

(A real story of real children for very young children)

The jolly big April sun was really smiling this morning, and the children on Playtime Lane were smiling too. It was so warm that their mothers had allowed them out without snowsuits and mittens. It felt so good to be out without their heavy clothes that they all felt like running and jumping. They were tearing up and down the driveway, jumping off the back steps and racing around just like the new lambs out at Uncle Bob's. Susan and David raced across the field to Laurie's. Frisky met them half way and rap back with them, his ears flapping as he ran. "Laurie, we haven't got our snow suits on," Susan called out. "Isn't it fun to be out today?" "Yes," agreed Laurie coming to meet them. "You can see the grass getting green. Our yard is dry now, and Mommy said I could soon take out my tricycle." "I can take out my carriage," said Susan. "I must run home and get it." "I get wagon too," said David as he started along the path. "Come, Laurie, come play at my house." The three children walked one behind the other across to the Dale house with Frisky at their heels.

Susan was in the house for a few minutes, while David and Laurie went to the garage to get David's little wagon. It had not been used since last fall, but they found it in the corner, and pulled it out. Just then Susan came out the door, pushing her doll carriage very carefully. "Sh, sh," she whispered, placing her finger on her lips. "Your doll can't hear," said Laurie. "Why do we have to be quiet?"

"It's not Margie Lou that I have in here," said Susan. "Just step softly and peek in." Laurie went over, peeked under the hood, and grinned. "There was Winkle, Susan's little yellow kitten, fast asleep in the carriage." "David get Big Panda," said David running into the house. Back he came with the big black and white panda that was half as big as he was. He put Big Panda in his wagon and walked on pulling it behind him.

Laurie looked a little lonesome, for he had nothing to haul or push. Then he had an idea. "Come on back to my place," he said to the other two, and back they all marched.

Laurie went into the house and came out with his big metal dump truck. He had tied a piece of heavy cord to it, and, sitting up as big as life was Ginger, all clean and pretty from the bath

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

THE FEATHER CHASE

If you make a game of work, it will very seldom irk. —Skimmer the Swallow.

Skimmer the Swallow and Mrs. Skimmer had hunted high and low for white feathers with which to line their nest. Mrs. Skimmer wouldn't be satisfied with anything but white feathers, and in that neighborhood there were no white feathers. They had searched in every barnyard for a long distance around. They were beginning to be discouraged. What should have been fun had become real work. They wouldn't have minded it only they could have found a few of the feathers they wanted.

"Don't you think some other feathers would do just as well?" asked Skimmer plaintively. "No," said Mrs. Skimmer shortly. "I want white feathers, and we're going to get them somewhere. There must be some around that we've overlooked."

A day or two later Farmer Brown's Boy came out of the house. He knew that it was about time for the nest of the swallows to be finished, and he knew their liking for white feathers. He had found in the attic an old feather pillow. From it he had selected a few white feathers. These were soft and downy around the base. Now he held one of these feathers

Laurie had given him yesterday. "Isn't this fun?" laughed Susan. "Here we are. Each one of us has some thing to haul or push. Come on, let's make a parade." Mrs. Page smiled to herself as she looked out the kitchen window at the three children marching round and round the old apple tree. They were singing as they went.

"Round and round the mulberry bush The monkey chased the weasel, Why don't you leave my tail alone? Popi goes the weasel."

I guess Frisky is supposed to be the 'weasel,' she thought to herself. "He's at the tail end of heavy cord to it, and, sitting up as big as life was Ginger, all clean and pretty from the bath

blew it down. They had the merriest kind of merry time with it. But neither Skimmer nor Mrs. Skimmer joined them.

Farmer Brown's Boy held a white feather out in front of him. Skimmer swooped past, turned, and darted back near, but not near enough. He twittered excitedly as he flew back and forth, not quite daring to take that feather from Farmer Brown's Boy's fingers.

Farmer Brown's Boy kept perfectly still. Mrs. Skimmer came out of the house. She saw that feather he was holding out. She saw Skimmer darting back and forth. Then she darted out from the house, darted past Farmer Brown's Boy and snatched the feather from his fingers as she did so.

