

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE LONG DREADFUL NIGHT

What by day may cause no fright, Terror may become at night.—Old Mother Nature.

That is a queer thing, but it is true. Things seen in daylight and not noticed at all, and sounds heard during the day without causing the least fear, in the night become terrible. And it is all because of darkness.

It is foolish, this fear of the darkness. Of course it is foolish. But some people cannot seem to help it. In darkness itself there is life. In darkness itself there is nothing to be afraid of. Timmy the Flying Squirrel and Whitefoot the Woodmouse, two of the smallest and most timid of the little folk in fur, wait for darkness before they come out because they feel safer then. If they are safer, of course anyone so much bigger as a little boy or girl is just that much safer. Whitefoot would laugh at anyone being afraid of the darkness.

Over in the Green Forest when the Black Shadows came creeping through to the lonesome part where even in daytime it is dark, a young Grouse part way up in a big hemlock tree was more frightened than ever, although he thought he had been as frightened as anyone could be. Even though his mother was close beside him on the same branch he was too frightened to sleep. This was because of the frightening neighbors they had. Hooty and Mrs. Hooty, the biggest members of the Owl family and fiercest of fierce hunters, were making their home in that lonesome part of the Green Forest. All the afternoon of the young Grouse had seen them in a neighboring tree. Of course they didn't know he was there. Most of the time they were asleep. But when the Black Shadows came through the Green Forest, Hooty and Mrs. Hooty were very much awake. They really are night folk. It is at shadow time they love best to hunt.

The young Grouse saw them start out hunting. He was sure then that they would find him. Even when mother came back late that afternoon he hadn't been able to feel really safe. Now as he heard the hunting call of those two Owls it frightened him as he never had been frightened before. He had often heard them give that frightening call, but it was always at a distance. Now he heard it close at hand when they first started out. The young Grouse was sure that he didn't sleep a wink all night. Of course he did. Really he slept most of the night. But he did wake up now and then and every time he was sure that he had been awakened by one of their big fierce hunters with the great broad wings. Once Mrs. Hooty hooted from the very next tree. The eyes of the young Grouse flew wide open and he almost fell from the branch he was sitting on.

After that, every little sound he heard he was sure was made by one of those two feathered hunters looking for him. It was the most awful night he had ever spent. When it was over and jolly, round, bright Mr. Sun began his morning climb up in the blue, blue sky, the young Grouse saw Hooty and



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Mrs. Hooty come back to their favorite tree to spend the day. Of course that didn't make him feel much better. Still, it was good to be able to see and not have that dreadful feeling that unseen danger was close at hand. Danger that cannot be seen always seems worse than danger that can be seen. And the thing that the young Grouse couldn't understand at all was that mother didn't seem to have been at all frightened through that dreadful night. He just didn't understand it.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By F. H. MacArthur

We have found a sure road to spoil happiness when we make issues of little unimportant matters. Dogs, cats and other pets can be protected under a health insurance plan in Los Angeles, California. The plan is being offered by a group of more than 20 affiliated veterinary clinics in this California city.

Bill B. Bowman, executive director of the pet health plan Inc. said the cost of the new animal protection will be less than the national average now spent for veterinary care of pets. The installment collector also has a hard time keeping up with the Joneses.

Because he was sickly, Fredrico Faggion, of Vincenza, Italy was rejected by the Italian army in 1872. Recently he celebrated his one hundredth birthday anniversary. Golfers playing the course at Gainsborough, England, have encountered a new hazard that is

ruining their game and their pocketbooks - golf ball eating cows. Twenty cows from a nearby farm graze on part of the links and they've developed a restful appetite for the hard rubber balls. They come around every time a ball is hit and have gulped down several hundred balls much to the consternation of club pro Arthur Barnes and other golfers. Strange but true.

THE "DARK CONTINENT"

For many centuries - even up until the First World War - Africa was called the "Dark Continent." All types of fantastic and hair-raising stories were attributed to that continent. Now most of Africa has been explored and it is seldom referred to as being dark.

Newell Grinnell, of Rochester, N.Y., Grinnell Newell of New York City, and Mrs. Albert Newell of Grinnell, Texas, all registered in the Key Biscayne Hotel, Miami, Florida, the same week.

Henpeck is a small town in the state of Indiana. "The word 'last' has ten different meanings (latest); hinder-most; utmost; most recent; endure; after all others; final; shaped iron last upon which shoes are made; weight or measure, formerly used in commerce.

SAW DOUBLE

Folks really saw double in the town of Oirschot, Holland, when 300 pairs of twins held a get-together. Oirschot was chosen as the site for the European Twins Congress because among the 7,700 residents are 63 pairs of twins. During the congress, the town became the "property" of every man and woman with a double. Twelve nations were represented.

All twins of the same sex dressed exactly alike for the unique gathering. The youngest twins present were three years old and the oldest were 82.

