By Thornton W. Burgess

RATTLES BECOMES UNEASY

Those versed enough in signs to read them
Are foolish if they do not heed them.
—Rattles the Kingfisher.

Rattles the Kingfisher was uneasy. He couldn't have told you why he was uneasy. It was something in the air; he didn't know just what. Rattles had not gone south for the winter. There was a certain place where the water of the Big River seldom if ever froze over, and Rattles had so far spent the winter near this. By patience and watchful waiting, he could always get a fish when he most needed it. Of course the fishes that Rattles caught were small, mostly Minnows.

Another who came daily to that open water to fish was Longlegs the Heron. He was the Great Blue Heron, largest of the Heron cousins who came north. All the rest of his family had gone south before winter had set in, but somehow Longlegs hadn't wanted to leave. He and Rattles were rivals to some extent. You see, Longlegs could fish only where the water was not deep. Sometimes Rattles would be sitting on a branch of a tree watching the water for a fish, and right below him Longlegs would be standing in the water up to his knees also watching for a fish. If a fish swam in within reach of the long neck and bill of Longlegs, it would be caught before Rattles would have a chance to dive for it. That always provoked Rattles. He would rattle angrily. "This is my fishing place. Why don't you go find a place for yourself? I chose this place first," he cried. Longlegs took no notice.

Again a small fish would swim in just out of reach of Longlegs. Rattles would shoot down and catch that fish, sometimes so near to Longlegs that he would almost splash the water in his face. That always provoked the big Heron. "That was my fish!" he would protest. "It was swimming right into me."

To this Rattles would pay no attention, but would fly up to his perch, and there swallow the fish head-first. All that Longlegs could do was to watch. It was very provoking, especially when Longlegs was having no luck.

This morning, Rattles was paying no attention to fishing. He was too uneasy to think of fishing. When Longlegs arrived he also gave little attention to fishing.

"Do you feel it, too?" asked Rattles, leaning over to look down at Longlegs.

"What are you talking about?" croaked Longlegs.

"The feeling," replied Rattles, just as if he thought that was all that was necessary.

"What feeling?" croaked the big Heron.

"The feeling that something is going to happen," replied Rattles.

"Now you speak of it, I do. I have felt it ever since last night. It must be the weather," said Longlegs.

"The weather isn't bad," said Rattles.

"That was my fish!" he would protest.

"I don't mean the weather now, but the weather that's coming," replied Longlegs.

"How do you know what kind of weather is coming?" remanded Rattles.

"I don't. I just have that feeling that you spoke about, and I don't like it," said Longlegs. With that he spread his great wings, and with his long legs trailing behind him he flew across to the other side of the Big River.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

NO NEED FOR "SECOND SIGHT"

At the end of the following hand North expressed himself rather vehemently on the subject of his partner's play, and South answered tartly: "What! Did you expect me to guess that the trump king was singleton?"

"No," North said bitterly. "I only expect you to have rudimentary ideas about safety plays."

And North "had something." This was the deal:

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

North: ♠ A 4 ♥ 6 5 3 2 ♦ 9 8 5 ♣ K Q J 3

West: ♠ 10 7 6 5 3 ♥ J 8 6 ♦ K ♣ 10 8 6 4

East: ♠ J 9 ♥ A K Q 10 9 7 ♦ J 10 4 ♣ 9 6

South: ♠ K Q 8 7 ♥ — ♦ A Q 7 6 3 2 ♣ A 5 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣	2 ♥
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the heart jack. South ruffed, went to dummy with a spade and hopefully tried the diamond finesse to his own queen. East, not being a novice, played the four-spot on this trick, and when West smothered the queen with the king, declarer could not avoid the loss of another trump trick.

The correct play in this situation is not open to debate. Declarer should lay down the diamond ace from his own hand. Consider: if the diamond king is in East's hand, where it could have been finessed, declarer has lost nothing material. He will go to dummy with a club or a spade and lead a second diamond toward his queen. The king can win—what of it?—but unless all four of the missing diamonds were banked originally, declarer is safe; and if they were banked, he could not have saved himself by taking the finesse.

The proper cashing of the diamond ace guards against precisely the situation that existed here. Readers will do themselves a service by distributing the missing diamonds in all possible ways and seeing for themselves that the safety play of the ace is infinitely superior to the immediate finesse from dummy to the queen.

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GLEN VALLEY W. I.

The monthly meeting of the Glen Valley W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Norman MacDonald Jan. 6th. The meeting opened in the usual manner. Roll call was answered by eight members, one new member joined. The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed. It was moved and seconded that all Christmas bills be paid.

It was decided the teacher purchase a desk with the proceeds from the Christmas Concert. Correspondence was read and discussed. A thank-you letter from Mrs. Ella Abbott was acknowledged. An invitation was received from Springton to attend the W. I. meeting Feb. 2nd at the home of Mrs. Ralph Thompson.