After this Farmer Brown's Boy tossed several feathers in the air at the same time. Such a merry game as those two swallows had with the Merry Little Breezes and those feathers.

SCIENTISTS RETURN

BERLIN (Reuters) — The independent newspaper Die Welt reported Monday that several leading German atomic scientists are about to return to East Germany after compulsory work in Russia. Among the scientists scheduled for repatriation is Baron Manfred von Ardenne, who will take charge of Communist nuclear research laboratories near Dresden, Die Welt said.

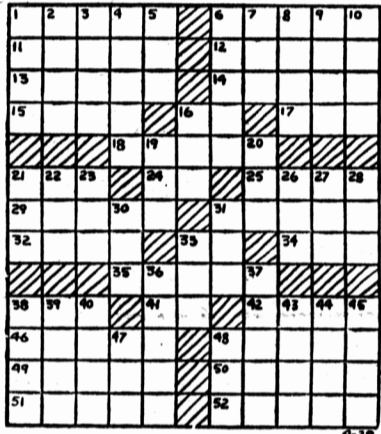
DAILY CROSSWORD

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                       | <b>DOWN</b>               |                            |
| 1. Domineering                      | 1. Company of musicians   | 21. Ovum                   |
| 6. Live embers                      | 2. Musical instrument     | 22. Coin (Swed.)           |
| 11. Subside                         | 3. Girl's name            | 23. Coin (Jap.)            |
| 12. Young owl                       | 4. Not flexible           | 26. Speck                  |
| 13. Undershoot waterwheel           | 5. Affirmative vote       | 27. Part of "to be"        |
| 14. Unbind                          | 6. 800                    | 28. Employ money           |
| 15. Unable to hear                  | 7. Possess                | 30. Roman                  |
| 16. Gold (Her.)                     | 8. Possess                | 31. Jump                   |
| 17. Hops kid (var.)                 | 9. Singing voice          | 33. Speak                  |
| 18. Apartments                      | 10. Let it stand (print.) | 36. Full of life and vigor |
| 21. Goddess of dawn                 | 16. Tree                  | 45. Simians                |
| 24. All correct                     | 18. Fat                   | 47. Thine in office        |
| 25. Two-toed sloth                  | 20. Prosecute judicially  | 48. Old measure (wool)     |
| 29. Big                             |                           | 39. Volcanic rock          |
| 31. Heeds                           |                           |                            |
| 32. Factor                          |                           |                            |
| 33. Perform                         |                           |                            |
| 34. Gathering of neighbors for work |                           |                            |
| 35. Slant                           |                           |                            |
| 38. A wing                          |                           |                            |
| 41. Guido's lowest note             |                           |                            |
| 42. Girl's name                     |                           |                            |
| 46. First Confederate president     |                           |                            |
| 48. A Boy Scout group               |                           |                            |
| 49. Occurrence                      |                           |                            |
| 50. A fruit (It.)                   |                           |                            |
| 51. (W. Afr.)                       |                           |                            |
| 52. Units of force (C.G.S.)         |                           |                            |



Yesterday's Answer

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|------------------------|
| 40. Birds as a class   |
| 43. Kind of chop       |
| 44. Stir               |
| 45. Simians            |
| 47. Thine in office    |
| 48. Old measure (wool) |



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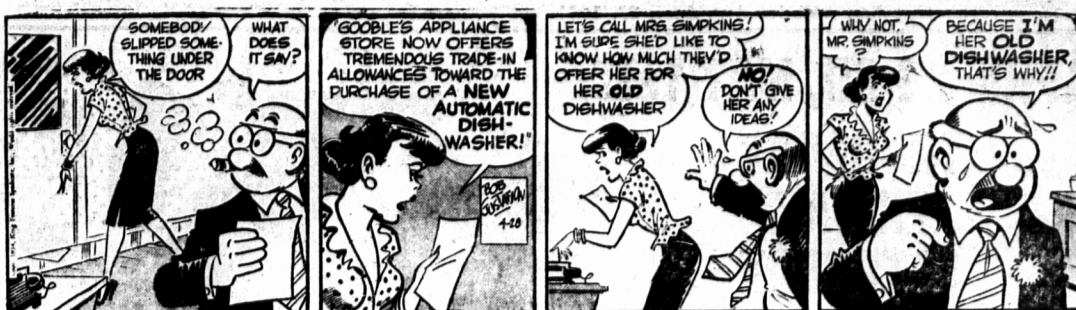
AXYDLBAAXR is LONG FELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this example X is used for the three L's, Y 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.

