BEDTIME STORIES

The Surprising Truth

By Thornton W. Burgess

Sometimes that quite new to you,
Seems too surprising to be true.
—Chatterer the Red Squirrel.

Chattere. the Red Squirrel had made a discovery. For the time being it made him forget what had brought him over to this part of the Green Forest. Up in a big tree was a queer kind of bird house that had been placed there by the Old Hermit, whose cabin was not far away. Chatterer didn't know it was a bird house, but he could see a round opening and that made him think it might be a place where someone was living. He hid where he could watch it. He wanted to visit it, but he would take no chances until he had watched awhile.

This place was not far from the pond of Paddy the Beaver. Over there Chatterer had see. Beauty the Wood Duck and Mrs. Beauty He had been spying on them. He wanted to find out where their nest was. He had seen Mrs. Beauty fly in this direction several times and he had followed, hoping that he would be able to find her, or at least find her nest. Because she was a duck and he knew that most ducks nest on the ground, he had all the time been looking on the ground for that nest.

Now that he was so curious about that thing up in the tree, he forgot for the time being all about the nest he was looking for and the eggs he hoped to find. He just had to find out about that thing up in that tree.

Chatterer climbed another tree and from a crotch in which he could sit and still not be likely to be seen, he watched that tree for a long time. Nothing happened He saw no one in that tree. No one came to it or left it. He began to feel that it would be safe enough for him to run over there and climb up to that thing.

He was just about ready to do this when there was a whistle of wings and the last person in the world that he expected to see flew past and lighted on that big tree close to the thing he wanted to know about. It was Beauty the Wood Duck. Almost at once a pretty head appeared in the doorway of that queer looking house up in that tree. Mrs. Beauty was looking out.

Chatterer rubbed his eyes. He blinked. He rubbed his eyes again. Could he believe what he really thought he saw? Whoever heard of Ducks living in a house up in a tree? But if he had never heard of it, he was seeing it now. There could be no doubt about it. He had to believe what he saw.

Mrs. Beauty was looking out

Presently Beauty flew back toward Paddy's pond and the pretty head in the doorway was withdrawn. Mr. Beauty had returned to her household duties. She was sitting on six eggs. What Chatterer didn't know was that Mr. Beauty her by the Old Hermit because was using that house put up for she had been unable to find a hollow tree.

"Live and learn," said Chatterer to himself as he settled himself to watch. "I'll just stay right here out of sight until Mrs. Beauty leaves." He licked his lips. His mouth watered. He had never been more sure of anything in his life than he was now that he would soon have all the eggs he could eat and perhaps more. All he would have to do would be to climb that tree and pop right into that house. It wouldn't take him long.

"Those eggs are as good as mine right now," said Chatterer to himself.

Grocery Chain Head Critical Of Trading Stamps

TORONTO (CP) — Thomas G. McCormack, president of Dominion Stores Ltd., criticized the system of trading stamps in grocery merchandising.

The trading-stamp system is operated usually by seperate companies which through arrangement with stores, issue the stamps and redeem them for a select list of merchandise.

Speaking to the annual meeting of Dominion Stores, Mr. McCormack said that the system is in violation of a law "which has protected Canadian shoppers from exploitation for 50 years," and that unless the law is enforced more strictly, the practice will spread across Canada.

Mr. McCormack said every food item would incease in cost by two per cent, resulting in decreased markets and lower income for farmers.

Algerian Revolt Spills Over Into Morocco

ALGIERS (AP) — Fighting in the 19-month-old Algerian rebellion spilled over into Morocco Wednesday, where an anti-French "army of liberation" would like to see Algeria get its independence.

It was not immediately clear if the armed band that attacked 30 French Foreign Legionnaires during the morning was composed of Moroccans or Algerians. The French said the rebels numbered some 2,500. The attack occurred at Ain Cahir, about 45 miles north of Colomb-Bechar. In this hilly, desert region the border is not clearly defined. Ain Chair, a village of 700 Moslems, is an oasis with abundant but poor quality water.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER

Opening lead—four of spades.

