



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

PETER IS BUZZED
The trouble caused without intent may be as bad as if it were meant.

—Old Mother Nature.
These were lovely, lazy, spring days. Peter Rabbit was enjoying them. Peter loves to be lazy. It is natural to him. It is seldom that he really has to work, and you may be sure he does not work when he doesn't have to. Every day there were new arrivals from the Sunny South, feathered folk coming back to build new homes, or passing through to build homes farther north. All about the buds on the trees were swelling and bursting, most of them into leaves, but some into flowers. It seemed to little Mrs. Peter that Peter spent almost no time at all at home in the dear Old Blue Patch. There was so much to see that he wanted to go everywhere at once. It is always that way in the spring with Peter, and a lot of other folks.

Now Peter had been greatly pleased when he had found the first dandelion in bloom. The same day he had found Queen Bumble Bee buzzing about looking for flowers, and also, looking for a place to build a new home. He had dropped a hint that Danny and Nancy Meadow Mouse were no longer using, that she might like to look at. Then Peter had promptly forgotten all about Queen Bumble.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

ARTIFICIAL BIDS NEEDED
There is always some danger in making artificial bids, i.e., naming suits that do not exist as such in the bidder's hands, but at times there is no reasonable alternative. Note the expert handling of the North cards below. The average player, holding these cards, would probably not bid upon the only second-round effort that made sense, viz., the three-diamond bid.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

763	4A9	Q74
2	32	106
Q954	AK9752	K8754
Q108	W	108
3	E	108
	S	108
	W	108
	E	108
	S	108

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♥ Pass 2♠ Pass
 2♥ Pass 3♦ Pass
 3NT Pass Pass Pass

It is quite possible that any run-of-the-mill partnership would end up at three notrump on the North-South hands, but the question is whether they would end up with the right player as declarer. Observe that if North played the contract, East might elect to lead the spade queen instead of leading from his sketchy diamond suit, and with that spade opening going through the king, defeat would be swift and certain.

Obviously, it was North's three diamond bid which steered the partnership to the proper spot. Let's analyze North's reasoning. When South's two-heart rebid came around, North was faced with this difficulty: If he merely rebid his six-card suit, South would almost certainly pass. He had shown no disposition to lead really forward action, and it was scarcely to be hoped that a three-club bid would stimulate him. North, however, had every reason to feel that game was in the hand—somewhere. It was tempting to try notrump on his own hook, but what about a spade stopper? South might not have a high spade—or if he did, it might be vital to have the lead come up to him. Thus, the three-diamond bid was the best way to investigate the spade situation and to "place" the notrump contract if notrump was the right denomination.

FINEST WAXES for FINEST SHINES

NUGGET SHOE POLISH

10 POPULAR SHADES

Drive out ACHES

MINARD'S LINIMENT

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Secret Agent X9

WHEN THAT WAS CLOSE! IF MARY HAD SEEN ME ANSWERING THE SIGNALS FROM THE SUB, MY GOOSE WOULD'VE BEEN COOKED TO A NICE, BLACK CINDER!

The Lone Ranger

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NO! NO!

Lorne Valley

Mr. Ralph Nicholson was a visitor to Charlottetown on March 25.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hatton were recent visitors to Montague. Mr. George McAulay, Charlottetown, spent a few days in this vicinity during the week. He was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Mae McAulay, also of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Douglas and family of Head of Hillsborough, motored to Lorne Valley on March 28. While here they were guests of Mrs. Douglas's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George MacInnis.

It is pleasing to note that Mrs. Alfred Crane is progressing favourably following a major operation in the Prince Edward Island Hospital on March 25th.

Due to the absence of the minister, the Rev. D. A. Campbell, the service at Lorne Valley Presbyterian Church was conducted by the Young People's Society on Sunday, March 27.

Her numerous friends regret to hear that Miss Rebecca MacAulay is not enjoying good health and all join in wishing her an early recovery.

