Rattles, quite as if that explained everything.

Rattles thought it over. "I don't see what that has to do with the matter," said he. "In fact, it seems to me that if we have a smaller family than usual we will be better off. We are going to have to do an awful lot of flying anyway, in order to feed the children until they can get to the water themselves."

"True," said Mrs. Rattles. "That is going to be a long distance for the darlings to fly for the first time when they do start for the water. So something might happen to some of them on the way. If this should be the case we would still have a good-sized family to send out into the Great World.

"I still think a small family would be better," said Rattles, and took to his wings. He was hungry, and he was going fishing.

Mrs. Rattles watched him out of sight, then went into the new home in the bank. It was a long hall, with a turn in it around the big stone, that led to the snug bedroom or nursery. It was more than ten feet from the doorway to the bedroom, and that was a long distance to dig with only bills for tools. Mrs. Rattles pretended to make a bed on which to lay the eggs. It wasn't much of a nest compared with what some of the feathered folk make for their babies. All that Mrs. Rattles covered the sandy floor with, were a few fish bones, and a few small sticks and straws. On this rough bed she laid her white eggs during the next few days. She wouldn't let Rattles in. He didn't know how many eggs she had laid. That was her secret, and she kept it. Rattles wasn't too interested. He had affairs of his own that kept him busy.

The next story: Fishing is More Than Luck.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

"When I was a barefoot boy with cheeks of tan," I saw how a country doctor's business is run, and at our neighbors I could inspect the business of a miller and a smithy, which is ever so interesting to small boys. And at my uncle's I saw what a farmer has to do when he prepares virgin soil for cropping, but if I once started telling you about such things I should never stop telling you all I learnt. Our blacksmith, Robert Fizgel, (He is still hale and hearty) used to let me blow his bellows while he tempered a piece of iron or shaped a horseshoe. It was my first revelation of the smith's art, and I lost my heart to it then, and have been in love with it ever since. And then, between spells of fishing, I would have a look over the old grist mill operated by Duncan Hyde and see how he made flour from the golden grains of wheat. Every day I visited the village general store and post office run by Mr. B. C. Webster, (now retired in Charlottetown), and watch in silence while he and his wife filled orders for their customers. Then there was the old butter - and -cheese factory operated by John Ellsworth (still a resident of Cornwall) and watch how he made the curds into delicious cheese, many a delicious slice of which went down my gullet, and if you have not seen cheese in the making you know nothiing about it at all, though you may eat some every day. I would visit the woodworking shop operated by the late Donald Macphail and eye him with interest to see if he would cut off a finger or drop some heavy piece of wood on his toes.

Now I have got a sort of business of my own, and I work at it when the spirit moves me. But even if I were to sit in the middle of the road doing my stuff I don't believe a single boy or girl would stop to look at me juggling a quill - to see how a column is brought into being. I don't say that it's a useless profession: but it's not one of the superlative ones such as I have tried to picture above, and the material used is of a strange sort- you don't even see it. The ringing anvil of the smithy and the odor of new born cheese and butter and the creaking of the old mill and the whir of the workshop are memories indeed. So for all the men who did such astonishing things before the fascinated eyes of a country boy.

INDIAN TO VISIT U. S.

NEW DELHI (AP)—The Hindustan Times says U. S. Vice-President Nixon has invited Home Minister Chakravarthi Rajagopalachari to visit the United States. Rajagopalachari has been campaigning against continued hydrogen bomb tests and recently urged Inda to reject further U. S. aid unless H-bomb tests were halted.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

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TOO FINESSE-MINDED

WHEN a declarer loses the sort of contract that South lost in the following deal, there is only one valid conclusion: he is *much* too fond of finessing!

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

	♠ K Q 10 ♥ A Q 6 4 3 ♦ J 8 2 ♣ K 7	
♠ J 9 7 4 2 ♥ J 8 ♦ Q 5 ♣ J 9 6 2	N W E S	♠ A 6 5 ♥ K 10 9 7 ♦ 6 4 3 ♣ 10 5 4
	♠ 8 3 ♥ 5 2 ♦ A K 10 9 7 ♣ A Q 8 3	

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

South had a strong hand opposite an opening bid, but he didn't have to reach game so abruptly—and *ineptly*. Since he himself had such substantial diamond and club strength, he concluded that North "must have something in spades," and this of course was the fact, but South's leap in notrump had the not-unnatural effect of placing the contract in the wrong hand. If South had correctly bid three clubs on the second round, North would have been the one to mention three notrump, and that contract *couldn't have* been lost from his position.

West opened the four of spades, and East played low on dummy's queen without any giveaway hesitation. South then led and passed the jack of diamonds—and when West won and led another low spade, South was faced with a sheer guess! He was well aware that West, an expert, would have waged the same defense from a spade holding headed by the ace, so there was really no way of telling whether to put up dummy's king or to play the ten. After a long but futile huddle, South guessed wrong—he put in the king—and the opponents dashed off four spade tricks.

South should not have had to guess the spade situation; he should have handled the *diamond* suit more realistically. The right plan was to cash the ace and king in an effort to keep West off lead. South could well afford to lose a diamond trick to East.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Thin, brittle cookie
5. Pierce with a dagger
9. A tissue (anat.)
10. Cavity
11. Armor
12. Wearing boots
14. Ovum (Biol.)
15. Thrice (Mus.)
16. Exclamation
17. Capital of Iran (poss.)
20. Neuter pronoun
21. Small nail
22. Change position
24. Cleaning implement
26. Measure of distance (pl.)
27. Rowing implements
28. A method of learning
29. Overhead
30. Pachyderm
34. Bind
36. Sloths
37. At the present time
38. English river
40. Root of the tare
41. Peel
42. Toward the lee
46. Weaver's reed
44. Affected manners

DOWN
1. Platform
2. One who lives near another
3. Entire amount
4. Father
5. Sheared
6. Also
7. A singing voice
8. A crowded, busy place
14. Encountered
18. The front sight of a gun
18. Lavishes extreme affection
15. English street-car
18. Appearing as if eaten
19. A colonist in Virginia, 1607
20. A flowering shrub
24. Trials
25. Swords
26. Swabbing implements
28. Check
31. Covered with lard
32. Swellings
33. A number
35. Wicked
39. East-northeast (abbr.)
40. High priest
42. Latvian river

P	R	O	A		S	K	A	B				
C	R	A	B	S		O	A	S	I	S		
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Yesterday's Answer

1	2	3	4	■	5	6	7	8	■			
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

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

H O W V G S A , T J V C O S W V H O C R S K
S F L V G K K S . O R F Y N F G S K Q
G F Y O X H G K T S J — T F R J O C H S K C

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: A NECK, WHEN ONCE BROKEN, CAN NEVER BE SET—WALSH.

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