North, with 20 high card points, chose the best rebid, three notrump. South's announced minimum of 6 points, and his presumably balanced hand, indicated that the combined best chance for game was at notrump. A rebid of three diamonds does not serve much purpose. Even if there is a diamond fit, the play for nine tricks at notrump looks easier than an eleven trick contract. Game in hearts is unlikely in view of South's failure to raise to two hearts immediately.

East won the spade lead with the king, and returned the eight, South's queen losing to the ace. A third round of spades lost to declarer's ten. South forced out the ace of clubs and took the rest of the tricks, making four notrump. Better defense by West will defeat three notrump one trick.

By making use of one of the conventions which govern defense, West can defeat the contract. If East has two spades left, after winning the king, his correct return lead is the higher one. Therefore, since East returned the eight, West can tell that the declarer has the ten of spades, even though South played the queen on the second trick. The next problem that West has to solve is the question of who has the missing six of spades. This he can do by tentatively placing it in South's hand, but the possibility is quickly dismissed because it cannot be reconciled with declarer's play of

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠J 3
♥A K Q 7
♦A J 5 3
♣K Q 3

WEST
♠A 9 7 4 2
♥8 3
♦Q 10 6 4
♣9 7

EAST
♠K 8 6
♥J 9 6 5 2
♦8 2
♣A 6 5

SOUTH
♠Q 10 5
♥10 4
♦K 9 7
♣J 10 8 4 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT			

the queen on trick two. If declarer had originally Q-10-6-5 in spades, while he might play the five on the opening lead, he ould surely play the six on the second trick, since dummy's jack is a commanding card next to the outstanding ace. It would cost South a trick to play the queen instead of the six if he had it. Therefore, East must be presumed to hold the six of spades.

Once this is granted, West must allow the queen of spades to win the trick since he wants to maintain communication with East's six of spades. The declarer cannot overcome this defensive maneuver. He is destined to go down one.

CHALLENGE DARWIN

GROSSETO, Italy (AP) — A team of scientists says it has uncovered fossilized bone fragments of what may be a ten-million-year-old pre-man that did not descend from the apes. The discovery was disclosed in a co-ordinating conference of geologists, paleontologists and archaeologists who have been digging into the slag heaps of the Tuscan coal fields near here.

Truman Receives Honorary Degree

OXFORD, Eng. (AP) — Harry S. Truman, who was too poor to go to college, Wednesday received an honorary degree from Oxford, one of the world's most distinguished univerities.

Tears filled the eyes of the former president of the United States when Lord Halifax, chancellor of the University, conferred the degree of doctor of civil laws with this eulogy:

"Truest of allies, direct in your speech and in your writings, and ever a pattern of simple courage. . . ."

Truman smile, choked up, and then quickly whipped out a handkerchief and blew his nose. "Never, never in my life," he whispered to a reporter. "Did I ever think I'd be a Yank at Oxford."

NO MORE PENSION

LONDON (Reuters)—The great-great-great nephew of Lord Nelson has failed to get compensation for the ending of a £5,000 perpetual family pension.

Play Safe

on the highway this week-end

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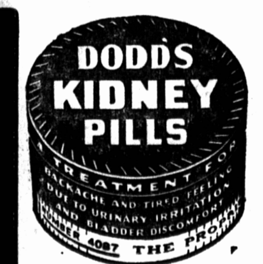

