BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

REDDY REMEMBERS

The present will be old at last
And then become the golden past.
—Old Mother Nature.

"I remember," said Reddy Fox, "when I didn't mind winter at all. No sir, I didn't mind winter at all. Of course there were some days when hunting was poor, but I never went hungry day after day the way I do now. I remember when a smart Fox, who knew what he was about, could always get a Hen. In those days Hens were not kept shut up the way they are now."

Mrs. Reddy gave Reddy a sidelong look. "I wonder," said she, "why it is that folks always remember good things and forget the bad whn they are talking about old times. Now I can remember when in those good old times you used to complain just as your are complaining now. However, you are quite right about getting a good fat Hen. If one was willing

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to take chances. There nearly always was an opportunity to do it. If one was bold enough or smart enough. These days there isn't a chance."

"There are more of those two-legged hunters with dreadful fire-sticks than there used to be, and that makes it doubly hard for us," said Reddy.

"What do you mean by doubly hard?" asked Mrs. Reddy.

"There is more danger for us because there are more hunters and there is less food for us to hunt for. They kill what really we should have," explained Reddy.

Mrs. Reddy grinned. It was an unhappy sort of grin. "I wish you hadn't mentioned Hens and Chickens," said she.

"Forget it, my dear," said Reddy. "I remember--"

"Just stop remembering," said Mrs. Reddy a bit sharply. "Remembering good times we used to have doesn't put anything into empty stomachs now."

It was Reddy's turn to grin. "That is true, my dear," said he. "I wonder if between us we could catch one of those Grouse over in the Green Forest. I don't mean Thunderer or Mrs. Thunderer. Those two know all the tricks. Trying to catch either of them is a waste of time. But there are some of their children over there who are not quite so smart as their parents. They may be later, but they have a lot yet to learn. If we go over there together it may be that between us we can catch one of the

"And maybe we can't," grumbled Mrs. Reddy. An empty stomach was making her feel out of sorts. Empty stomachs are very apt to do that.

Just then Reddy Fox looked up. Flying high over head was King Eagle. In the sunlight his white head and white tail looked whiter than ever. He was headed for the Great Mountain. "I don't see what that fellow stays around for. If I had wings like his, I wouldn't stay a minute. It isn't fair to us," said Mrs. Reddy as she watched King Eagle growing smaller and smaller in the distance.

"What do you mean by 'not being fair to us?" Reddy wanted to know.

"We stay because we have to stay. He doesn't have to stay. If he left it would mean just so much better hunting for us, wouldn't it?" replied Mrs. Reddy.

Reddy had to admit that it would. "Just the same, I like to see him around," said he. "It must be wonderful to fly as he can."

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Strange But True

By P. H. MacArthur

Most of my readers are familiar with the picture of the "Three Wise Monkeys"-one with his hand over his mouth, another with hands over his eyes, and the third, with them over his ears. What does this symBOLIZE? An old Chinese proverb attributed to Confucious: "Speak no evil, hear noo evil, see no evil." The three monkeys became associated with the proberb when it was translated into Japanese. According to som writers, the three monks symbolize the fact we all talk too much, see too much, and hear too much.

A fine watch contains more than 125 parts, and each of them must be machined to the closest tolerance, from the balance wheel that travels a distance of 3,600 miles in a year to screws no bigger than the period at the end of this sentence.

Some screws are so tiny that it would take 50,000 of them to fill a thimble. Yet each is threaded, polished and precisely measured.

Much modern watchmaking are really only developments of ideas originated by the early Swiss watchmakers.

The self-winding watch, for instance was first conceived in the Swiss watchmaking town of Le Cocle, about 1750.

A century earlier the artisans of Neuchatel had begun to pioneer many of today's time miracles which the average person believes is something new under the sun.

The oldest known mechanical clock, rected in Paris, in 1370, was a large thing of wrought iron. Every part, including the gear train was hammered out on a balcksmith's anvil. It weighed hundreds of pounds.

It wasn't until the invention of the mainspring in 1459 that portable timepieces became possible.

Early clocks and the first watches were only approximately accurate. An error of an hour a day was commonplace.

