



DUCKIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

REDDY TAKES NOTICE

In all disasters best have fared, The ones who always were prepared. —Old Mother Nature.

Long ago Reddy Fox learned the value of knowing what his neighbors were doing, and finding out if possible why they were doing it. In this way he had learned to watch for signs. He found out that when others knew what he didn't know, and the way to find out was to watch them, and remember.

It was mid-winter. It had been a fairly hard winter, but not too hard. Reddy and Mrs. Reddy had managed to find food enough to keep them from really starving, though some of the time they were very hungry. On this morning Reddy had gone over to the place on the Big River where there was open water. More than once he had found something to eat there, a dead fish washed ashore or something else that had come down under the ice. All the morning he had had a feeling of uneasiness. He guessed that it was a sign that there was going to be a change in the weather, and not a good one. He wondered if others had that same feeling. When he



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reached the open water, he noticed right away that he seemed to be the only visitor there. Looking as he would, he could see nothing of Rattles the Kingfisher, or Longlegs the Great Blue Heron, or any of the Duck folk, or Dipper the Grebe. All of whom were no where to be seen, nor was Graywing the Gull. He sat down and waited. He waited a long time, but no one appeared. He was sure then that all of those fishermen had deserted this part of the Big River. The only place they could go to find other open water was south. They must have all gone farther down the Big River.

"There is going to be a storm, or very cold weather," thought Reddy. "That is why all those

Strange But True

By F. E. MacArthur

Do you know how the "sunset" shell got its name? Because of the beautiful way in which the interior surface is colored. Sometimes it is pink all over; sometimes orange yellow; again it will show a crimson color or a white background. In other words, it has all the colorings of the evening sky after a fine sunset.

A curious thing about the shipworm is that it keeps on changing its form. From the size and shape of a lead pencil it will in a few hours, become oval. A few hours later, if you look at it again, you would find it was almost triangular. Later still it would be round again; just as it was when first incubated out of an egg. Too, it can either swim upon the surface or crawl about on the ocean's bed.

The Lug worm lives in a bur-

row two feet deep and always goes to sleep with its head downward.

Another curious denizen of the sea-shore is the nemerte, a tangled worm that looks like a shoe-lace. But the most wonderful thing about it is that it can stretch its body to almost any length. Just as if it were made of rubber. It always goes through the stretching act in catching its prey. Then it tortures its victim in much the same way an angler "plays" a fish, sometimes stretching its elastic body out to twenty feet, then drawing it in again to a length of three, and so on over and over again, until its victim is completely exhausted, when it polishes it off as a cat does a mouse.

Persons who claim the only good convict is a dead one should read this.

"A thousand Illinois convicts are going to help scientists answer the question whether there is such a thing as immunity to the common cold — and if so, how to develop it.

"A University of Illinois team headed by Dr. Harry Dowling will begin the studies soon at the state prison at Stateville.

"Dr. Dowling said serum taken from the nostrils of persons who have just recovered from colds will be given to convicts used in the tests. The basis for this test is the belief that a person who has just recovered from a cold has some immunity for a short time.

The thousand convicts who are

others have left. If I had wings I'd go myself." He turned, and made straight for the Old Pasture. There he found Mrs. Reddy.

"My dear," said Reddy, "Hard times are coming, and we haven't much time to get ready."

"How do you know?" asked Mrs. Reddy.

"I've been noticing things," replied Reddy.

Mrs. Reddy looked interested. "What things have you noticed?" she asked.

"I've noticed that all the folks who had been fishing over on the Big River have left, even King Eagle and Mrs. Eagle are no longer around. I've noticed that Tommy Tit the Chickadee, and Yank Yank the Nuthatch, and Sammy Jay, are extra busy hunting for seeds and storing them away. I've noticed that there is a queer feeling in the air, a feeling that something is about to happen. I know what all these signs mean. I know they mean bad weather is coming. I think, my dear, that we ought to do a little extra hard hunting ourselves, and if we have good luck, we ought to store away for future use what we may get instead of eating it now," said Reddy.

Mrs. Reddy agreed. "There is nothing like being prepared," said she. "It is always wise to be prepared for the worst, even though the worst may not happen."

Reddy nodded. That was good sense. Then together they started off hunting.

going to help the scientists are all volunteers.

If you make life pleasant only for yourself. Others soon will give you the cold shoulder.

After driving all the way from Toronto to Winnipeg to visit his nephew for the first time in 10 years, Damien Fraser had trouble finding Samuel Mallet. His mind more on Samuel than on the long line of cars he turned into a boulevard. A half awake driver had to slam hard on his brakes to avoid a collision, and skidded into a utility pole. The driver of the crashed car was Samuel Mallet.