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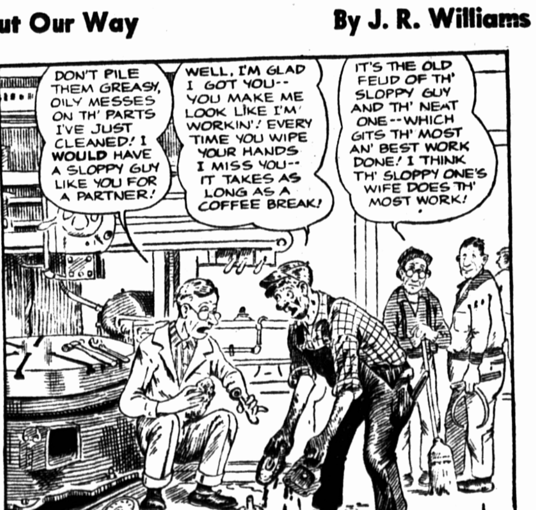
3:30 p.m.—At Home with Helen Crocker
4:30 p.m.—Barbie's Scrapbook
5:00 p.m.—Roy Rogers
5:30 p.m.—Howdy Doody
6:00 p.m.—Puppet Theatre
6:15 p.m.—Playtime with Panda
6:30 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
6:40 p.m.—Weather
6:45 p.m.—Sports
6:50 p.m.—CBC News
7:00 p.m.—This Week in Sports
7:15 p.m.—In The Common Interest
7:30 p.m.—Theatre of Stars
8:00 p.m.—TBA
8:30 p.m.—The Plouffe Family
9:00 p.m.—Graphic
9:30 p.m.—Star Stage
10:00 p.m.—Celebrity Playhouse
10:30 p.m.—Captured
11:00 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
11:10 p.m.—Weather
11:15 p.m.—Wrestling
12:15 a.m.—Sign Off

Out Our Way — By J. R. Williams



Our Boarding House — Major Hoople

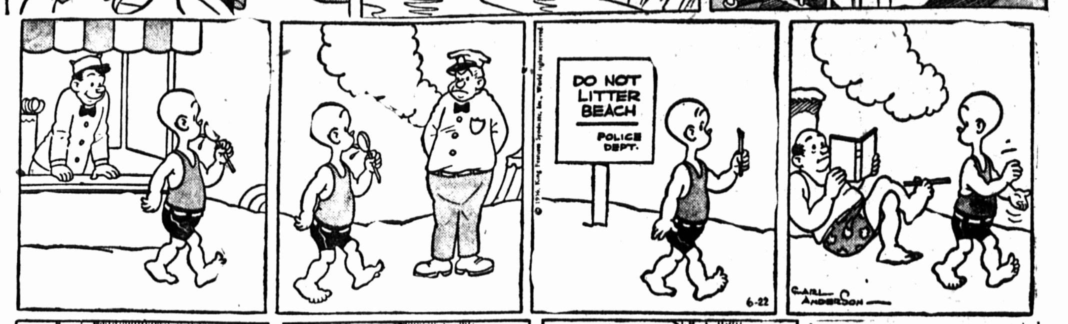
Bringing Up Father

Li'l Abner

Grandma

Mickey Mouse

Henry



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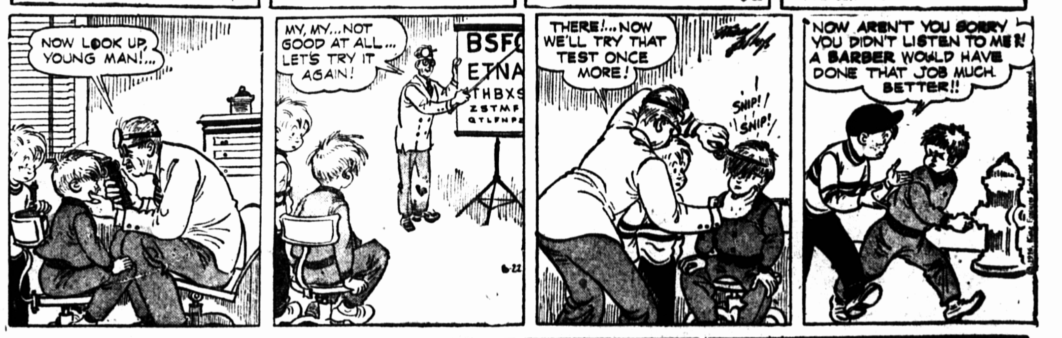

Tilly The Toiler

Etta Kett

Joe Palooka

The Lone Ranger

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