By Thornton W. Burgess

GRANDFATHER FROG IS BOASTFUL

Boasting usually is vain;
Naught but scorn will ever gain.
—Old Mother Nature.

"Chuga-rum!" exclaimed Grandfather Frog in his deepest voice. He sounded disappointed. He was disappointed. He had just leaped at and missed a foolish green fly who should have known that it wasn't safe to fly so low over the water, especially over the green lily-pads on one of which Grandfather Frog delighted to sit. He watched the foolish green fly and saw another frog younger and quicker than himself, leap and disappear under the green lily-pads taking the foolish green fly with him. "Chuga-rum!" repeated Grandfather Frog in disgust. "I must be getting old."

"You must be very old," said a young frog in a green coat. He was sitting on a neighboring lily-pad. "I suppose you have seen a great deal of the Great World."

"There is nothing in the Great World I have not seen or do not know about," boasted Grandfather Frog.

Now of course that was a very foolish boast for Grandfather Frog had spent his whole life in the Smiling Pool and on the shores around it. He had been born there. For two years as a big lively tadpole or pollywog he had explored every part of the Smiling Pool. Then when he had lost his tail and grown legs to become a handsome young Bullfrog he had hunted Grasshoppers and other insects along both banks as far back as a couple of long jumps. Never being on a place high enough for him to see off to a distance he didn't know what distance was. This teeny weeny bit of the world was all the Great World to him. So in his boasting he really was honest in so far as he knew.

All the time right beneath him under the big green lily-pad on which he was sitting was little Miss Elver, the very small eel whose mother had once lived in the Smiling Pool, and who had herself, although less than two years old, traveled many hundreds of watery miles from far out in the Great Ocean and really knew a little something of how very big the Great World is.

"Chuga-rum! I am the oldest person living in the Smiling Pool and that is because I have been the smartest. Only the smart live to be old and I really am old," boasted Grandfather Frog.

"Bah!" exclaimed another voice from just behind Grandfather Frog. It started him so that he nearly jumped off his big green lily-pad. An ugly black head with beady eyes was thrust out of water between the lily-pads that covered the surface of the water. It was the head of Snapper the Turtle.

"Bah!" repeated Snapper. "What do you know about age? I was old before you had sprouted your first legs. I remember when your grandfather was a tadpole. A Turtle your age would think he was just a young fellow. You old, bah!" With this Snapper disappeared under the lily-pads.

Grandfather Frog gulped once or twice. "I don't like that fellow," said he. "The Great World would be a better place without him." Of course he meant the Smiling Pool.

"Is he really as old as he said?" asked the young frog to whom Grandfather Frog had been boasting.

"I don't really know," confessed Grandfather Frog. "I remember there was a big Turtle here when I was growing up, but all Snapping Turtles look alike to me. I don't like any of them.

Strange But True

By F. B. MacArthur

this year marks the one hundredth anniversary of the Little Brown Church in the Vale, near Nasua, La., the church made famous by the hymn of the same name.

The song was written by William S Pitts, who was inspired after strolling through the wooded area for the first time at the dedication of the tiny but beautiful church.

More than 3000 couples have said their "I do's" beneath its pulpit.

The United States has 1500 miles of toll highways already in use, with 600 miles a year being added, according to the Federal Bureau of Public Roads. Why not have a few roads in this province?

Spankings mean nothing to 8-year-old Richard Mains, of Pembury, England. He can't feel them, he has no sense of feeling or touch because he has a rare condition known as ganglineusopathy.

The boy's conditions present hazards. For instance, he once badly burned his leg without knowing it. On another occasion he rubbed his eye until he scratched the retina.

"Come on, let's hit the trail! Never look back!"

With these words a nine-year-old boy light heartedly encouraged his father and a pilot in a 40-mile trek across snow covered Canadian wilderness.

Three days earlier, Terry Goaeder had won a helicopter trip in reward for a boy scout honor in Edmonton, Alberta. His father James went along too. The flight ended quickly. A sudden snow squall forced the pilot to make a landing near an isolated lake.

For two nights the three lived in a pine-bough lean-to with four chocolate bars, a couple of sandwiches, and a pint of milk, as their only food. The third day Terry told the others that resting was a sin.

