

BEDTIME STORIES

The Discovery

By Thornton W. Burgess

Though nothing wrong you may detect 'Tis wise the unknown to suspect -Old Mother Nature.

There were two unhappy little Ducks at the pond of Paddy the Beaver. One of them was perhaps the loveliest of all the feathered folk in the Green Forest. It was Beauty the Wood Duck. Mrs. Beauty was pretty, trim and very neat, but not so beautifully dressed as was Beauty in the Sunny South. Now they were back in the Green Forest at Paddy's pond to begin spring housekeeping. And they couldn't find a vacant house. Mrs. Beauty had done most of the looking and she was discouraged. If they couldn't find a house they would have to move on. They didn't want to. That is why they were unhappy.

"Why don't you nest on the ground or on an old stump like other Ducks?" asked Paddy the Beaver.

Because we don't like nesting right out in the open. We like to be inside out of the rain and the sun, and where I do when I am sitting on eggs," replied Mrs. Beauty.



"Why don't you nest on the ground or on an old stump like other ducks" asked Paddy the Beaver.

Without another word she took to her wings and disappeared. She was going to have one last look around for a hollow tree. She wasn't fussy as to the kind of tree. She wanted one with a hollow in it big enough for her to make her nest in it, and she didn't care whether that hollow was low down or high up. But woodcutters had been all through that part of the Green Forest cutting out dead trees, and most trees with hollows in them were dead trees. This is why the two pretty Ducks had been unable to find a nesting tree. Mrs. Beauty flew far up to the brook above Paddy's pond. She had already looked thoroughly far down the brook below the pond. She found no hollows. Such holes as there were in limbs and in trunks of trees were either small knot-holes or the empty homes of smaller members of the Woodpecker family. They had doorways too small for Mrs. Beauty to even get her head in.

On the way back to join Beauty at Paddy's pond, she swung around out a distance from the water. Now it happened that the Old Hermit who lived not far from Paddy's pond had seen Beauty and Mrs. Beauty at the pond. He had guessed that they were looking for a home. He knew how few hollow trees there were. He went back home and set to work. He found an old nail keg. It was empty. He fastened the top back in. Then in one end he cut a hole big enough for a Wood Duck to pass through easily. Wood Ducks are small Ducks and they can enter through a hole that isn't big enough for a Duck to pass through. He took the keg to a certain tree half way to Paddy's pond. It was a tree that he could just see from his cabin. He fastened the keg securely half way up the tree. It was

the very day that Mrs. Beauty was having a last look. On her way back to Paddy's pond she discovered that keg up in the tree. Probably she wouldn't have given it a second look had it not been that she saw that opening in the end of it. She checked her swift flight, turned, and flew over to the tree. Then she perched on a handy limb and studied that keg. It was a long time before she ventured to poke her head inside, but at last she did. "I do believe I've found it," said she. Of course, she meant the house she was looking for.

Air Service In Nfld. Extended

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Eastern Provincial Airways Monday opened the first regular airline service connecting towns in Newfoundland.

EPA will fly from airfields at Gander and St. John's, to landing strips at Buchans, an interior mining town. Deer Lake near the west coast city of Corner Brook, and Frenchman's Cove on the south coast.

Round trips will be made Mondays and Fridays. No flights will operate direct from St. John's to Gander because of the prior Trans-Canada air line franchise.

Formerly EPA operated only on charter.

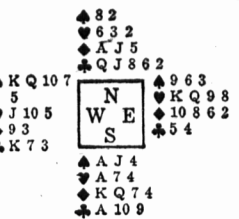
SLOW WINTER

ST. THOMAS, Ont. (CP)—Rod MacDonald, an amateur radio operator, had a 12-minute talk Saturday with station KC 4 USV, one of two operated by the Byrd Expedition at either end of the Ross ice barrier in the Antarctic. "Apparently they're having about the same kind of weather we've been having here," he said. "Water is just setting in down there."

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER (Top record holder in Masters' Individual Championship Play)

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.



