

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE EAGER BEAVER
Enthusiasm's fine, but can be overcome with any plan. —Old Mother Nature.

"Watching those Beavers work makes me tired all over," said Lightfoot the Deer to Mrs. Lightfoot, as they stood at the edge of the water at Paddy the Beaver's pond deep in the Green Forest.

Mrs. Lightfoot nodded in agreement. "I'm glad we don't have to work like that," said he. "I suppose they are trying to repair

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

REOPENING THE BIDDING

At match-point duplicate it is a winning philosophy to enter the auction in almost every case where the opponents have stopped at a low level. But this "balancing idea" is not so wise at rubber bridge—as was proved to West in this deal.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ QJ763
♥ A54
♦ K65
♣ J7

♠ 52
♥ Q1086
♦ S
♣ K43

♠ A1084
♥ KJ32
♦ A432
♣ 8

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ 2♣ 2♠ Pass
Pass 3♣ 3♠ Pass
4♠ 3♦ (final bid)

West's double was of that well-known (but nevertheless silly) variety that is actuated by annoyance rather than judgment. The opponents had stopped at two spades, so West assumed that he could safely "boost" them, and when they amiably accepted the suggestion, West doubled as a matter of course (and pride). As may be seen, the contract could not be beaten.

But let's ignore the double to take up the bidding (by West) that pushed North-South to four spades. At rubber bridge, when the early bidding goes as it did here, it does not make much sense to "experiment." West should not have taken such a complacent view about North's single raise. Later, in the discussion of the bidding, North said that he would have jumped to three spades if West had not intervened, but that he (North) had felt that his hand did not quite warrant that action over two clubs.

This was extremely questionable reasoning on North's part, but the point is that many players follow the same course, and so it behooves their opponents to be on guard. The fact that the free single raise might have been a double raise in the absence of an opposing bid, should dampen the opponents' spirits when they must decide whether or not to reopen the bidding. In this case West knew he could not hope to make five clubs in view of partner's silence; so he would have been well advised to bow out.

that dam. Do you think they'll be able to do it?"

"I don't know," said Lightfoot. "This is one of the worst floods I can remember."

"I don't know," said Lightfoot. "This is one of the worst floods I can remember. Look at the way the water is rushing through that hole in the dam. How can they ever hope to stop it? It will wash away sticks as fast as they put them in there."

But it wasn't washing away the sticks as fast as they were put in there. Paddy and Mrs. Paddy are old hands at building dams. Now and then the swift water would snatch a stick away from them, but it was only now and then. Once they had put a stick in place it stayed there.

Two young Beavers who had lost their home farther up in the Green Forest and had come down to Paddy's pond were wonderful help. While they were young they were full grown and strong. And they were full of enthusiasm. They were working as if their lives depended on it. Perhaps to a certain extent, this was true.

One of them was so eager to do his part and perhaps more, that he became a little careless. He had been having some trouble in finding sticks enough. Finally he spied one on shore that was just the kind of a stick he wanted. It was just a little way back from the water. The eager young Beaver didn't stop first to make sure that the way was wholly clear. No, sir, he didn't stop for that. He started to swim straight in. Mrs. Paddy happened to look up just in time to see him as he was almost to the shore. She saw the stick, and she guessed what he was going for. She saw something else, too.

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ATTENTION CARPENTERS

Local 1338 will hold an important meeting at the L. P. U. Hall March 16 at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Mr. J. H. Dwyer and Mr. A. V. Cooper will be present. Applications for new members will be received before the meeting.

DRIVE OUT ACHES

Secret Agent X9

MINARD'S LINIMENT

Only witnesses to this treachery: a few noisy tern and a black-necked stilt... The odd craft submerges with its lone mariner.

COVEHEAD C. W. L.

The St. Eugene's sub-division of the Catholic Women's League held their meeting at the home of Mrs. Huort Morrison on March 6th, with the president, Mrs. Charles O'Brien presiding.

