

BEDTIME STORIES

Who Made The Holes?

By Thornton W. Burgess

For all that is, make up your mind. Both cause and purpose lie behind. —Old Mother Nature.

Peter Rabbit was over in the little swamp at the head of the Smiling Pool. He had come over there to look for signs that Sweet Mistress Spring was somewhere near. He had found one sure sign. He had found the little brown and green hoods of the skunk cabbage poking up through the ground. Inside those warm, snug hoods were tiny, tiny yellow flowers, the first flowers of the year. They smelled like Jimmy Skunk.

Very wet and soft. Presently Peter, looking down to see where he was going to step next, discovered a round hole in the ground. It was just about the size of a big knitting needle or a small lead pencil. Peter didn't understand. This is the first hole I've ever seen like this. He had found the little brown and green hoods of the skunk cabbage poking up through the ground. Inside those warm, snug hoods were tiny, tiny yellow flowers, the first flowers of the year. They smelled like Jimmy Skunk.

"I've found another sign!" cried Peter. "What if you have?" It was nothing to get excited about, said Sammy Jay. "Do you know who made those holes?" "Of course I know," retorted Sammy Jay. "Longbill the Woodcock made those getting his breakfast."



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When Peter got tired of looking for skunk cabbage flowers he moved on looking for more signs. In that little swamp the ground was

Refuse Name Of Naval Contractor

OTTAWA (CP) — The Liberal majority, by a vote of 11 to 6, turned down in the Commons public accounts committee Thursday an Opposition attempt to discover the name of the Canadian contractor for \$62,000,000 worth of naval guns.

Committee Chairman Charles Cannon (L—les-de-la Madeleine) ordered Auditor-General Watson Sellar not to disclose the name. His order was upheld over the objections of Douglas Harkness (PC—Calgary South).

Outside the committee, a naval spokesman said the contractor was Sorel Industries Ltd. of Sorel, Que. The committee now is studying Mr. Sellar's report of the government's 1954-55 financial operations. The report says Canada and the United States agreed that naval guns should be built in Canada and that each would pay the same price per gun.

Mr. Harkness said this appeared an "improvised contract" and asked for the name of the contractor. Mr. Cannon said it would be unfair to the contractor because he was not present.

George Nowlan (PC—Digby-Annapolis-Kings) said Mr. Sellar's report doesn't reflect on the contractor though Mr. Cannon was implying that.

Mr. Cannon said he had implied no such thing. He maintained that giving the contractor's name would serve "no useful purpose." Mr. Sellar said he doesn't believe there was a written contract between the Canadian and U.S. governments that each would pay the same price per gun but there was an "understanding." The contracts between the contractor and the two governments were on a cost-plus basis.

Advertisement for Minard's Liniment for throat sores.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

THE FALSE MOVE

The timing of the play can be an extremely tricky sort of thing, and contracts that appear to be ironclad, if the breaks are not too bad, have a way of disintegrating if there is one false move. Consider this deal, from the recent Vanderbilt Tournament in New York.

Bridge hand diagram showing cards for North and South.

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable. A K 6 2, 9 6 4, K J 5 4 3, Q.

The bidding: North 1♣, East 1♠, South 1♠, West Pass.

East-West were not very enterprising; they could have made five hearts (except against the most inspired defense), but they didn't even get into the auction. East was blameless, because he couldn't well take action over one diamond and risk a spade response from his partner, but West put too high a premium on safety when he failed to bid two hearts over one spade.

West opened the club king, looked at dummy, and shifted to a low heart. East played the king and ace of hearts, and South ruffed. Now declarer decided to lead the jack of clubs through West's mark. This choice, an extremely questionable one, but unimportant if South had played correctly thereafter. East covered the jack and dum-

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS: 1. Small fresh-water fish, 2. Escape (slang), 3. Bravery, 4. Domesticates, 5. Goddess of discord (Gr.), 6. Piece out, 7. Coin (Port.), 8. Poem, 9. City (It.), 10. Coupled, 11. Unwoven cloth (Pac. Is.), 12. Article of value, 13. Rude dwelling, 14. Neurotic condition among Malays, 15. Capital of Cuba, 16. Pivoted support for a rotating gun, 17. City (Pruss.), 18. Coin (Swed.), 19. Open (poet.), 20. Safe, 21. A kind of quartz, 22. Harsh, 23. Cubic meter, 24. Sea eagles, 25. Attitudinize, 26. Gloomy, 27. Psychiatrist, 28. Lettuce (U.S.), 29. Erbium (sym.), 30. Not fresh, 31. Man's name, 32. Large snails, 33. Metal fastener, 34. Piece out, 35. Miscel-lany, 36. Cavern, 37. Funeral pile, 38. River to the English Channel, 39. Receptacle for coffee, 40. A Siouan Indian, 41. Spain (abbr.).