Cain and Abel are still alive in a duplex home in St. Paul. But they are not the same persons we read about in the Bible.

OLD SEIGNIORY
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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A BASIC QUESTION

To play really excellent bridge it is vital, of course, to know all the "tricks" — how to manipulate the various coups and squeezes and other post-graduate plays. But, as in every other field, it is a good idea to walk well before you run, and one of the basic points that must be thoroughly understood is when to draw rumps, and when not to.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
North-South 30 part-score.

♠	AK63	♣	AK53
♥	AK53	♦	AK53
♠	QJ7	♣	Q72
♥	K43	♦	Q875
♠	308	♣	AK300
♥	AK53	♦	AK300
♠	AK53	♣	AK53
♥	AK53	♦	AK53

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

The simple hand below, for example, might serve as a good drill hand for the not-too-experienced player.

West made the obviously correct opening lead from his holding, the queen of hearts, and after winning the trick in dummy, declarer immediately launched a trump-drawing process, cashing the king and leading to the ace. He was highly annoyed when East showed out, but, going back to dummy in hearts, he tried for the diamond finesse. When that also went wrong and West proceeded to draw the rest of the trumps on his own account, South muttered darkly about his "horrible luck."

West cashed the high heart and shifted to a low club — and the upshot was that South went down one at his very sound three-spade contract.

It is quite apparent that South should not have been so intent on drawing the adverse trumps — not when he was also exposing his own and dummy's low trumps to the enemy's mercy. At the second trick (or certainly after leading one round of trumps) he should have taken the diamond finesse. Even though it lost, he now would be able to discard two clubs from dummy on the established diamonds, and if West tried to stop this by ruffing the fourth diamond, it would only cost him one of his precious trump tricks.

Another way the hand could have been made won by establishing dummy's fourth heart before losing control of the clubs.

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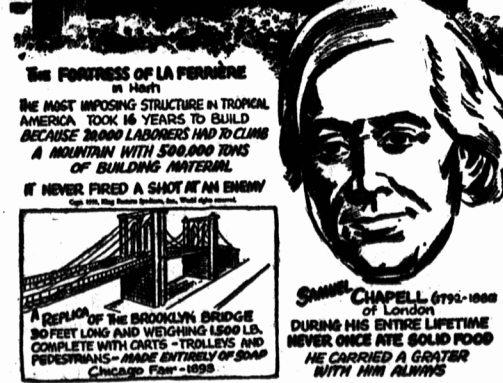
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Ray's—Believe It or Not!

THE LETTER 'S'
IS DERIVED FROM THE EGYPTIAN 'SE' MEANING A GARDEN BECAUSE ITS ORIGINAL SHAPE IS RESEMBLES THE OUTLINE OF A GARDEN



SHANE CHAPPELL, 1870-1928 of London. DURING HIS ENTIRE LIFETIME NEVER ONCE ATE SOLID FOOD HE CARRIED A GRATER WITH HIM ALWAYS

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Tired Feet Secret Agent X9 MINARD'S LINIMENT

THE LONE RANGER
HAD THE ENOUGH TO SPEND MONEY IN THE CAPE?
YES, NOW!

ALL GO THERE TO SPEND YOUR PART IN HIS PLAN!

COME ON IN, BANNER MANN! THIS MAN STRUCK IT RIGHT!

TO CELEBRATE, I GIVE THE PARTY! ORDER WHAT YOU WANT, I PAY!

Secret Agent X9
A large pile stands at the base of a small building — it appears to be a tunnel — is exposed in a basement.

Secret Agent X9
A man squirts silently over a tiny fire —

Secret Agent X9
I LIVE HERE ALL WINTER IF PLACES WANT FOR ME AT GABIN!

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. Autumn
2. Sowers (shortened)
3. Not cold
4. Source of indigo
5. Potpourri
6. Accord
7. Not clear
8. Strewed with rubbish
9. Riga (abbr.)
10. Shattered side
11. Hanging ornament
12. Merry
13. Motion
14. A pole horse
15. Groves
16. Insulator
17. Omelet
18. Speak indistinctly
19. Lubricate
20. Hawaiian Islands (abbr.)
21. Conductor who that of a English cream
22. Beetle
23. Movable barriers
24. Vases
25. Level
26. Net-like fabric
27. With
- DOWN**
1. Girl's name
2. Join together

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X E
is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this example, X 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.