The meeting opened with the recitation of the League Prayer by the Director, Rev. Fr. Wood. Fifteen members were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following correspondence was received: Mrs. Catherine Praught, Convener of Lay-Retreats; Rev. T. J. Walsh, National Director of the Sacred Heart Program; Mrs. W. J. P. MacMillan, Convener of Immigration; Mrs. Earl Duffy, Convener of National Scholars; Mrs. James F. Gallant, Convener of "Our Honorary Members"; Mrs. Lorne Noonan, Convener of Art Drawing; Mrs. Peter Kelly, Convener of Radio, Television and Films.

A receipt was received from the P. E. I. Polio Chapter for the donation to the March of Dimes.

It was moved and seconded that a donation be given to the Sacred Heart Program.

The treasurer, Mrs. Thomas McCabe, gave her report. Mrs. Patrick Horgan, Convener of Education; Mrs. Alfred Morrison, Convener of Social Action, and Mrs. Charles Alyward, Spiritual Convener, each gave their reports.

DAILY CROSSWORD

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|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN | 13 Sharpen a razor | 26 Ostrich-like bird | 35 Paradise |
| 1 Couch | 1 A continued story | 15 Before | 27 Little girl | 37 Magistrate (Rom.) |
| 5 Craft used in "Kon-tiki" | 2 Biblical name | 19 Miscellany | 28 Java tree | 38 Former name for "Palau" |
| 8 City (Okla.) | 3 Filters | 20 Shoshonean | 29 Three-legged stand | 43 Redne |
| 10 Bulging jar | 4 Insert lines not in the script (slang) | 21 Secret political society (It.) | 30 Enemy scout | 44 Danish weight |
| 11 Entice | 5 Pole | 22 Forearm bone | 31 Greek letter | 46 Abyss |
| 12 Cessation of life | 6 Malt beverage | 23 Greek letter | 32 Enemy of the "guz" (India) | |
| 14 Slith | 7 Side of an animal | 24 Southeast (abbr.) | | |
| 17 Another name for "ios" | 8 Potatoes (dial.) | 25 Devoured | | |
| 18 Chief city of the Saar Basin (Ger.) | 11 Varying subdivision of the "guz" (India) | 27 Bitter vetch | | |
| 22 Forearm bone | | 29 Guido's lowest note | | |
| 23 Greek letter | | 31 City (Ger.) | | |
| 24 Southeast (abbr.) | | 33 Any twining stem | | |
| 25 Devoured | | 36 Assumed beforehand | | |
| 27 Bitter vetch | | 39 Assist | | |
| 29 Guido's lowest note | | 40 Longing | | |
| 31 City (Ger.) | | 41 Plural pronoun | | |
| 33 Any twining stem | | 42 Stop | | |
| 36 Assumed beforehand | | 45 Rabbit fur | | |
| 39 Assist | | 47 Medley | | |
| 40 Longing | | 48 Goddess of discord (Gr.) | | |
| 41 Plural pronoun | | 49 Feet | | |
| 42 Stop | | 50 A preposition | | |
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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, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

F Y A Z A C H V B R V S A Z E A Y A D
N V J Y V G W J C T Y W J S T Y B X V S G
J Y B B Q V A Z J Y — N A C U X Y A

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: S L O T H I S A F O E U N T O A L L V I R T U O U S D E E D S — M U N D A Y.

Believe It or Not!

"SLAV" IS THE ONLY WORD IN ENGLISH THAT ENDS IN A "V"

THE TOMS THAT GRANTED A MAN'S LAST REQUEST!
Sivathu, India

WITH A HOLY MAN WHO HAD DIRECTED THAT HIS CRYPT BE OPEN TO THE SKY WAS BURIED INSTEAD IN A DOMED SHRINE — BUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER HE WAS LAID TO REST THE ENTIRE DOME COLLAPSED!
1708

MUSICAL SHOES WORN IN ANCIENT GREECE
ACTUALLY COULD BE PLAYED BY THE WEARER'S FEET
Cap. 1911 King's College, London, Eng., Wash. Post, 1911

DR. HENRY MONRO (1817-1891)
An alienist at London's Bedlam Hospital
WAS THE SON OF AN ALIENIST
THE GRANDSON OF AN ALIENIST
THE GREAT-GRANDSON OF AN ALIENIST
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Henry

HENRIETTA'S ON THE PHONE DEAR!