Mrs. Alexander MacIntyre is spending a few days with relatives in Elmira.

Mrs. Donald Shaw spent a few days in Charlottetown during the week, where she could visit her mother who is a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital. She was the guest of her aunt, Miss Lottie Crane.

Sincere and heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. George MacInnis in the loss of her only brother, the Rev. E. W. MacKay of Cobourg, Ontario, on March 26. Mrs. MacInnis received a telegram saying Rev. MacKay suffered a heart attack and suddenly passed away. Mr. Alexander MacKay of Strathcona is an uncle and the sympathy of this community is extended to him in his bereavement.

The final meeting of the Jolly Six was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Ferguson on Monday, March 28. Those weekly parties provided many pleasant evenings throughout the winter months. During all the games competition was keen and the score was close, but when they reached the finals Mr. Francis MacIntyre came first with Mr. William Ferguson a close second. Following the presentation of prizes and a delectable lunch all departed for their homes looking forward to another series of parties when Autumn rolls around.

Queen Bumble didn't wait to say thank you for moving. She disappeared in that hole in the ground, and she was gone for some time. Peter waited. By and by, Queen Bumble came out. "Have you decided to make your home here?" asked Peter.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Baby's bed
 - Agreement
 - A steep slope for tobogganing
 - Tapestry
 - Greek poet
 - Fragrance
 - Rolled around the edge of a hole (golf)
 - Self
 - River (So. Am.)
 - Examination
 - Gold (Hr.)
 - State flower of Utah
 - Examination of tissue (Med.)
 - Support
 - To make dear
 - Native of Scotland
 - Sun god
 - Genuine
 - One and one
 - Slender snail
 - Man's name
 - A blow (colleg.)
 - Peeled
 - Four: comb. form
 - Like slate
 - Material on a beach
 - Lampreys
- DOWN**
- Selection
 - Title of respect
 - Hurl
 - Unique person (slang)
 26. Of the chest
 7. Do (Scott. var.)
 28. Upright
 29. City (Ill.)
 31. Little owls
 32. A hot, spiced, alcoholic drink
 35. A slip
 38. Greek letter sound
 40. A chest
 48. Receptacle for coffee
 49. Little child

Yesterday's Answer

35. A slip
38. Greek letter sound
40. A chest
48. Receptacle for coffee
49. Little child

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

A Cryptogram Quotation
IPF WPTGFHFVW UJU NTW
AHTWPF TUS PTCFLFSL BJL E T
PKUSLFS IJNFW-IFUUXWJU.

Yesterday's Cryptquote: HE MINDED NOT HIS FRIENDS' ADVICE BUT FOLLOWED HIS OWN WISHES-TAYLOR.

Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams

THREE TIMES IN A WEEK THEY'VE HAD TO REPAIR THAT MACHINE. AND NOW THEY'RE GIVIN' OT TO THE SILENT SNEAK!

IT SEEMS KINDA FATHEADED, THOUGH, TO LEAVE IT UP TO A GUY YOU CONSIDER A FATHEAD TO DOE OUT WHAT YOU'RE THINKIN' OF HIM! OTTO CAN AN MAY LICK TH' THREE OF 'EM IF THEY LET HIM THINK TOO MUCH!

Our Boarding House Major Hoople

By Etta Kent

LISTEN, STUPE! I SEEN THAT CHAIR IN A STORE WINDOW—A GROUND WAS GANKIN' AT IT, AN' A SIGN SAWS: "WATCH FER SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!"

IF THAT'S AN APRIL FOOL JOKE, SO WAS THE SHOOTIN' OF SESSE JAMES!

Tilly the Toilet

By Tilly the Toilet

A BONUS FOR ME? BUT THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS ENVELOPE!

HAR, HAR! APRIL FOOL!

BY JINGLES—OUR NEW GELING CAKE! IS GIVIN' OFF SALES ARE BOOMING!

