

BEDTIME STORIES

Peter Follows His Nose

By Thornton W. Burgess

Be not too positive you know. What you may think may not be so. —Old Mother Nature.

Peter Rabbit was out hunting for signs. He was tired of winter, and he was looking for signs that...



Peter made a funny little hop.

Peter stopped and sniffed. A Merry Little Breeze came dancing along and tickled his nose. Peter sniffed again. "Jimmy Skunk has been over here," thought Peter.

has gone. He can't have been gone long. I couldn't smell him so long. If he is out around here, that is one sign that...

There was one certain place where the scent was strongest. Peter kept going back there. His nose always led him back there. But Jimmy Skunk wasn't there. It puzzled Peter. Peter sat there wondering about Jimmy Skunk and where he might be. And then for the first time he noticed a queer little reddish brown thing shaped like a mouse's hood that seemed to be growing out of the mud. He looked around. There were several more. Some of them were more green than brown. Peter chuckled. He bent over and sniffed at one. It was a mouse's hood. Jimmy Skunk's scent was strong there. Peter chuckled again. "I had forgotten all about these things," he said, talking to himself. "Now I know sweet Mistress Spring will soon be here. These are a sure sign."

What Peter had found were the protecting hoods of the first flower to bloom in the spring. There were no leaves. Those would come later.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

West produced quite an opening lead in the following hand.

Bridge hand diagram showing cards for North, East, South, and West.

The bidding: North 1♣, East Pass, South 2♣, West Pass.

West said later that he had wanted to double six diamonds to call for an unusual opening lead, which could only be a spade in this auction.

later, great big green leaves. These were what are called skunk cabbage. They are so called because of the strong scent so like that which Jimmy Skunk carries in his little scent gun, and the big green leaves like cabbage leaves. These little hoods were curved. They were open on the inner side of the curve. Peter peeped into one of them. Down in the bottom of that yellow ball, Peter made a funny little hop. It was his way of expressing joy. That yellow ball was made up of many, many tiny flowers covered with the golden flower dust that is called pollen. These tiny, tiny flowers protected from the cold by the thick walls of that brown hood and there in the swamp were little patches of snow that had not yet melted.

most unexpected direction. It was East who ruffed, and subsequently South had to concede both of his remaining spades.

West, by way of explanation, said that he had selected the spade deuce lead on this basis: North's three-spade bid, lacking the king and queen, had strongly suggested at least a six card suit. South had shown a willingness to play at spades by bidding game in that suit. Thus it was extremely likely that East had no more than a singleton. West led a heart or a club (a trump had nothing to recommend it) it was easily foreseeable that declarer in establishing North's spade suit, would take successive finesse against the missing king and queen, and West of course knew that this plan would be highly fruitful. Hence the prime object of West's lead had been to force the play of the ace at the first trick, thus protecting the K-Q. East's immediate ruff was only an extra dividend.

Coal, oil and the limestone needed for steelmaking are all of fossil origin, accumulated over the ages.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS: 1. Freight of a ship, 2. Silent, 11. At full speed, 12. By oneself, 13. Conscience, 14. Craze, 15. Allowance for weight (comm.), 16. Pronoun, 17. Distant, 18. Sloth, 19. Pinaceous tree, 21. Chest used for keeping food cool, 24. Body of water, 27. Tibetan priests, 28. Skin disorder, 29. Social climber, 30. Sewa with long attache, 31. Lukewarm, 32. Delirium tremens (abbr.), 34. Greek letter, 36. Indefinite article, 37. Girl's name, 39. Frames to hold out the skirts, 41. Tropical isle, 42. Sea eagles (Eur.), 43. Correct, 44. Squander, 45. Hair cut short across the forehead.

Crossword grid with numbers indicating starting positions for words.

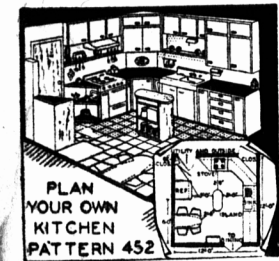
DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

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.

A Cryptogram Quota! L G C K R V H L K T S M L G J L K E I O L G E M H R V J K C N I H M G C N F J N V J G K T G M - N L H I C H V.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHEN A DIVINITY WOULD WORK EVIL TO A MAN, FIRST HE DEPRIVES HIM OF HIS SENSES.—EURIPIDES.

Workshop Patterns



The sketch shows the use of a kitchen floor space that is twelve feet square. At windows, doors and utility outlets vary in both old and new houses a similar space might be used more efficiently with a different arrangement of fixtures. The pattern gives diagrams for the standard fixtures scaled to the space necessary for each. Whether you plan a new kitchen or re-do your present one these diagrams will help you to use each square inch of space to best advantage.

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Out Our Way



Our Boarding House Major Hoople



Bringing Up Father



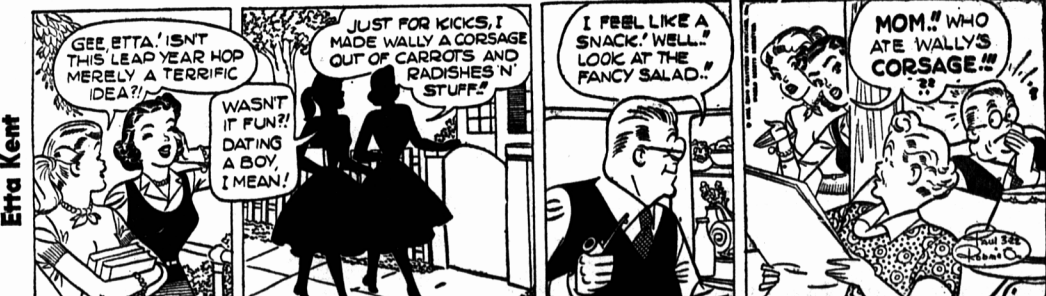
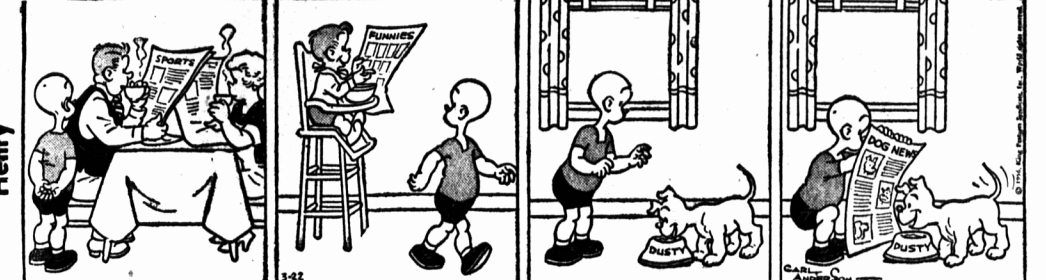
Secret Agent X9



Lily Abner



By AJ Capp



By Charles Kuhn, By Walt Disney, By Carl Anderson, By Wally Bishop, By Bob Gustafson, By Paul Robinson, By Ham Fisher, By Fran Striker, By Mel Graff, By Walt Kelly