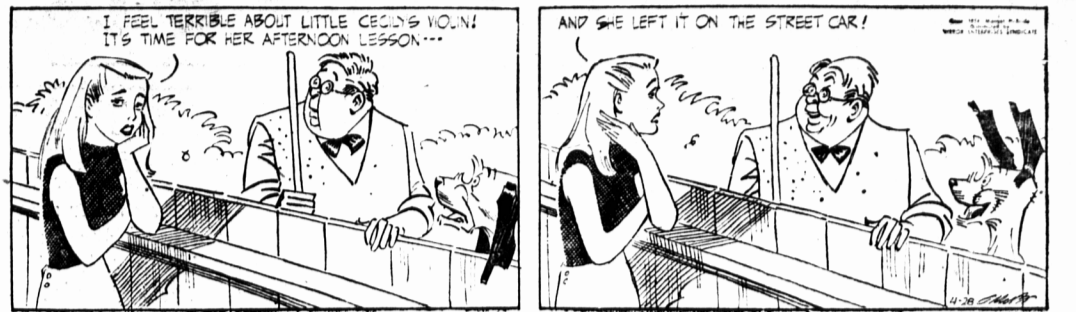
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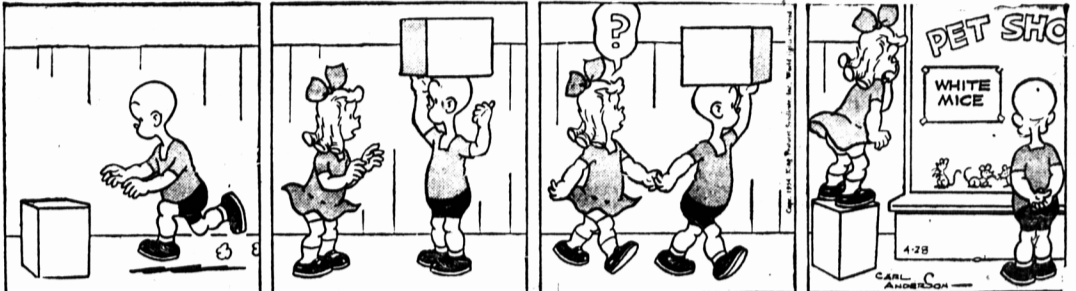
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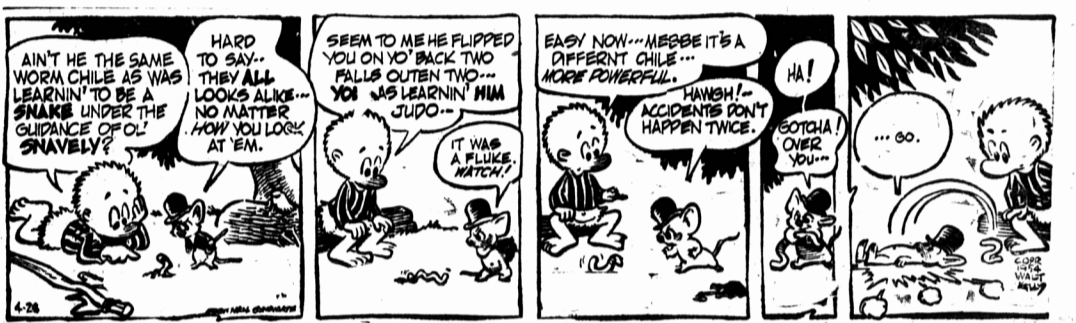
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