BEDTIME STORIES

Whose Seeds Were They?

By Thornton W. Burgess

My bounty I provide for all, The strong, the weak, the big, the small.

—Old Mother Nature.

"My goodness!" exclaimed he. "there must be a big flock of birds to take those seeds so fast."

The people of the Green Forest, big and little, all know that Mother Nature provides for all. So it is that nothing belongs to anyone except when they have possession of it. When they have taken it and hold it, it does belong to them. At all other times none of the things that Mother Nature provides belongs to anyone. They are free to all.

Farmer Brown's boy all winter long had put food out for the birds. Every morning the first thing he did after breakfast was to put more food in his feeding stations, seeds and suet and doughnuts and bread crumbs and raisins. One of those feeding stations was a big flat rock. Every day he spread sunflower seeds and some other seeds on this. The feathered folk felt that those seeds belonged to them. Several of them are very fond of sunflower seeds. Tommy Tit the Chickadee is one. Yank Yank the Nuthatch is another.

On this particular morning Danny Meadow Mouse was taking the seeds from that flat rock. Tommy Tit and his friends quite lost their tempers. They were very indignant.

"Dee! Dee! Dee! Those seeds are ours!" cried Tommy Tit.

Danny Meadow Mouse said nothing. He merely grabbed another seed and darted under the leaves with it. Those seeds didn't belong to anyone until someone got them, and he knew it. He intended to be the one to get them.

Finally Tommy Tit and the others stopped scolding. They got busy getting their share of the seeds. They began carrying them off, hiding, then coming back for more. But at best that was slow work. While Tommy Tit or Yank Yank was taking a seed over to the nearest tree to hide it under the leaves. At the rate those seeds were disappearing there wouldn't be one left on that rock in a short time. Nanny Meadow Mouse had joined Danny. Between the, taking turns and darting in and out again from under the leaves, they were getting most of the seeds. It wasn't long before not a single sunflower seed was left on that rock. Farmer Brown's boy happened to notice it.

"My goodness!" exclaimed he, "there must be a big flock of birds to take those seeds so fast. I thought I had put out enough to last all day, but they're all gone." He went into the house for more. Then from a window he watched to see if the birds would come back at once, or if they had taken so many seeds that they were no longer hungry.

He had watched only a moment or two when he saw a leaf on the ground at the edge of the rock lift a little. Then someone darted out and back so quickly that Farmer Brown's boy simply blinked. "Now, who in the world is that?" he cried.

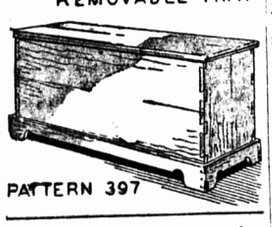
Of course, no one answered him, but in a moment out darted Danny Meadow Mouse and back with a seed. This time Farmer Brown's boy recognized him.

"You scamp!" he cried. "Those seeds are not for you. Those are for the birds! So that is where these seeds have been going. I'll have to do something about it."

Workshop Patterns

by Ruth Wyeth Spears

BLANKET CHEST WITH REMOVABLE TRAY



PATTERN 397

If you like to make reproductions of Early American pieces, this chest should appeal to you. Note the giant size dove-tails for the corner joints. These are rugged and give the piece character. The weekend cabinet maker who makes one of these chests today enjoys and advantage over the original maker. Now the dove-tails are layed out by tracing from an actual-size pattern. Pine was used for the original but any close-grained wood that is not too hard would be good. Pattern 397 is 25 cents. Also available is an Early American Packet containing standard size patterns for five other authentic pieces. Packet price is $1.50 postpaid.

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3:00 p.m.—Liberace
3:30 p.m.—At Home with Helen Crocker
4:15 p.m.—Uncle Jack
4:30 p.m.—Story Book
4:45 p.m.—Maggie Muggins
5:00 p.m.—Barbie's Scrapbook
5:30 p.m.—Howdy Doody
6:00 p.m.—Trouble with Father
6:30 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
6:40 p.m.—Weather
6:45 p.m.—Sports
6:50 p.m.—CBC News
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7:30 p.m.—City Desk
8:00 p.m.—This Is The Life
8:30 p.m.—Jane Wyman Theatre
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10:00 p.m.—Gaelic Pipe Band
10:30 p.m.—Doctor Hudson's Secret Journey
11:00 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
11:10 p.m.—Weather
11:15 p.m.—Feature Film —
12:30 a.m.—Sign Off

FRIDAY

SPECIAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE "GOOD FRIDAY" ONLY

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3:30 p.m.—Florian Zabach
4:00 p.m.—Easter Vigil
4:30 p.m.—Music Makers
5:00 p.m.—His Honor Homer Bell
5:30 p.m.—Howdy Doody
6:00 p.m.—Ave Maria
6:15 p.m.—Playtime With Panda
6:30 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
6:40 p.m.—Weather
6:45 p.m.—Spotlight On Sports
6:50 p.m.—CBC Newsreel
7:00 p.m.—This Week In Sports
7:15 p.m.—Easter Carols
7:30 p.m.—Theatre of Stars
8:00 p.m.—Life Is Worth Living
8:30 p.m.—Plouffe Family
9:00 p.m.—The Hill
10:00 p.m.—Celebrity Playhouse
10:30 p.m.—All God's Children
11:00 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
11:10 p.m.—Weather
11:15 p.m.—Wrestling
12:15 a.m.—Sign Off

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

A SHREWD DOUBLE

At duplicate bridge, especially, players can't always wait for so-called "sound" penalty doubles they must risk a double even without any strength in the trump suit. Note South's unorthodox but shrewd double of a less-than-game contract in the following case.