At his urging the trio set out through the storm and stumbled on a trail which they followed all day. That night they rested, but the next day they met an Indian who guided them to a mission where another helicopter later rescued them.

"Terry stood up like a real man," the pilot said.

Baby number 3209 delivered by 94-year-old Dr. J. D. Hullinger, of Clinton, Ohio, was his own son. The doctor has practiced medicine and brought babies into the world for 63 years. Maybe he knows of some special secret denied to less experienced men.

Stanford and Loyola Bradwell, of Baton Rouge, La., have seven children, each named after a college: Stanford, Jr., Duke Kane (for both Duke and Duquesne), T. Lane (Tulane), Harvard, Princeton, Auburn, and Cornell.

For hundreds of years salt has played an amazing role in most nations of the world. Always considered a gift of the gods, salt is often used as a good luck symbol. It's an old Spanish custom in the Pyrenees mountains for the bridegroom at a wedding to have some salt in his left breast pocket.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

MORE THAN HIS SHARE OF LUCK

THEORETICALLY, North deserved a large black mark for his recklessness in going to the slam in the deal below, but the old saying that heaven protects fools and drunkards can *sometimes* be extended to include "neck-stretching bidders."

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

North: ♠ 10 7 4 3 ♥ A Q 8 ♦ K J 6 ♣ A J 5

West: ♠ J 9 6 ♥ K 10 7 4 ♦ 5 3 ♣ Q 10 9 8

East: ♠ Q 8 2 ♥ J 6 5 3 2 ♦ 7 2 ♣ K 4 3

South: ♠ A K 5 ♥ 9 ♦ A Q 10 9 8 4 ♣ 7 6 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 NT	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Apparently, North felt that with his partner jumping twice in the diamond suit, his own diamond honors, plus his outside strength, should provide an excellent play for a slam, but if this was his reasoning, it was unsound. The opening notrump itself had been shaded, and so, no matter what responses South elected to make, it was North's duty simply to "go along" without taking any forward action on his own account.

If either player had to do some stretching, South certainly had greater reason and excuse than North, and indeed it is safe to say that many experts would leap all the way to six diamonds on the South hand instead of suggesting that contract with a five-bid.

It may seem silly, however, to chide North for his bidding in view of the fact that the slam was made. But (to repeat) South had to find and take advantage of an *excellent* break of cards to bring home 12 tricks.

West opened the club ten. Dummy's ace was played and South then drew two rounds of trumps. Next, he cashed his top spades and, of necessity, took the heart finesse. He discarded his low spade on the heart ace, then hopefully ruffed a spade. His hope was realized—the suit broke 3-3, and now he could return to dummy with a trump and cash the established spade for the fulfilling trick.

GUN TO MUSEUM

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — A pistol used for firing lifelines between ships has been given to the Labrador museum. It was found by Herbert Whitney of Ottawa six years ago at isolated Caravalla cove on the Laborador shore.

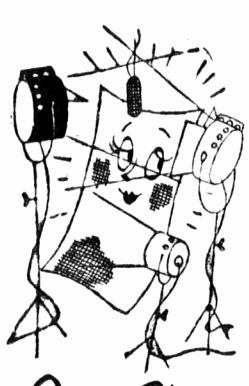
Moslems once used salt as a symbol of faith in making contacts. Early Christians had strict rules for salting of sacrifices, and a supply was kept in the temple for salting burnt offerings.

Thirty-five points! This deer with moss-covered antlers was shot in southern Missouri. Conservation agents said the 250 pound buck was a freak. It had 35 points on the antlers. Small "nobs" on the back of the antlers numbered 90 in all.

The home of the water spider was the first practical diving bell. The tiny inverted nest of silk is anchored firmly under water - a water-tight air chamber. So, you see, nature is the mother of many inventions.

Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams



Screen Star keeps "young" look

Time and weather can't mar the perennial good looks of aluminum screen cloth. It gets star billing among builders and home owners both because it lasts so much longer and because it never stains or discolors surrounding woodwork.

