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EVERYBODY'S SCARED

The unexpected in the night,
Is often cause of needless fright.
—Old Mother Nature.

Often in the night the most harmless thing causes the greatest fright. This is because it is unseen. The unseen always suspect. So it is that there are more frights during the hours of darkness than ever there are in daylight.

Bob White and Mrs. Bob had a really big family. There were fourteen little Bobs. Of course when they followed mother out from the nest in which they were hatched, they knew nothing at all of the Great World. They had everything to learn, and everything must be learned fast. Little boys and girls do not have to learn fast in the way that little folks in feathers and furs must. You see the faster they learn the safer they become. And safety is the first and most important thing in anyone's life.

Even when the little Bobs were very small indeed they learned that the safest way, and the best way to sleep was in a circle, each one facing out, their little short tails meeting in the center of the circle. When they were together that way thy kept each other warm. You know even in early summer nights are a little cool especially for babies. And these little Bobs were still babies. At the very first mother had been able to cover all of them under her spread wings and the feathers of her breast, but that was only for a very short time. The little Bobs grew fast. Bob White did his share in watching over them, for Bob is a very good father, one of the best among the feathered folk. Each night when the Black Shadows came creeping out from the Purple Hills, they found all the Bob Whites in their sleeping circle, and usually well hidden under grass or straw. They did not always sleep in the same place. In fact they slept in a different place most every night. If they always slept in the same place some enemy might find out where they were sleeping, and surprise them in the night.

It happened one night that Peter Rabbit was roaming about as he dearly loves to roam about after dark. Some people cannot see at all, or can see very little in the dark. Other folks have night-seeing eyes. It is because they have night-seeing eyes that Hooty the Owl, Reddy Fox, and several other hunters in fur do most of their hunting at night. Lightfoot the deer likes to roam around when it is not too dark. In this respect Peter Rabbit is like him.

This night Peter was on his way across the Green Meadows and not thinking about anything in particular. He was watchful. He had not started across the Green Meadows until he had heard the hunting call of Hooty the Owl from far away in the Green Forest. Now as he hopped along in Rabbit fashion he wasn't thinking of anything but getting over to the Green Forest on the edge of which was certain bramble-tangles in which he always felt safe. Suddenly, without any warning at all, there was an explosion right in his face. Anyway, it seemed like an explosion. There was a loud noise, and something actually slapped him in the face. Peter turned and ran as fast as he knew how. At the same time, sixteen feathered folk were flying as fast as they knew how in sixteen different directions. What had happened was that Peter had all but hopped into the middle of the circle of sleeping Bob Whites. It is doubtful who was the most scared.

Suddenly without any warning at all there was an explosion right in his face.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Seize
5. Food (slang)
9. Hoisting device
10. A fabric made of flax
12. Cue
13. Beverage
14. Part of "to be"
15. Placards
16. Soft, subdued shades
19. Large worm
20. Reverberate
21. Small valley
23. Scorches
25. Begins a water voyage
28. Food in general
30. Two-toed sloth
31. Viper
33. Sprinkles with flour
35. Acted like a buffoon
37. Right side (abbr.)
38. Thomas —— (poet)
39. Movable barrier
41. Fencing swords
42. Another name for the forefinger
43. Sea eagles (var.)
44. Soapy water

DOWN

1. A wry face
2. Flowed
3. Emmet
4. Exist
5. Colors
6. Breach
7. Hard-hearted
8. Malt beverages
9. Metal mountings on scabbards
11. Headland
13. Frigid
15. Hebrew letter
17. One who shampoos
18. Ripped
22. Praise
24. Unhappiness
26. Father of Odysseus
27. English county
29. Exceedingly (Fr.)
31. Highest point
32. Slant
34. Editor (abbr.)
36. Song bird
39. African antelope
40. Sum up
42. Part of "to be"

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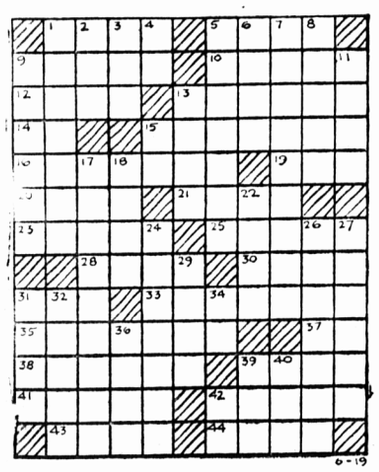
Yesterday's Answer



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

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 Quotation

PIBOV YBE, VNRR VXBZ XOTB PONEBH VXBNI BEHA, OIB PNOEVA NE VXBNI LIMYNABA—YOAANEPBI.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHO SEES WITH EQUAL EYE, AS GOD OF ALL A HERO PERISH, OR A SPARROW FALL —POPE.

Solution To Last Saturday's Crossword

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The Tiny Folk

(A real story of real children for very young children)

Two short weeks ago the green fields and lawn had been starred with golden dandelions. The chidlren had had a happy time picking big bouquets to take to their mothers. In fact, Mrs. Dale said she had every window sill in the house decorated with Susan's dandelions. But now the garden blossoms were gone, and in their place stood flowers with white fluffy heads.

Laurie stood looking at an old dandelion at his feet while his mother hung out the baby's washing. "Why did all the beautiful dandelions go away, Mommy?" he asked sadly.

"Pick that one and bring it to me," said his mother. Laurie did as she said.

"Now look at it with me," she suggested. "Do not blow your breath on it though. See the white head of the flower. Those were the yellow petals, but they have grown old. Now each little petal is like a tiny sail with a seed at the end. See!" and she pulled one out so he could see the tiny black seed fastened to it. "These bits of thistledown float in the air, and carry the baby seeds away to new homes where they will grow into plants next spring."