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♦	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Dble.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Comparatively few players, expert or average, would follow South's example and double three hearts in this sequence, but there was a great deal to be said for that action. First and foremost, this was match-point duplicate, in shich penalty doubles should be considerably closer than at rubber bridge. At the latter game, the double of part-score contracts must be highly conservative but at match-points a double is in order whenever the player feels even fairly sure of defeating the contract and can see no greater profit from going on with his own bidding.

True, South had the values for a diamond rebid, but what could he expect from that action? North had already announced via his pass over three hearts, that he had no free rebid, hence it was odds-on that he would pass to four diamonds South could not bid five by himself, nor be resonably sure of making any game.Thus, the most he could expect from offensive bidding was about 130 points. If the opponents could be defeated only one trick, this 130 points would be superior, but was a one trick defeat the reasonable expectation South's singleton spade was a far better defensive feature that it would be if he were to play the hand.

The double worked out excellently, North-South collecting six tricks, for a 300-point penalty.

BUILD HUGE BRIDGE

TOKYO(AP)—Communist China today said it is building "the biggest steel bridge in the eastern hemisphere"—3,750 feet long, over the Yangtze river at Wuhan. Presumably the claim was based on the length of the bridge's main span. San Francisco's golden gate bridge has the longest single span in the world—4,200 feet.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Narrow point of land
5. Mast
9. Plural of "pea"
10. Foot lever
12. Sea eagle (Eur.)
13. Long, vehemen speech
14. Always
15. Sprite
16. At home
17. Greek letter
18. Oregon city
20. The oldest
23. Sun god
24. Cathedral city in France
25. Abundant
28. Jewish month
29. Sounded, as a goose
30. Enlarges
33. Public notice
34. Gold (Her.)
35. Thrice (mus.)
36. Fuss
38. Baby's plaything
40. S-shaped molding
41. Booth
42. Hebrew measures
43. Female sheep
44. Honey-gathering insects

DOWN

1. Obsequious
2. Glass in a window
3. River (Czech.)
4. Tellurium (sym.)
5. Slopped over
6. Acts
7. Girl's name
8. Half diameters
9. An eye (slang)
11. Siberian river
13. Examination
18. Beast of burden
19. Knocks
21. Telephone numbered disk
22. Array for battle
25. Sloths
26. Conductors
27. Edible roots of the taro
29. In this place
30. June bugs
31. Angry
32. Narrates
36. Large volume
37. Monster
39. Playing marble
42. Siberian gulf

Yesterday's Answer

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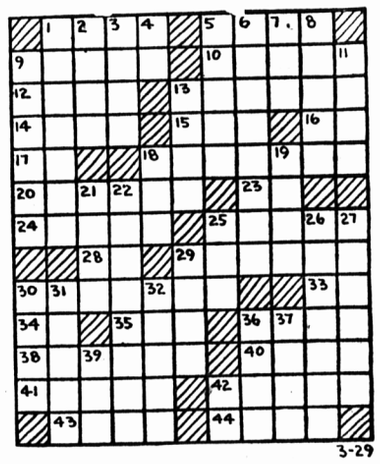

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

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

A Cryptogram Quotation

A J S I E Q B W U B I P Z X S Q O Q O S I U U Z U L , N I A S X S P P D P U A T U X S Q O W S I U — H B I L B I .

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: FAIREST OF STARS, LAST IN THE TRAIN OF NIGHT—MILTON.

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Our Boarding House — Major Hoople

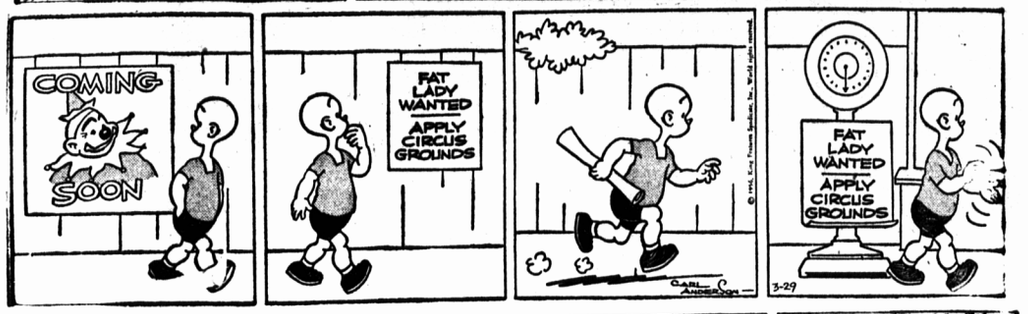
Bringing Up Father

Li'l Abner

Grandma

Mickey Mouse

Henry



Muggs and Skeeter

Tilly The Toiler

Etta Kett

Palooka

The Lone Ranger

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