BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

HE COULDN'T WAIT

Because, alas, they cannot wait,
Too many meet a bitter fate.
OLD MOTHER NATURE.

That is a sad, sad truth, all too much of the suffering and sorrow in this world is caused by impatience, inability to wait.

The hunting season had opened. When Mrs. Grouse heard the first distant reports of dreadful guns, she warned her children. They were handsome well-grown young Grouse, so well grown that they were as big as their mother. They had come through the long summer safely and had learned much about watching for danger and how to avoid the furred and feathered hunters with a taste for young Grouse. So it was they felt quite able to look out for themselves.

"This is a different danger, one you know nothing about, so remember what I tell you," said Mrs. Grouse. "If one of those two-legged hunters appears while we are together, do not fly until I do. When I take to my wings it will be the signal for you to do the same thing. When you do fly each go in a different direction and dodge as quickly as possible around the nearest tree so as to get it between you and he hunter. These two-legged hunters are hard to fool, but there are many tricks and your father and I know them all. That is why we are alive now. We will teach them to you as fast as we can."

The hunter drew nearer and nearer.

It was that very afternoon that a lone hunter appeared coming toward the thicket in which Mrs. Grouse and the children were resting. Mrs. Grouse saw at once that this hunter had no Dog with him. That meant that he would have no chance of finding them unless he happened to walk straight to where they were hiding. Mrs. Grouse repeated her warning. "Remember not to fly until I do," she warned. "Now, don't move."

The hunter drew nearer and nearer. He knew that that thicket was just the kind of a place that Grouse liked. He held his dreadful gun ready to shoot the instant one of the big birds should take to the air.

Now one of the young Grouse was more timid than his brothers and sisters. He happened to be where he could see that hunter drawing nearer and nearer. He wanted to fly. It seemed to him that he must take to his wings. Why didn't mother fly so that they might all fly? What sense was ther in letting that hunter get nearer and nearer. Why hadn't they all flown the minute they all saw that hunter. It didn't seem to him that Mother Grouse was showing much sense.

Of course what the young Grouse didn't know was that when he had first seen the hunter, he was within shooting distance. Mrs. Grouse, out of long experience, did know.

The hunter came nearer, very slowly an carefully. At last the timid one could stand it no longer. He just had to fly. Anyway, that is what he thought. With a roar of his stout wings he took to the air. Almost at once there was a sharp report of the dreadful gun and the young Grouse fell. A moment later Mrs. Grouse roared out of that thicket almost in the face off the hunter. The other young Grouse took to their wings, each in a different direction.

Reds Reorganize For Atomic Warfare

BONN (AP) — Red army divisions in East Germany have been reorganized for atomic warfare, Western intelligence sources said Friday. The Western sources said Russian tactics are based on small, highly mobile combat groups which are believed better able to survive in atom-bombed areas than the massive formations of the last war. This follows the same line as Western military thinking.

HISTORIC STAMPS

First adhesive postage stamps were the British penny black and two-penny blue, issued in 1849.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Pioneer Days In P.E.I.

By F. H. MacArthur

Almost a century has passed since that fateful Saturday of March 10, 1885, when disaster descended upon the four men and three passengers who left New Brunswick by ice boat for Prince Edward Island.

The day did not promise well for crossing the strait, with the mercury at zero and a stiff wind blowing in from the northeast. But Lady Luck stayed with the party till they ran into open water when within a mile or so of their destination.

Two of the passengers were young men returning from a medical college in the U.S.A. Neither wore sufficient clothing for such a hazardous trip.

All night long they were pushed about by drifting ice floes. At approximately two a.m. a great beam of light flashed across their path. The surprised men looked toward the Island shore and, lo! they beheld a light shining from a lofty tower — the lighthouse warning.

"Strange," they murmured, for they knew no lighthouse existed at that point.

While their eyes were focussed upon the light, it blacked out and never was seen again.

Sunday, March 11, still found the exhausted and feeble company adrift in the lolly. Would the hours ever pass? Would anyone come to their rescue? Must they all perish from hunger and frostbite?

Still they kept on the move, as inaction meant certain death.

Monday morning found then near Charlotetown, within a short distance of the students' homes. The morning broke frosty and clear, with the snow-capped hills of Nova Scotia glistening in the distance.

Hazard, one of the students, began to show sigsn of derangement. Frequently he referred to the light they had seen that first night at sea. It could portend only one hing — death. With great diffic the others kept him under control. the others kept him under control.

Hunger drove them to kill a dog belonging to a passenger named Weir. All but the owner eagerly drank of its blood. The blood eased their craving for food. It gave them a temporary lift, so to speak, and they tossed everything aboard the ice boat into the sea — that is, everything but the mails.

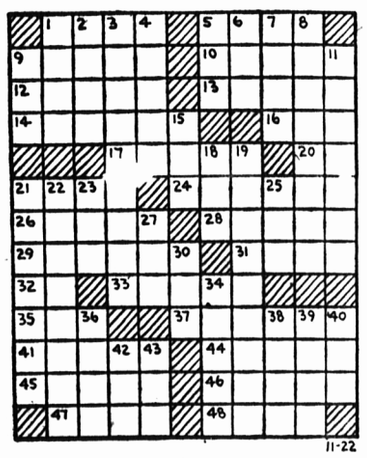
DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Location of the Taj Mahal
6. Coin (Turk.)
9. A sprite (Shakespeare)
10. Originate
12. Famous Swedish actress
13. A log house
14. Leader of Green Mountain Boys (poss.)
16. Unhappy
17. Looks askance
20. Thulium (abbr.)
21. Fuel
24. Mend
26. A murre (Alaska)
28. Move to music
29. Little loops of ornamental edging
31. Maker of first American flag
33. Tellurium (sym.)
34. Artless
35. Miscellany
37. Units of weight (gems)
41. Betel pepper
44. Unit of capacity (Brit. spell.)
45. County (Scot.)
46. German submarine (hyphenated)
47. Lace-like
48. Descry