"Why are they white?" Laurie wanted to know.

"You have often seen people with white hair, haven't you. When people get older, their hair turns white. It is that way with dandelions. Now they are just like little old men. You blow on this one."

Laurie puffed hard, and away floated the tiny bits of fluffy-sailed seeds. He ran after them, trying to catch one in his hand. "I don't like to see them dying," he said as he walked slowly back to stand beside his mother.

"There is someone who is happy about it," said Mrs. Page. "S-sh-sh, don't speak aloud, but look!" Laurie looked where she pointed. There on the lawn was the prettiest bird. He thought for a moment it must be a dandelion with wings, for it was just that color. As he watched, he saw its black wings and tail. Then he noticed the tiny black cap on its head.

"What is it getting?" he whispered.

"That is a little Goldfinch, the father one. See how to is perched on that long dandelion stalk? He is eating the tiny dandelion seeds. There he goes to another one. He flies low and just flits from flower to flower."

"He is so bright and pretty," Laurie added in a low voice. "Do you suppose he might build his nest around here?"

"He won't be starting his nest for a week or so yet," she explained, "but when he does he'll weave it all of fine dry grass. Then he'll line it deep with the soft down from the dandelions or thistles if they are in bloom." Laurie's eyes brightened. "I was sad because the dandelions turned white like little old men, but the Goldfinch is happy now, for he wants them to eat."

"Yes," agreed his mother, "we don't always know why, but there is a reason for it all. Old Mother Nature plans for her children, and she really knows best after all."

New Willys Has Top Power-Per-Pound in Class

Windsor, Ontario:— The 1954 Willys passenger cars enter this year's highly competitive market with "more horsepower per pound" in the Eagle and Ace lines than found in any other 1954 American car of the same price class, according to C. W. Grinstead, General Manager of Kaiser-Willys of Canada Ltd.

"Willys has given its dealers this distinct sales edge with a 27 per cent increase in horsepower over the 1953 Eagles and Aces," says Mr. Grinstead. "Both models are now powered by the new 115 horsepower Willys 'Super-Hurricane' 6-cylinder engine with a new double barrelled carburetor."

Hydra-Matic transmission and power steering are available as optional equipment.

Willys is offering six different 1954 models, with a choice of 12 monotone and 12 two-tone body color combinations. In most 1954 models there are three interior color and trim combinations to choose from.

In all three Willys '54 lines—Eagle, Ace and Lark—there are major engineering and styling changes, both inside and out. "All our 1954 engineering has been aimed at continuing the high economy reputation earned by our 1953 cars," Mr. Grinstead said. "Our new high ratio of piston displacement to car weight benefits the Willys owner in better acceleration, economy and performance."

Pride of the 1954 Willys models are the Custom Eagle and Deluxe Eagle hard-tops, with the new Super-Hurricane engine. The Eagle Custom has two-tone combinations of red and ivory, with the spare tire mounted "Continental" fashion in the rear. The interior has matching vinyl trim, with seating areas of foam rubber.

The Eagle Deluxe contains these features, less the Continental rear tire, but with a wider choice of exterior and interior color combinations. Both Eagles have rear window side panels of stainless steel on which a distinctive "W" medallion is mounted.

The Willys Ace, also powered by the 115-horsepower Super-Hurricane engine, is offered in 2-and-4-door models.

The 1954 Lark models, in two and four-door body styles, are powered by a new 6-cylinder F-head "Hurricane" engine rated at 90 horsepower, a substantial gain over the Lark's 75 horsepower of 1953.

Willys engineers have built into all models prolonged and more efficient valve performance with new silchrome alloy intake valves and nickel chromium alloy exhaust valves with positive rotation.

Major styling and design changes extend through all 1954 Willys models. The Eagle and Ace have been styled with a new ornamental molding on the front grille assembly, extending to the right and left front fender extension panels. All models have new bumper guards, steering wheels, aluminum scuff plates tail light assemblies, chrome wheel disks and other trim.

An exclusive 1954 safety feature is a new windshield wiper action in which the center sweeps patterns of the blades overlap, clearing an uninterrupted area across the one-piece windshield. The blades move in each direction in unison, the center portion of their arcs intersecting.

One of the most advanced changes is the entirely new instrument panel in all models, designed in conformity with the so-called "vertical" accessibility to instruments principle of advanced airplane engineering, which minimizes the multiplicity of protruding knobs of conventional instrument panels.

WIDESPREAD DISEASE

VANCOUVER (CP) — Probably every mature person in Canada has contracted tuberculosis during his life, without knowing it, Sir Howard Florey, famed British physician said Wednesday in an interview at the Canadian Medical Association convention here. It was probably classed as a cold at the time.

PROLIFIC TULIPS

NAPANEE, Ont., (CP) — W. H. Steacy reported 13 blooms on three tulip stalks in his garden. One of the plants had five blooms, the others four each.

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He, who brings home the bacon
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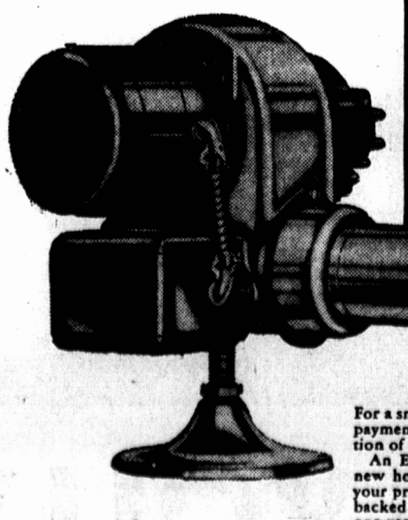
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