It is also the lowest-priced non-rusting insect screen on the market. And that adds point to the happy fact that Canada is the world's most efficient aluminum producer. And that fact, in turn, means that people who make aluminum screen and window frames, roofing and hardware for Canada's active building industry can do so at prices that save a lot of people a lot of money.

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ACROSS
1. Quote
5. Native of Scotland
9. Multiple fruits of the pine
10. Minute skin openings
12. At one time
13. American poet and critic
14. A pulpy fruit
15. Virtuously
16. Smallest state (abbr.)
17. Less
18. Traps
20. Plate
24. Brilliance
25. Spotted, as a horse
26. Pause
27. A watch (slang)
28. Choice group
30. Half an em
31. A simple musical wind instrument
34. Coin (Swed.)
35. Pictures made from negatives (Print.)
36. A pin for meat
37. The five books of Moses
38. Adolescent years
39. Goddess of volcanoes (Haw.)
40. Suspend

DOWN
1. Persuade
2. Indian (Peru)
3. Golf mound
4. East by south (abbr.)
5. A germ cell
6. Want of courage
7. Russian city
8. Narrate
9. A swift horse (poet.)
11. Cunning
13. Sounds, as a cow
15. Encounter
17. Brotherly
19. Island off Denmark
21. Writing fluid
22. Guiding
23. Stinging insects
25. Agave fiber
27. Cans
29. Limber
31. Choose
32. Harvest
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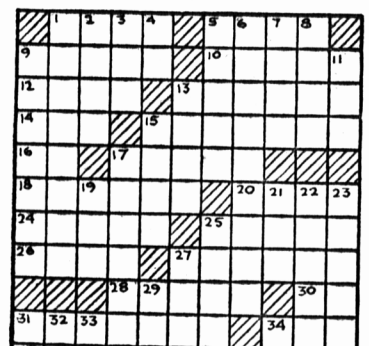
34. Unroll
36. Body of water
38. Thorium (sym.)

Yesterday's Answer



A Cryptogram quotation

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: V. [illegible] A'' THE DOCKS WERE FILLED WITH THAT SEA BEAUTY MAN HAS CEASED TO BUILD—MASEFIELD.

Bottled in P. E. I.

Have Your Clothes
DRY CLEANED
PRESSED ONLY
at
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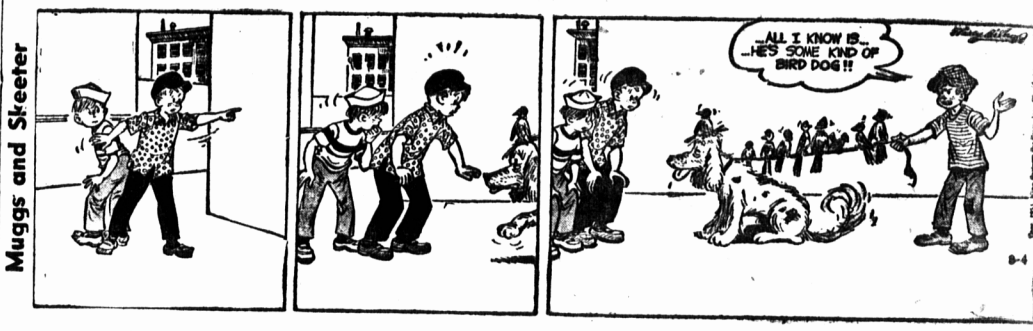
Joe Palooka

