

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

## THE UNLIKE COUSINS

Family ties are often strained when there's something to be gained.

—Old Mother Nature.

Two cousins, Shadow the Weasel and Billy Mink, had been quarreling over a Minnow on the shore of the Smiling Pool. Billy Mink had caught that Minnow. You know he is a famous swimmer and fisherman. He lives very largely on fish. Sometimes when there are many fish he catches more than he can eat. I suspect he catches them just for fun. Sometimes he does store them away. Billy Mink caught that evening he had eaten. Then he had gone fishing for fun. He had caught another and left it on the shore while he went after a third. His cousin, Shadow the Weasel, had come along and found the fish. Now, Shadow isn't a fisherman. He is a hunter. But he likes fish; and when he found this one he promptly took possession of it. He was just preparing to eat it, when Billy Mink returned. He had failed to catch the fish he had gone after. Billy promptly claimed the fish that Shadow had, and a quarrel followed. Billy, being the bigger and stronger, finally got the fish back. All the time Young Reddy Fox had been lying flat on the bank above watching what was going on, and wondering if one of those two cousins would catch a good dinner if he should be able to catch him. But he had no chance to try this because the quarrelsome pair moved so quickly.

When Billy Mink finally got the fish, Shadow didn't give up. He remained there, watching for a chance to dash in and seize that fish. His little eyes were red with rage. Although he was so much smaller, he was unafraid. There was not a frightened hair on him. He still snarled that was his fish because he had found it.



Jimmy was out looking for a dinner.

Now the two were so busy quarreling, and the young fox was so busy watching them, that no one saw Jimmy Skunk approaching. The father of Young Jimmy, whom Young Reddy had made the acquaintance of, Jimmy was out looking for a dinner. He happened to be over near the Smiling Pool and he had gone over there to see if by any chance he might find a fish that someone had caught and left. Jimmy's eyes are rather dull. They are not as keen as the eyes of some of his neighbors. He heard the snarling, growling, and ugly threats of Shadow the Weasel and Billy Mink, but he was quite near them before he saw them. He stopped to watch them for a moment or two, then saw the fish. "So that is what my cousins are fighting over," said he to himself. "I think I would like that fish for myself." He stared ahead. It was Billy Mink who saw him first. "Here comes cousin Jimmy!"

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## STRANGE BUT TRUE

### Pioneer Days In P.E.I.

By F. H. MacArthur

When MacBeth peeped down through the trapdoor opening, he was a very surprised fellow, for below all was confusion. The table was upside down, the stove leaned drunkenly on two legs, while the floor was strewn with dishes, pots, wreckage, sat the bear, snarling because of his burned mouth and disappointment. The meal he had suddenly come by so easily had cost him plenty in the long run and the animal was furious. He remembered the hurt and somebody or something would have to pay for it.

MacBeth now crossed the attic floor, picked up his gun and to his utter disgust, found the weapon was unloaded, and the shot and powder lay below. Now it was the man's turn to fall into a rage, and to worsen matters, Bruin spotted his supposed enemy and forthwith started climbing the ladder. Mac tried his best to shake the animal off, but without any luck. What could he do next? Perhaps knock the brute across the head when it had climbed to within striking distance.

With this thought in mind, he reversed the position of the gun and waited. Bruin was approaching at a snail's pace, sort of feeling his way up, while at the same time watching the man above with cruel, steady eyes. Suddenly the ladder collapsed beneath his weight and he tumbled over backwards, hitting the floor with such force that the little building shook from stern to bow.

Now the bear was really angry and frightened as MacBeth had been, up until this moment, he

laughed heartily. Now that the ladder was broken, the bear would not be able to get up but neither could Mac get down. For a long minute, each stared at the other, the man giving utterance to a few well-chosen oaths, the bear grunting his utter disgust over the whole affair. At this juncture, the snapping of twigs could be heard afar which brought a ray of hope to the injured man. He knew the noise he had heard was that of the men coming to dinner, so he called to them to hurry. Bruin, too, heard the sounds and, not wishing to be caught in his tracks, made a last desperate attempt to dispose of MacBeth before losing himself in the forest. In a split second four shots rang out and a great heart was no more.

### Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams

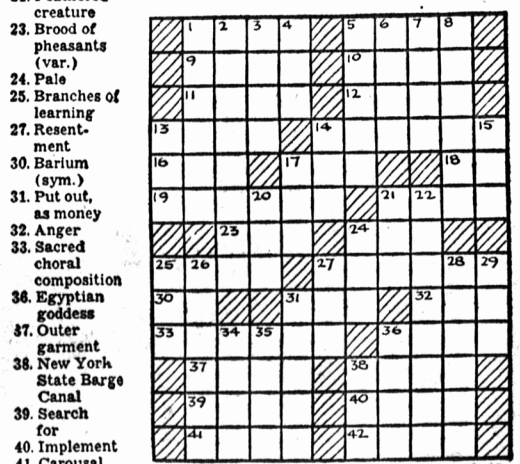


### Our Boarding House Major Hoople



## DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- 1. A fox (poss.)
- 2. Talk
- 3. Tumbler
- 4. Theater seat
- 5. Confederate
- 6. Spoken
- 7. External seed covering
- 8. A dense, intermingled growth
- 9. Loiter
- 10. Grain
- 11. Half an em
- 12. Uninterrupted
- 13. Feathered creature
- 14. Brood of pheasants (var.)
- 15. Pals
- 16. Branches of learning
- 17. Resentment
- 18. Barium (sym.)
- 19. Put out, as money
- 20. Anger
- 21. Sacred choral composition
- 22. Egyptian goddess
- 23. Outer garment
- 24. New York State Barge Canal
- 25. Search for
- 26. Implement
- 27. Carousal



## 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, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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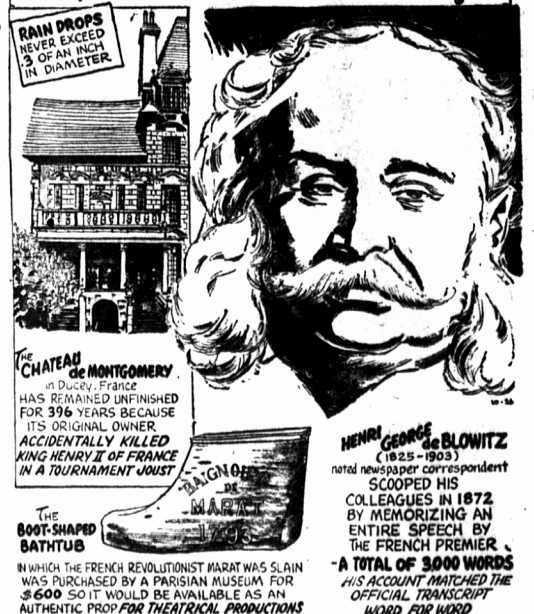
Yesterday's Cryptogram ALL OUR PRIDE IS BUT A JEST, NONE ARE WORST AND NONE ARE BEST — CAMPION.

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## The Lone Ranger



## Believe It or Not!



THE CHATEAU OF MONTGOMERY HAS REMAINED UNFINISHED FOR 396 YEARS BECAUSE ITS ORIGINAL OWNER ACCIDENTALLY KILLED KING HENRY II OF FRANCE IN A TOURNAMENT Joust.

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## Secret Agent X9



## Bringing Up Father



## Tilly The Toilet



## POGO



## Muggs and Skeeter



## Henry



## Titra Kent



## Grandma



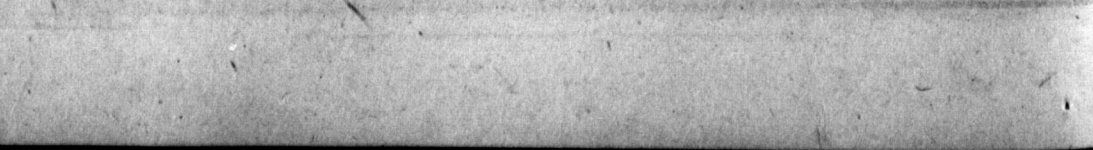
## Mickey Mouse



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