DOWN

1. Inland sea (Asia)
2. Lassie
3. Insurrection
4. By oneself
5. Moccasin-like shoe
6. Constellation
7. Veins of a leaf
8. Natives of Asia
9. Turkish title
11. Bears
15. Varying weight (Ind.)
18. A color
19. Cuts of pork containing ribs
21. Naval officer
22. Asiatic
23. Portion of a curved line
25. The cuckoo (var.)
27. Greek letter
30. Thus (L.)
34. Worth
36. Ganoid genus including only the bowfin
38. On top
39. Trunk shelf
40. Place
42. Grampus
43. Upward curving of a ship's planking



Yesterday's Answer

GEAR ASPS
ULNA STOW
NAVY LOUDER
EVE WORD OIT
FASTER BAIL
AND OISE
GRAND MOTHY
LOFT BOK
ATTA ASSERT
IT LAST MAR
RETIRE ABLY
RAZE ABEL
SUES WARY

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

A Cryptogram Quotation

J L K V J G J H V N E U P G C W G N N G E N L K V R G H B E C G T P G C — I G V K V M G E.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THIS WAS ONCE UPON A TIME CONSIDERED WISDOM—HORACE.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

HIS OPTIMISM PAID OFF

South might have been a shade more conservative in the bidding of the hand below, but his play left nothing to be desired.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

	♠ K 8 ♥ K J 10 6 ♦ A 8 7 4 ♣ K 6 5	
♠ Q J 10 9 6 4 ♥ 5 ♦ J 9 6 5 ♣ J 7 3	N W E S	♠ 5 3 ♥ 4 2 ♦ K Q 10 3 ♣ Q 9 8 4 2
	♠ A 7 2 ♥ A Q 9 8 7 3 ♦ 2 ♣ A J 10	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 NT	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
7 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

South's use of the five-notrump part of Blackwood was a little excessive inasmuch as an answer showing any three kings would force him to a grand slam, and North could lack the king of trumps (Moreover, South could not count on success at the 1-trick level even if North showed the four missing kings.)

West opened the spade queen. South won with the ace, drew trumps, then led to the diamond ace and ruffed a diamond. He next led to the spade king, ruffed another diamond and then ruffed a spade. East's club discard on the third round of spades supplied highly interesting information— that West had started with a six-card suit—and South now checked up on the diamond situation by ruffing dummy's last card of that suit. When both opponents followed, thus disclosing that each had originally held four diamonds, the entire situation was revealed. West had shown six spades, one heart and four diamonds, hence had started with exactly two clubs. Consequently, East had started with five clubs. What better indication was needed as to the direction in which to take the club finesse? There was a much greater chance that the queen had been included in the five-card length than in the two-card length, so South led the club jack to the king and finessed on the return. Sucess met this effort, and the grand slam came home.

If South had not bothered to ruff out dummy's diamonds and his own losing spade, he never could have made a count of the adverse distribution and would have been at the mercy of a sheer guess for the club queen.

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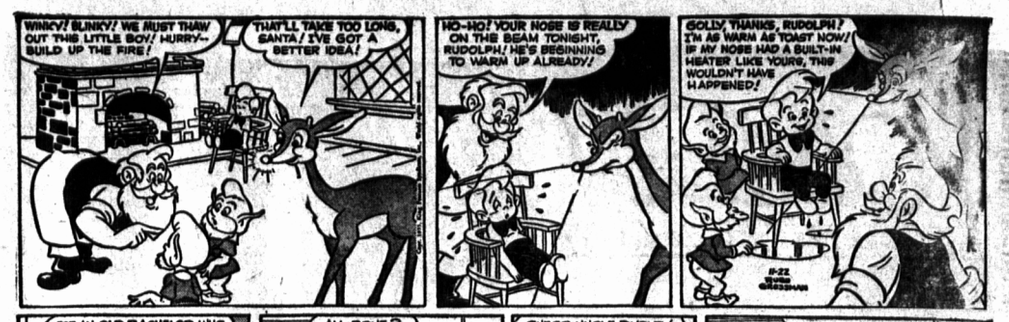
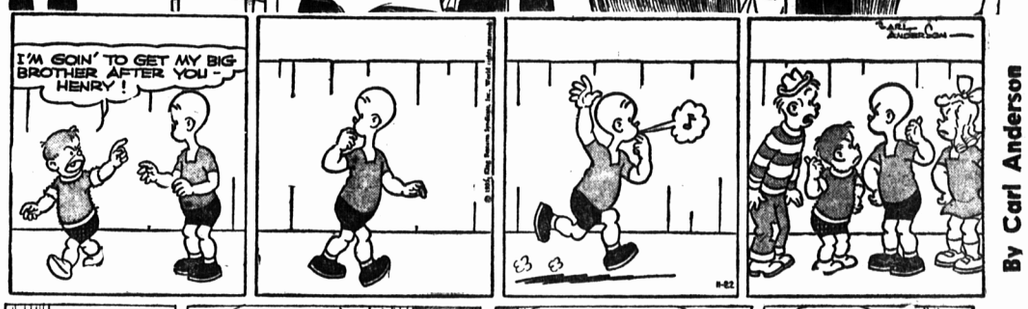
Our Boarding House — Major Hoople





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DRY CENTRE

PRIOR'S MARSTON, England (CP)—Parish council of this Warwickshire village decided 11 years ago to build a community hall, and volunteers have completed it—except for water. County authorities refused to supply water because of a chronic water scarcity.