Roll call for next month will be answered with a sympathy or get-well card. New committees were appointed as follows: sick, Mrs. Cyrus Martin, Mrs. Art MacLean; school, Miss Craswell; program, Mrs. Hensley Higgins, Mrs. Roy Frizzell. The collection amounted to 63 cents; proceeds from auction sale $6.60. The meeting closed with National Anthem," after which lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Cyrus Martin and the Misses June Nicholson and Anna MacDonald. A social hour was enjoyed by all.

YORK

Mr. Wesley Matthew, York, has been ill with the flu at his home. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vessey, son Allison and daughter, Lois, spent Thursday afternoon in the City, Jan 20th.

The W. T. C. U. held their meeting at the Manse. Mrs. Sproule being hostess.

Mrs. Gordon Carr and son, Eric, Oyster Bed Bridge, spent Sunday at York, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Proud, and Mrs. Carr's mother, Mrs. Albert Proud.

Mr. and Mrs. Leith Watts, City, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Watts, York, on Sunday

York United Church held their annual meeting on January 18th, with a good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave McDonald, Charlottetown, were guests on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett, York.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watts, York, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Nicholson, Flat River, on Jan. 23rd.

Miss Lavina McDonald, City, spent Sunday in York, Jan. 23.

Mrs. Herbert Lewis, York, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Millar MacFadyen and Mr. MacFadyen, City.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Watts and daughter, Carla and little son Glenn, were the guests of Mrs. Watt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, Flat River, on Sunday.

The many friends of Mrs. Wesley Matthew, are glad to see her around again, after a bad case of the flu.

The card party held in York Hall every Monday evening was well attended. The highest scores for the evening were Mrs. Raymond Vessey and Mr. Earle Ling.

Mrs. Wesley Cooper and daughter, Gail, spent Tuesday in the City.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Frank Bovyer, Covehead, who has been ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Vessey, is better and soon will be returning home again.

Mrs. J. M. Sproule, York Manse, attended the annual W. M. S. meeting at Summerside, also Miss France Vessey who is a delegate from York Evening Auxiliary.

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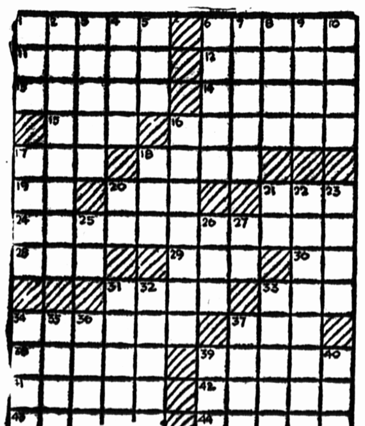
DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Extra
6. West Indian island
11. Zeal
12. Sheeplike
13. Antlered animal
14. A spree (slang)
15. Weep
16. Secured with a belt
17. Malt beverage
18. Lampreys
19. Music note
20. Entire amount
21. Swab
24. Very rich person
28. Wine receptacle
29. Spice
30. Note of the scale
31. Covered with egg
33. Clamor
34. Places of worship
37. A can
38. Cleanse
39. Trite
41. Harden
42. Tidal flood (Gr. Brit.)
43. Riding horse
44. Weaver's reeds

DOWN
1. Man's nickname
2. Announce
3. Worship
4. Blushing
5. Before
6. Swedish inventor
7. Wicked doings
8. Card game resembling auction bridge
9. English prelate
[illegible] Plant ovule
[illegible] Is connected with
17. Egyptian dancing girl
18. High priest
20. Man's nickname
21. Note of the scale
22. Common
23. A day laborer (Sp. Am.)
25. Music note
26. Negative vote
27. Jewish month
31. Tidal flood (Gr. Brit.)
32. Avarice
33. A surface depression
34. Sacred bull (Egypt.)
35. Famous U.S. actor
36. Real
37. Active volcano (Phil. Is.)
39. God of pleasure (Egypt.)
40. Man's nickname



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Saturday's Answer

CHASE RAJAH
HALOS EXUDE
AVOWS DINER
LAW FASTED
IN SHOW OMS
CANTEENS
ESSIE IOTAS
BLANDISH
ALS PIGS PA
BELAIT HEW
RAISE ADORN
ASPIC LOOSE
MESNE TEPEE

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, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

[illegible] LKSF TLF IPF GJXW, IPTI
SPLJM OFGGHFW TUS CZLF—NTIIW.

Saturday's Cryptoquote: LOVE HAS A THOUSAND WAYS TO PLEASE, BUT MORE TO ROB US OF OUR EASE—DRYDEN.