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting positions.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW. Cryptogram Quotation: QJDL JD HAR CYUR YP HQXHA WDT QJLAH, QJDL JD HAR OYBEYD CYUR YP LYTT—HRDDVBYD.

Jet Trainer Is Missing

VANCOUVER (CP)—The RCAF here reported Thursday a two-seater T-33 jet trainer is missing on a flight from the RCAF station at Comox on Vancouver Island. A spokesman said two floatboats reported hearing a crash in the area. The RCAF identified the two men aboard the plane as FO G. S. Stubbs, formerly of Winnipeg, and FO J. E. Miller, formerly of Victoria. Both men were married and had been living at Comox. Men from the two fishing vessels said they heard a crash about noon in the vicinity of Cortez and Taza Islands, about 100 miles northwest of Vancouver. They said they saw a low-flying jet moments before the sound of crash. The RCAF sent aloft three Lancaster aircraft from Comox and four Canos and an Otter from Sea Island here in an effort to locate the missing craft.

Comic strip 'Grandma' by Charles Kuhn. Panel 1: 'MY LAND, THIS WET WEATHER!!' Panel 2: 'THEY SAY THERE'S NOT MUCH A FELLER CAN DO ABOUT IT...' Panel 3: '...BUT, BY CRACKY, I'M GONNA TRY.' Panel 4: 'COMPLAINT DEPARTMENT'

Comic strip 'Mickey Mouse' by Walt Disney. Panel 1: Mickey Mouse painting. Panel 2: Mickey Mouse painting. Panel 3: Mickey Mouse painting.

Comic strip 'Henry' by Carl Anderson. Panel 1: Henry at a desk. Panel 2: Henry at a desk. Panel 3: Henry at a desk.

Comic strip 'Muggs and Skeeter' by Wally Bishop. Panel 1: Muggs and Skeeter talking. Panel 2: Muggs and Skeeter talking. Panel 3: Muggs and Skeeter talking.

Comic strip 'Tilly The Toilet' by Bob Gustafson. Panel 1: Tilly in a toilet. Panel 2: Tilly in a toilet. Panel 3: Tilly in a toilet.

Comic strip 'Eira Kett' by Paul Robinson. Panel 1: Eira Kett talking. Panel 2: Eira Kett talking. Panel 3: Eira Kett talking.

Comic strip 'Joe Patoka' by Ham Fisher. Panel 1: Joe Patoka talking. Panel 2: Joe Patoka talking. Panel 3: Joe Patoka talking.

Comic strip 'The Lone Ranger' by Fran Striker. Panel 1: Lone Ranger talking. Panel 2: Lone Ranger talking. Panel 3: Lone Ranger talking.

Comic strip 'Secret Agent X9' by George McManus. Panel 1: Secret Agent X9 talking. Panel 2: Secret Agent X9 talking. Panel 3: Secret Agent X9 talking.

Comic strip 'POGO' by Al Capp. Panel 1: Pogo talking. Panel 2: Pogo talking. Panel 3: Pogo talking.

Comic strip 'Lily Abern' by Wally Kelly. Panel 1: Lily Abern talking. Panel 2: Lily Abern talking. Panel 3: Lily Abern talking.

Believe It or Not!

Believe It or Not! feature with a woman's portrait and text about a woman who became a mother at 3 sets of twins in 3 successive years.

Out Our Way

Out Our Way comic strip by J. R. Williams. Panel 1: A woman talking. Panel 2: A woman talking. Panel 3: A woman talking.

Our Boarding House

Our Boarding House comic strip by Major Hoople. Panel 1: A man talking. Panel 2: A man talking. Panel 3: A man talking.

TELEVISION CKCW — Moncton. Television Programme Channel 2 SATURDAY. 8:00 p.m.—FM Pops, 8:30 p.m.—Hopalong Cassidy, 9:00 p.m.—Junior Playhouse, 9:30 p.m.—Kids On Camera, 10:00 p.m.—Wild Bill Hickock, 10:30 p.m.—Disneyland, 11:00 p.m.—Weather, 11:30 p.m.—Sports, 12:00 p.m.—CBC News, 12:30 p.m.—Barnes and Allen, 1:00 p.m.—Holiday Rancie, 1:30 p.m.—The Honeymooners, 2:00 p.m.—Stage Show, 2:30 p.m.—On Camera, 3:00 p.m.—This Is Your Music, 3:30 p.m.—Little Theatre, 4:00 p.m.—TBA, 4:30 p.m.—Billy O'Connor Show, 5:00 p.m.—Weather, 5:30 p.m.—Billy O'Connor Show, 6:00 p.m.—TBA, 6:30 p.m.—News, 7:00 p.m.—Weather, 7:30 p.m.—Billboard, 8:00 p.m.—Charlie Chan, 8:30 a.m.—Sign Off.