THAT'S WHAT I SAID MR. DEALER—I WANT A GRAPY NEW FIGHTAL SEGAN DELIVERED TO ME RIGHT AWAY. DELUXE MODEL OF COURSE. BUSINESS IS GOOD!

MR. SHEARNS' OR BECKIE HAS TURNED THIS SALES CHART UPSIDE DOWN!

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Shy Mountain Housewife Wins Pillsbilly Bake-Athon!!

By Al Capp

THIS WAS THE LAST VIEW THE NATION-WIDE TV AUDIENCE GOT OF AUNT ABBIE, ONE SECOND AFTER SHE ACCEPTED THE THOUSAND-DOLLAR PRIZE CHECK!!

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Henry

THAT ISN'T VERY NICE—HENRY!

KICK ME!

KICK ME!

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Grandma

TH' NEW KID WITH TH' BIG SHOES? OH, THAT'S ELMER, GRANDMA!

SURE, GRANDMA, WHAT'S COOKIN'?

COME ALONG AN' WE'LL GET RIGHT AT IT!

FINE! I SORTA KNEW YOU'D BE GOOD AT SETTIN' OUT YOURS TREES, ELMER!

Mickey Mouse

LET'S GET OUTA HERE!

YEAH... I AIN'T CHICKEN... BUT I CAN'T TAKE THIS NO MORE...

SOUNDS FRIENDLY ENOUGH...

YEAH... I WONDER!

THE BOSS
A cordial welcome extended
COME RIGHT IN!
PRESS BUZZER!

Bringing Up Father

JIGGS—THIS IS DINT, YOU ASKED ME TO CALL YOU AT EIGHT O'CLOCK!

SORRY, MR. M. BRACKLEY, BUT I'M STAYIN' HOME TONIGHT! IF THE DIRECTORS WANT TO HOLD A MEETING, THEY'LL HAVE TO COME HERE!

OH, IS THAT SO? WELL, I WON'T HAVE THEM SPILLIN' ASHES ON MY NEW RUGS! YOU'LL HAVE TO GO DOWNTOWN!

I HAVE A MUNCH THAT "DIRECTORS' MEETINGS" WILL LAST TILL THE WEE SMALL HOURS!

Mugs and Skeeter

SKEETER, COME HERE A MINUTE!

YES, GRAMP!

MUGS JUST GAVE ME HIS REPORT CARD... WHERE'S YOURS?

I LOST IT!

OH, REALLY? THIS IS THE SECOND MONTH IN SUCCESSION YOU "LOST" YOUR REPORT CARD! ARE YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T LOSE IT DELIBERATELY?

I WOULDN'T THINK OF DOIN' THAT GRAMP...

ESPECIALLY WHEN I GOT 'EM IN EVERY SUBJECT!

Etta Kent

MOM! HOW'S DAD THIS MORNIN'? DID HE SLEEP WELL? IS HE IN A MELLOW MOOD, I MEAN?

FINE, DEAR!

ETTA'S HELPING WITH BREAKFAST!

BUT I HAVE TO GET TO THE OFFICE. WHERE'S THE FOOD?

BE PATIENT, DEAR—ETTA NEEDS A NEW DRESS FOR THE DANCE!

—SO I GUESS SHE GANT DECIDE WHICH TO BUTTER UP FIRST—THE TOAST OR YOU!

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Joe Palooka

I'LL JUST GO ON IN... THANK YOU SO MUCH, BILL...

WAIT... HELEN... I'M DOING VERY WELL... AND THIS DEAL IS GIVIN' OFF SALES ARE BOOMING... I FEEL THAT I CAN PROVIDE FOR YOU AND DONNIE...

WILL YOU MARRY ME... I'LL BE THE HAPPIEST MAN ON EARTH...

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By Charles Kahn
By Walt Disney
By George McManus
By Wally Bishop
By Paul Robinson
By Bob Gustafson
By Ham Fisher
By Fran Striker