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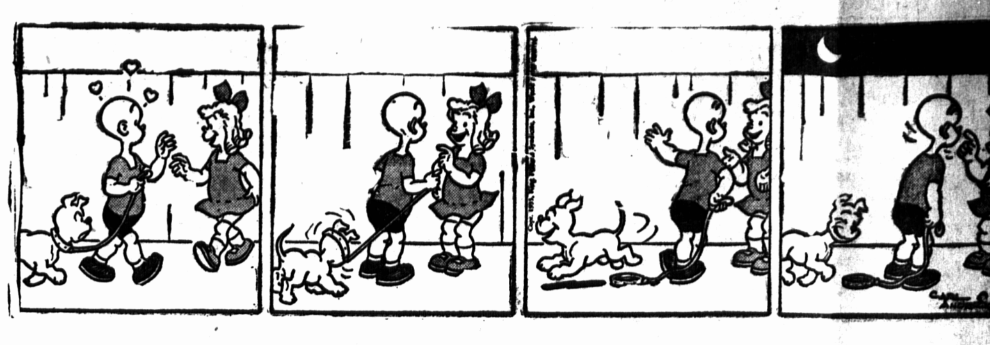
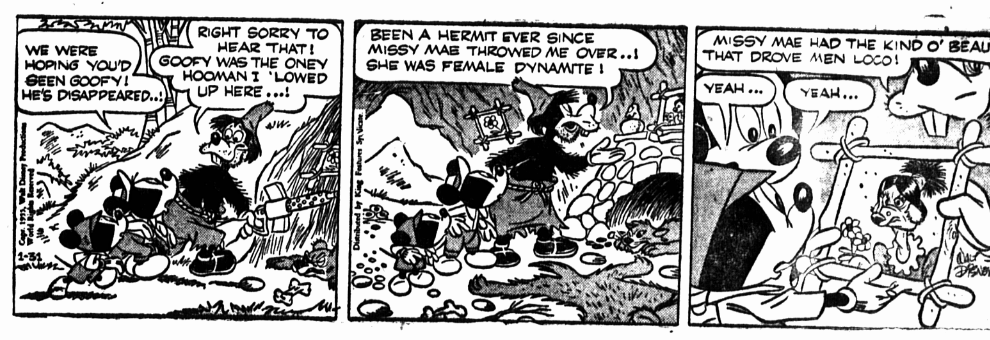


Grandma by Charles Kuhn

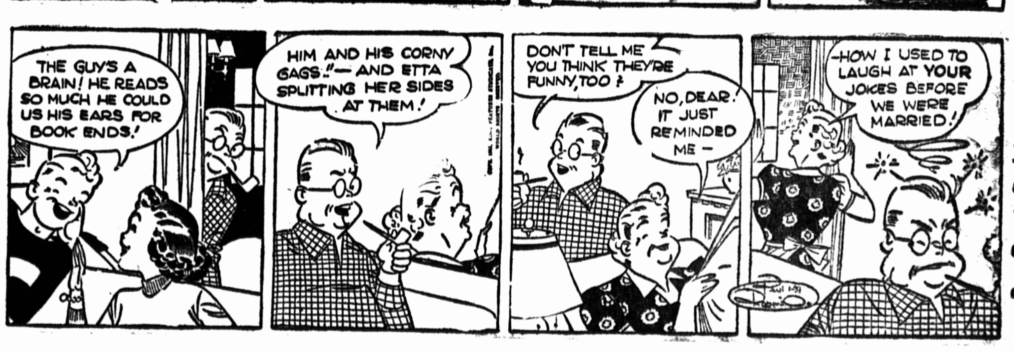
Mickey Mouse By Walt Disney



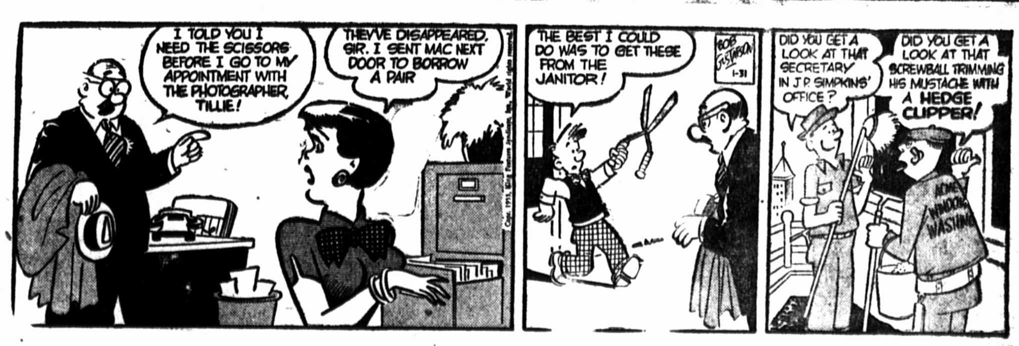
Bringing Up Father By George McManus

Mugas and Skeeter By Wally Bishop

Etta Kett By Paul Robinson



Tilly The Toiler By Bob Gustafson



The Lone Ranger By Fran Striker

Li'l Abner By Al Capp

Secret Agent X9 By Mel Graff

Joe Palooka By Ham Fisher