The Lone Ranger

Tilly The Toiler

Etta Kent

Muggs and Skeeter



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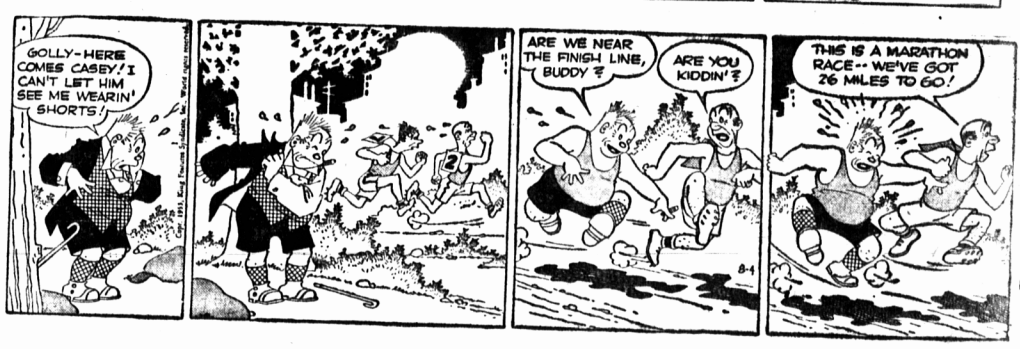
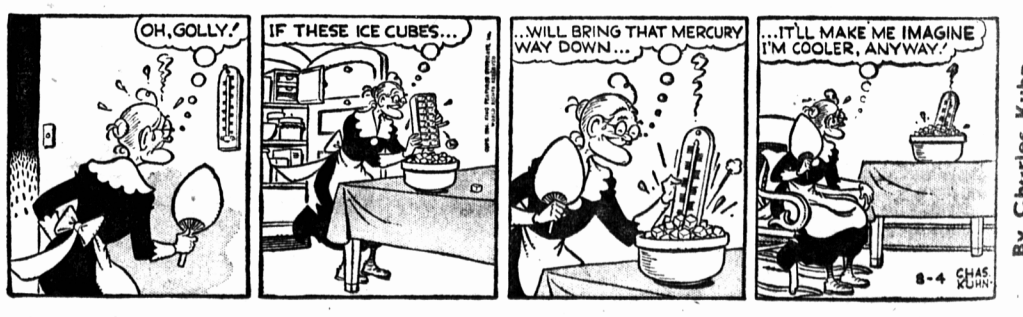
Bringing Up Father



Grandma



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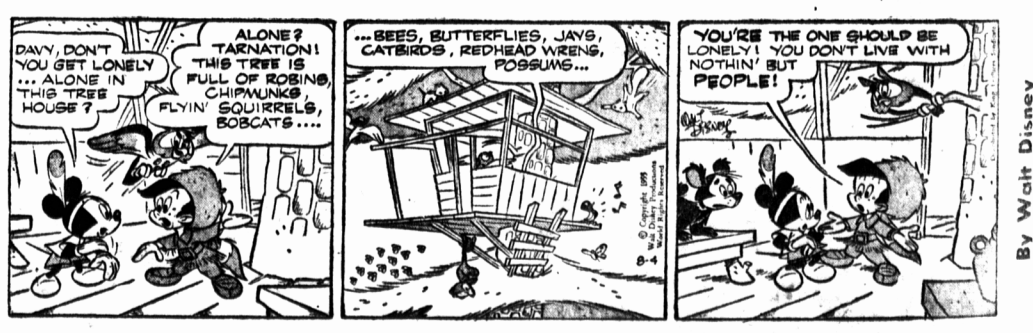
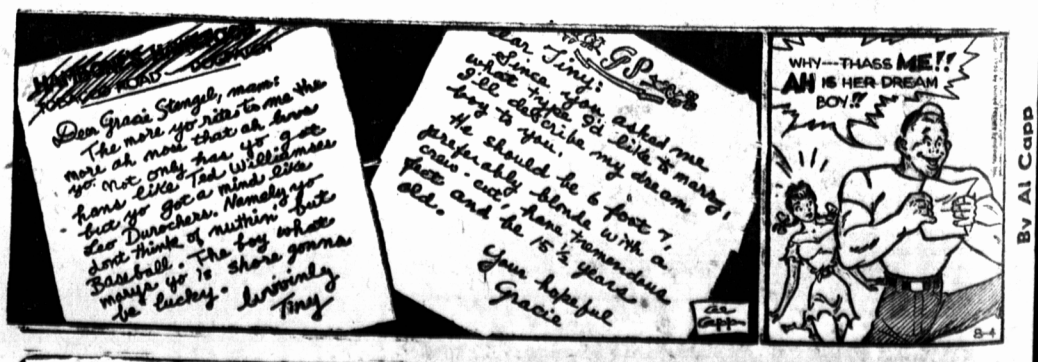


By Walt Disney

L'il Abner



By Al Capp

Secret Agent X9

By Fran Striker