This may help explain why diamonds are expensive:

A diamond mine blasts crushes cleans and sorts 20 tons of ore to recover 4 carats (1-36th of an ounce) of diamonds. Only two of these carats will be suitable for gems (the othrs are used in industry). The two carats of gems will lose half their weight in cutting and polishing.

Large stones are much rarer than small ones. To find a single diamond that can be cut to a one-carat gem, the mine must process 250 tons of ore.

It is now possible to fly by jet from London to New York and back in 13 hours, 46 minutes. The one-way flight by Charles Lindbergh in 1927 took 33 hours and 30 minutes.

While bulldozing the site of a new office building, in Washington, D.C, workmen dug up the fossilized remains of three 100,000 year-old cypress stumps.

Believe it or not, but the average U.S family owns $6,300 worth of life insurance. This is twice the amount owned 10 years ago.

Alexander Bales, of Thomasville, N.C, hasn't missed Sunday School for 21 straight years. Or, to put it another way, Bales has turned up for Sunday School attendance 1,111 straight Sundays.

It is interesting to note that men gape at themselves in mirrors more often than women. Maybe the fair sex have confidence in the way they look, maybe men are inclined to cast a quick, rather furtive glance into mirrors to see that all is ship-shape. One authority classifies them as "hat puller downers", "tie tinkers", "teeth examiners" and "Ain't I handsome?"

The famous golden gate bridge in San Francisco often sways as much as eight feet in a heavy gale.

The average woman walks about eight miles a day doing her household duties. And walking that far on high heels is much more tiring than walking in shoes with medium or low heels.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

A VERY NEAR MISS

Everyone past the primer stage of bridge knows that intermediate cards such as tens and nines can be very valuable, particularly in combination with higher cards, but it isn't often that as lowly a card as a seven-spot can account for LARGE "swing" that, however, was the case in this deal, which occurred in a championship team match.

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

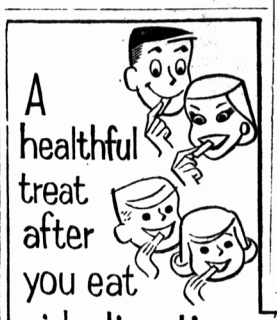
One North-South pair discreetly stopped at a game contract in clubs, and made it, scoring 600 points. The other North-South bid up to six clubs—a good contract that was unfortunately beaten by the bad minor-suit breaks. The true interest of the deal, however, lies in the fact that the slam could have been made if there had been the slightest possible difference in the position of clubs, i.e., if North the dummy, had held the 9-8-7-5 of that suit instead of the 9-8-6-5!

Let's assume that this change were in effect and observe how the hand could have been made.

South ruffs the first trick, cashes his top diamonds for a spade discard from dummy, cashes the king and ace of spades, and trumps his own last spade with the five-spot. He ruffs a second heart and then ruffs a diamond with the suppositious seven. A third heart ruff and a second diamond ruff follow; then declarer trumps a fourth heart with his last trump, and West can't help under-ruffing. Now, when South leads another diamond, West, with Q-3 of trumps against dummy's blank nine (and the heart queen) can't shut out that trump nine as the fulfilling trick.

Note, however, that with East actually holding the seven of trumps, declarer can't ruff his first low diamond lead with dummy's six—East will overruff, and the whole plan collapses.

It is bad luck indeed when a slam goes wrong because the dummy turns up with a six-spot instead of a seven.



DAILY CROSSWORD

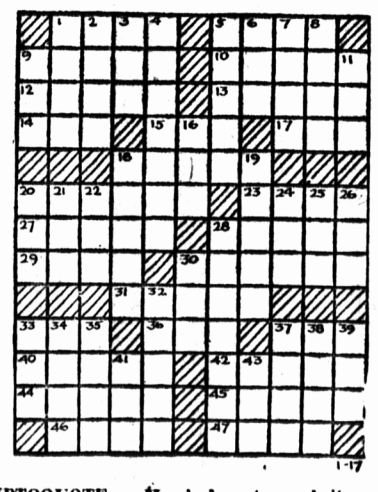
Yesterday's Answer

ACROSS

1. Macaws (Braz.)
5. Chief (Phil. Is.)
9. To be coquettish
10. Immature seed
12. Young eel
13. Tropical fruit
14. English river
15. Evening (poet.)
17. Gasoline (shortened)
18. Lift
20. Makes neat and tidy
23. Grate
27. Merits
28. House of nobility
29. Looked askance
30. Readily
31. Silk scarf (Eccl.)
33. Ampere (abbr.)
36. Constellation
37. Timid
40. Engraver's tool
42. Bury
44. Together
45. Edges
46. Dip out, as water
47. Subsides