A Cryptogram Question
N E U L K P E K U Y J V W B C Q K Y L B
Q W A C X P C W B C O W B E K Y O Y E L P E
L W A K C — M K O A K D.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: IS NOT OLD WINE WHOLESOME? Best, OLD FIPPING TOOTHSONEST... — WEBSTER.

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The lively flavour freshens your taste—soothes your throat... and the pleasant chewing gives you a happy little lift. Get some refreshing delicious Wrigley's Spearmint Gum today.

Henry
SEA FOOD
CRABS

Grandma
GEE, GRANDMA WHY SO MUCH CAKE AN' GREENS IN FRONT O' TH' MOUNTAIN? OH, I FINALLY MADE UP MY MIND 'T GET RID O' TH' MICE IN TH' HOUSE! I DON'T LIKE 'EM 'EM TRAPS AN' HURT 'EM... SO I DECIDED 'EM I'D KILL 'EM WITH POISON!

Mickey Mouse
SEE... GOOFY'S GOT A LOT O' ZANY RELATIVES... 'YEAH... AND NOT ONE O' THEM KNOWS A THING O' GOOFY'S WHEREABOUTS... LOOK OUT... UNCA MICKEY! MORTY, LOOK! I'D SWEAR THAT'S GOOFY IN THAT BACK SEAT...!

Bringing Up Father
YOU BRUTE! YOU'VE SAID THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A WORD TO ME!—BOO-HOO! MAGGIE IS RIGHT! I'VE BEEN NEGLECTING HER! I'M GOING TO BE MORE ATTENTIVE! MAGGIE—ME DARLIN'... GEE—YOU GLOWN! YOU'LL WAKE UP MY BROTHER BINNY! CAN'T YOU SEE HE'S SLEEPING?!

Mugs and Skelter
WHERE'S JIMMY? WHAT DO YOU MEAN WE SW ABOUT HIM? ON, HE'S GONNA BE ALL RIGHT... I SURELY HE LEASH BACK... BUT I HAD TO LEAVE JIMMY... THE VET WANTS TO GIVE HIM A COUPLE O' SHOTS... SHOTS? WHAT FOR? JUST SOMETHING TO BLD HIM UP... THE VET SAID NOT TO WORRY... THE SHOTS WOULDNT HARM HIM... OH... IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN THOROUGHLY TESTED OUT ON PEOPLE!

Etta Kett
GEE MOM! I GUESS WE REALLY DO GIVE DAD A PRETTY ROUGH TIME! LET'S SHOW HIM HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE HIM! WE'LL SHOWER HIM WITH KINDNESS! WE'LL WAIT ON HIM HAND AND FOOT... DELAY DEAD! I'M COOKING ALL YOUR FAVORITE DISHES! I HUNG UP YOUR COAT! HERE'S THE PAPER! LET ME LIGHT YOUR PIPE! OKAY! LET'S HAVE IT!—HOW MUCH IS THE GOIN' TO COST ME?!

Tilly The Toiler
IS THAT ALL THAT BABYBALL PLAYER I HEARD CAN DO? JUST STAND AROUND? PUT HIM TO WORK! HE'S UNTRAINED, SIR—HE CAN'T DO OFFICE WORK! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING HE CAN DO TO MAKE HIMSELF USEFUL!

Striker
HOW CAN YOU LAND IN SLOBOVA IF THE AIRCRAFT HERE'S SO COLD IT FREEZES MOTORS IN MID-AIR? DUN'T WORRY YOU PRETTY! HAD IT—HENJOY SOME SALAMI! SPORTS BELIEVER! SAY—WHAT? WHO'S PILOTING THIS PLANE? NOBODY IS WHO?—IS ALL GOD-O-MARIE? I AM FOR SLOBOVA—WHEN WE GET THERE, THE MOTOR FRIZES—SO ODD-O-MATICALLY WE STOP!— BUT—HOW DO WE GET DOWN? WELL, MY FRIENDS, IS HOLD SLOBOVA—WAIT AND SLEEP!

By Mel Gruff
I THINK HE'S GOT A COUNTERPART IN THE THOUSAND-DOLLAR BILL? I HADN'T RW AGAIN? POSE, SHADAP? DON'T INHARRIGS HE, WE'LL GET YER DOUGH... IF I HAFTA GIVE R TO YA... SAY, BOSS... MY FRIENDS RIMIN' THEM ON DOWN... CAPTCHA CHANGE A BILL... RELAX! I'LL DO IT WHEN WE'RE A CITY, ALONG THE MAIN HIGHWAY. BEFORE HE DOWNS 'EM GIVE 'EM A BELL!

By Hans Fisher
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