Grandma

O.K. CALVIN, YOU CAN SPRAY FOR MOTHS WHILE I GO TO MARKET!

JUST REMEMBER, THIS HOME-MADE MOTH-LOTION IS MIGHTY POWERFUL!

GOLLY, I DON'T SEE HOW GRANDMA CAN STAY IN A HOUSE FULL OF THIS TERRIBLE-SMELLIN' STUFF... ACHOO!

Mickey Mouse

MAYBE IT ISN'T THE MILK THAT DOES IT! SOMETIMES YOU'LL FIND A FRIENDLY CAT...

BUT DID YOU EVER SEE ANYTHING LIKE THIS?

Bringing Up Father

THAT WUZ CARELESS OF ME TO LEAVE ME WALLET WHERE MAGGIE MIGHT FIND IT!

SEVENTY-EIGHTY-NINETY! GOLLY IT'S ALL HERE! I'M IN LUCK!

I'LL TAKE THAT MONEY, JIGGIE! I'M EXPECTING A C.O.D.!

RATS! I SPOKE TOO SOON!

Muggs and Skeeter

IT'S A LITTLE BETTER, ISN'T IT GRAMPS?

I DON'T THINK IT'S ANYTHING TO BRAG ABOUT!

YOU JUST BARELY MANAGED TO GET A PASSING MARK! WHY, WHEN I WAS A BOY IT BE ASKED TO BRING HOME A REPORT CARD LIKE THIS!

AND I'M NOT JOKING WHEN I SAY THAT!

I KNOW YOU'RE NOT, GRAMPS...

...GRANDMA WAS JUST TELLING ME SHE REMEMBERS WHEN YOUR DADDY GAVE YOU A SPANKING FOR NOT BRINGING HOME YOUR REPORT CARD!!

Etta Kent

WHO'S YOUR DATE FOR THE DANCE?

ARTIE!

ARTIE? ARE YOU KIDDING? BUT YOU'VE ACTUALLY BEEN OUT WITH HIM HEADS OF TIMES!

I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU HAD A BLIND DATE.

I HAVE!

HE CAN'T SEE ANY GIRL BUT ME!

Tilly The Toilet

HOW CAN I CONCENTRATE ON MY WORK, LISTENING TO YOU CHATTERING AWAY LIKE A BUNCH OF BLASTED MONKEYS?

GET BACK TO WORK AND SHUT UP!!

AND THEY'RE ALL HERE!

Joe Palooka

I RENTED THIS CAR FOR TH' DAY, SPECIALLY FOR YOU, DONNIE.

OH, THANK YOU, UNCLE NOVVA!

WE'LL GO OVER BISCAYNE BOULEVARD... THAT'LL BEY US RIGHT TO TH'...

OH, FINE, UNCLE NOVVA!

UH...UH...GO AW'NOO...IT'S A SHORTER WAY...

YOU...WHERE TH'... HOW TH'... GET OUTA HERE!

WHY...IT'S UNCLE JERRY!

I SLID BY BEFORE YA SAW ME... DONNIE BOY... TELL YA YA WANT ME ALONG.

The Lone Ranger

ANNE! IF YOU GAVE THAT CASH TO THE WRONG MAN, YOU KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN!

Y-YES!

I-1-KNOW--

BRING HER GUN AND CASH. I'LL CARRY HER INSIDE.

By Carl Anderson
By Charles Kuhn
By Walt Disney
By George McManus
By Wally Bishop
By Paul Robinson
By Bob Gustafson
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By Fran Striker