DOWN

1. Confederate
2. Rend apart
3. Part of "to be"
4. Bodies of water
5. Rounded roofs
6. Topaz hummingbird
7. —— oil, ingredient of varnishes
8. Girl's name
9. Not many
11. Goddess of dawn
16. Force
18. Last movement of a sonata
19. rub out
20. Expression (slang)
21. Man's nickname
22. Coin (Swed.)
24. Cuckoo
25. Coin (Peru)
26. Lever
28. Feeling of discomfort
30. Fruiting spike of grain, as corn
32. To train, as a telescope
35. Arabian garment
34. Ruminate (over)
35. Malayan boat
37. Pierce, as with horns
38. Edges of garments
39. Years (abbr.)
41. India (poet.)
43. Beak of a bird



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

KGSSAKK, ENA UVTB JW UWTEVD FHE, WT KGTAKE NVJL, SVJ VD-FVGK NHE—PGEDAT.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHAT SINGULAR EMOTIONS ..LL THEIR BOSOMS WHO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ... BYRON

Our Boarding House — Major Hoople

By Gene Ahern

POGO

By Walt Kelly

Li'l Abner

By Al Capp

Grandma

By Charles Kuhn

Mickey Mouse

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Henry

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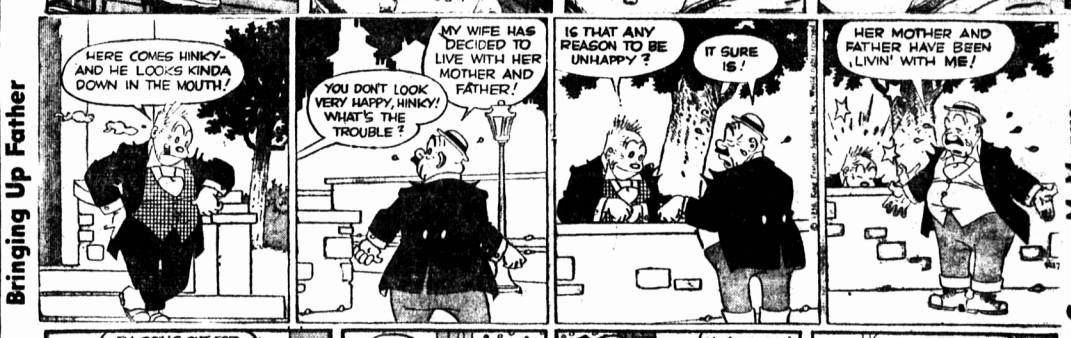

Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson

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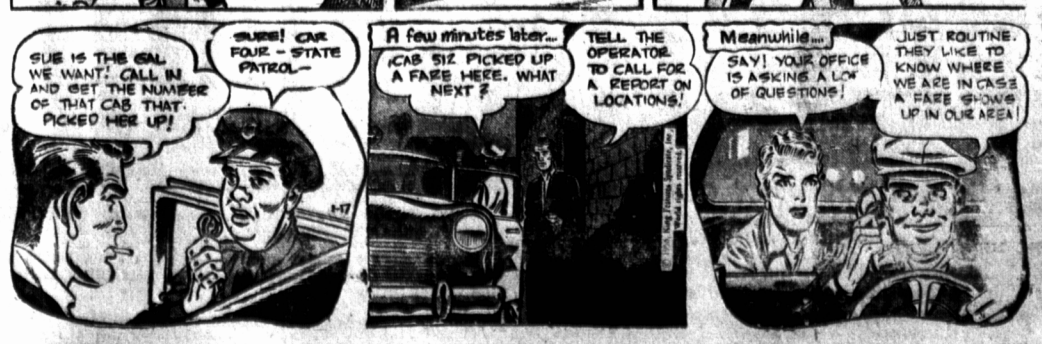
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