The bidding: North East South West Pass Pass 1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead—king of spades. Most players are familiar with the play where the declarer, having A-J-x, does not take the opening lead of the king. This play has acquired the esoteric name of Bath Coup because it is supposed to have had its origin in Bath, England, way back in the whist days. Declining the king serves several functions. The leader cannot continue the suit without losing a trick. Many times the forced shift to any other suit assures declarer the timing to fulfill the contract. Also, the opening leader may not be sure declarer has both ace and jack, and sometimes continues with the same suit. Usually it is not in declarer's interest to take the king lead. The hands where the king is taken are generally those in which declarer is vulnerable to a switch to another suit. South in today's hand, fell victim to his familiarity with the Bath Coup. He ducked the king

of spades, hoping West would continue the suit. West, having taken note of his partner's three of spades, shifted to the jack of hearts. This held the trick, and West continued with the ten, overtaken by East's queen. South was already fighting a losing cause. If he allowed East to win the queen, a spade return would put him out of the running. If South took the queen of hearts he would ultimately be defeated by the loss of a spade, a club and three hearts. Declarer should take the first trick of the opponents' cards which can defeat him if he does. Nine tricks are certain, regardless of who has the king of clubs. Nor does it matter how many clubs either declarer has. At trick two South plays a diamond to the jack. The queen clubs is led and finessed. If it loses, South has ten tricks. If it wins, a low club is led and finessed. Again game is sure, and this is so even if West shows out. The declarer in such cases would have three club tricks, four diamonds, a heart and a spade.

Three Indians Die After Wedding Party

EDMONTON (CP)—Three Indians died here Saturday and Sunday following a wedding party Friday night at Drayton valley 90 miles southwest of here, RCMP reported.

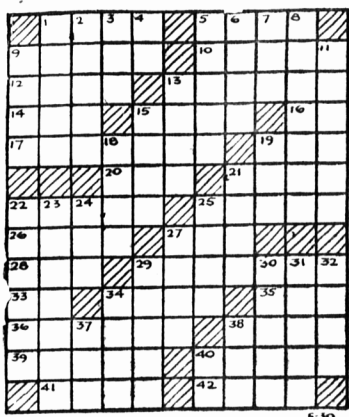
Dead are: Oliver Bugler, J. Osben and Ernest Nicolson, all members of the Red Pheasant band of Indians from the North Battleford area of Saskatchewan.

Ivan Eaglechief, 25, of the same band, is reported in serious condition in hospital here and other Indians in the Drayton valley area are reported to be seriously ill. Edmonton hospital officials say post-mortem examinations will be conducted on the three bodies. Police are investigating the report that an alcoholic beverage was drunk at the party possibly containing wood alcohol.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Que. (CP)—Mrs. Theophile Renaud celebrated her 100th birthday Saturday by attending mass at the parish church in this village in the County of Two Mountains. The spry old lady has 67 descendants.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS 1. Fish 2. Greek letter 3. Ascertain, as the fare 4. Manacles 5. Roman poet 6. Rub with out 7. Garden tool 8. Fish spears 9. Erbium 10. Variant of A (Bib.) 11. Ovens 12. Fleshy part of fruit 13. Not sour 14. A search 15. One deposit 16. To make merry 17. Injure 18. Fertile spots in deserts 19. English 20. One (poss.) 21. Poems DOWN 1. Flavor 2. Bay window 3. Guided 4. Man's nickname



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it

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 B K J L T H H P Z W I F S Z J K I T H V Z W M K I R T Z V M J T W L J L W K M I H P W P Z B I W A J V E Z A I Z J W I J P E T S F C Z H I J W.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: FOR THE SELF-SAME HEAVEN THAT FROWNS ON ME, LOOKS SADLY UPON HIM—SHAKESPEARE.

Believe It or Not!

Advertisement for C.F.W. Brecht featuring a portrait of a man and text about a child's room and a potato.

Out Our Way

Comic strip 'Out Our Way' by J.R. Williams showing a man and a woman talking about a hole in a wall.

Our Boarding House

Comic strip 'Our Boarding House' by J.R. Williams showing a man and a woman talking about a hole in a wall.

Comic strip 'Grandma' showing a woman talking to a man about a neighbor.

Comic strip 'Mickey Mouse' showing Mickey Mouse and friends.

Comic strip 'Henry' showing a man and a woman talking.

Comic strip 'Muggs and Skeeter' showing two men talking.

Comic strip 'Tilly The Toilet' showing a man and a woman talking.

Comic strip 'Erta Kett' showing a man and a woman talking.

Comic strip 'Joe Palooka' showing a man and a woman talking.

Comic strip 'The Lone Ranger' showing a man and a woman talking.

Comic strip 'Secret Agent X9' showing a man and a woman talking.

Comic strip 'POGO' showing a man and a woman talking.

Advertisement for Minard's Liniment for throat sore.

Television program schedule for CKCW - Moncton.

Advertisement for 'Heroic Senator Phogbound' capturing a thug.

Advertisement for 'Shore Ah Done' featuring a matchmaker.