When medics and biologists and others heard about the affair, they wished to attend. They said they wanted to study the history and behavior of twins.

Originators of the idea vetoed the idea of having a scientific investigation made out of it. They said the meeting was strictly "for fun". A compromise, however, was worked out by the formation of Netherland Twins, a group willing to permit studies to be carried out with their co-operation. Amusements in the Dutch town might be difficult to find ordinarily, but when the gathering of twins was held there was plenty going on. The guests took part in various contests in which the oldest, youngest, most musical, most alike, and most unlike twins in like were judged. One pair of twins played 64 instruments.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

BIDDING PROWESS A REQUISITE

The hand below is a type that presents bidding difficulties to most players short of the expert class.

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

♠ 73	♥ K854	♦ A932	♣ J62
♠ 10	♥ A762	♦ 1065	♣ K9543
♠ AK843	♥ QJ	♦ KJ7	♣ A108

Some experts would elect to open the South hand with one no-trump, and there is something to be said for this approach, but let's assume that South starts off with the more routine one-spade bid. West passes, and North has no problem (yet)—he has a sound and obvious raise to two spades. After East passes, South will certainly make another bid, and taking into consideration the limited nature of North's hand as announced by his single raise, South will probably (and quite correctly) bid two no-trump, thus sounding North out in another direction.

FRUIT CROPS SOAP

OTTAWA (CP)—The 1955 crop of apples, peaches, pears and cherries were estimated as the largest on record, the bureau of statistics said Tuesday. The estimated apple crop alone rose to 19,500,000 bushels from 14,600,000 last year, an increase of 34 per cent. Highest apple crop increases occurred in Quebec and Nova Scotia.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS: 1. Part of "to be"; 5. Flourished; 9. Oscillate; 10. To map again; 12. Greedy; 13. Extreme hunger; 14. Man's nickname; 15. Magician; 16. One who earns; 18. Desired; 19. E. I. graze; same as "glaze"; 21. Marked by areoles; 22. Varying weight (Ind.); 23. Malabar measure; 25. Town in Indiana (poss.); 27. Lyric poems; 29. City in France; 30. Coin (Latvia); 31. The same (L.); 32. Naught; 34. Nucle; 35. Through; 37. Rude dwelling (anat.); 39. Bone (anat.).

CRYPTOGRAM QUOTATION: ZSI NVMLTC WI GLZ RC CJNYMUD BI WI TRWB-USLKELW.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: BE AS A TOWER, THAT, FIRMLY SET, SHAKES NOT ITS TOP FOR ANY BLAST THAT BLOWS.

Our Boarding House Major Hoople



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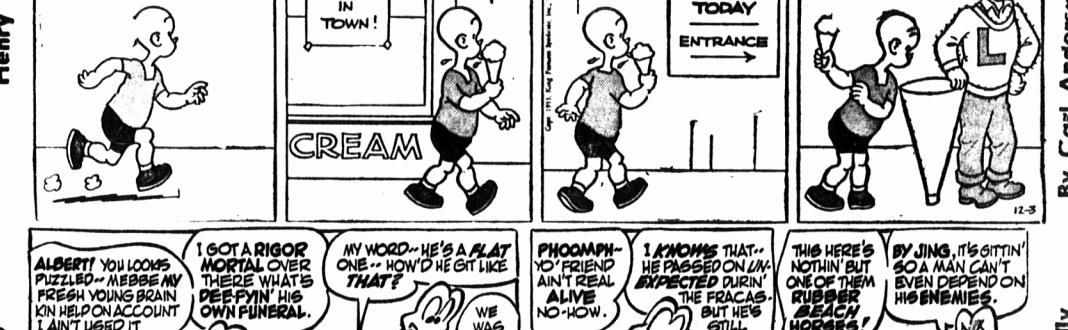
Television Programme Channel 2

SATURDAY

- 3:00 p.m. — F. M. Pops
- 3:30 p.m. — Hopalong Cassidy
- 4:00 p.m. — Junior Playhouse
- 4:30 p.m. — Art Linkletter
- 5:00 p.m. — Wild Bill Hickock
- 5:30 p.m. — Disneyland
- 6:30 p.m. — CKCW-TV News
- 6:40 p.m. — Weather
- 6:45 p.m. — Sports
- 6:50 p.m. — CBC News
- 7:00 p.m. — Burns & Allen
- 7:30 p.m. — Holiday Ranch
- 8:00 p.m. — Stage Show
- 8:30 p.m. — The Honeymooners
- 9:00 p.m. — On Camera
- 9:30 p.m. — Life of Riley
- 10:00 p.m. — Mr. Fix It
- 10:15 p.m. — TBA
- 10:30 p.m. — Square Dancing with the Pioneers
- 11:00 p.m. — CKCW-TV News
- 11:10 p.m. — Weather
- 11:15 p.m. — Billy O'Connor Show
- 11:35 p.m. — Charlie Chan
- 11:55 p.m. — Sign Off.

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