

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

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A DIFFERENCE IN SMELLS

Though eyes may fail, and so may ears,
Your nose makes no mistake, my dears.

—Mother Lightfoot.

This is what Mrs. Lightfoot the Deer told her pretty twins when they first started to follow her out in the Great World. At first they used only their eyes and their ears. The Green Forest was, as it always is, filled with wonderful things to see and hear. But there came a time when mother thought they were old enough to use their noses. It was then that they began to get lessons in smelling, and it didn't take them long to find out that in some ways they could learn more through their noses than with their eyes and ears.

So it was that they were forever smelling of this and that. Usually a bad smell was a warning of danger. Whenever they smelled a bad smell that gave them an unpleasant feeling, they got away in a hurry, suspecting an enemy must be near.

Then one day when they were alone, mother having gone off on affairs of her own, they saw a stranger slowly moving along the lone little path near the thicket

where they were lying down. They never had seen him before, nor had they seen one like him. They stared at him with round-eyed interest. They were not afraid. He wasn't big enough for them to think that there was any reason for being afraid of him. He didn't see them, and they were very careful that he shouldn't hear them. They kept so still that there wasn't a sound of any kind. All the time they were using their slender little noses, or trying to. However, there wasn't a single Merry Little Breeze moving, so their noses couldn't help them a bit.

The stranger shuffled along, and disappeared around a bend of the Lone Little Path. One of the twins became curious. He got to his dainty little feet, and stepped out into the Lone Little Path. He followed it slowly and silently until he could look around that bend. There was the stranger, and he looked as harmless as ever. He was paying no attention to anybody, or anything. Just ahead of him was a big rock.

From around that big rock another stranger appeared. Then things happened, and happened fast. The first stranger stopped abruptly. He stamped with his front feet. He threw up his tail until it was way up over his back. Right then the small deer had that



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Drama Festival To Open In Corner Brook

OTTAWA. (CP) — The Dominion Drama Festival will open its 1955 regional festivals Jan. 11 in Corner Brook, Nfld., the DDF announced today.

Director Richard MacDonald said the regional festivals will run from east to west, concluding with the week-long finals in Regina beginning May 9.

Mr. MacDonald, recently returned from a month-long visit to the United Kingdom and France, said he spoke to several prospective adjudicators while abroad, but it was too early to decide who would be used.

Dates of all regional festivals have been set, but where they will be held has been decided in only six regions so far.

The dates, with locations in brackets where available include: Newfoundland, Corner Brook Jan. 11-15; New Brunswick, Jan. 20-22; Nova Scotia, Jan. 24-26; Prince Edward Island, Jan. 28-29; eastern Quebec, Quebec City Feb. 3-5 and western Quebec, Montreal Feb. 10-12.

Contract Bridge ONE ERROR TOO MANY

South went wrong on two major counts in the following hand—one in the bidding, the other in the play.

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

♠ 10 6 2
♥ J 8 5 4
♦ A Q
♣ A K Q 8

♠ 8 7 5 4
♥ A 8
♦ K 10 5
♣ 3 2

♠ K Q 10
♥ 9 7 6 4
♦ J 9 5 2
♣ A K Q J 9

♠ 7 3 2
♥ J 8
♦ 7 4 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1♣ Pass 1♣ Pass
1NT Pass 3♣ Pass
4♣ Pass Pass Pass

South's three-spade rebid over North's one trump was the sort of error that inexperienced (or greedy) players are constantly making. It was the next thing to a certainty that North should make three notrump with the help of South's five spade tricks—such a suit can be presumed to be solid—but it was not so sure that South could avoid the loss of four tricks at spades. If South's idea was to score his honors, he should change his attitude.

It is true that the four-spade contract was makeable, but as additional proof that three notrump would have been better—South didn't make four spades. West led the ace and six of hearts. East won the second trick with the heart nine, cashed the king and led the heart queen. South ruffed and drew four rounds of trumps.

On the last trump a discard had to be made from dummy. After long thought South threw off the diamond queen in order to keep all four of the clubs. Obviously, he hoped that the club suit would break 3-3 and permit a diamond discard, so that he would not have to take the diamond finesse. Unfortunately, however, this plan did not work—East turned up with a club stopper.

South's choice of discards from dummy was bad. The play for the 3-3 club break had substantially less chance than the straight 50% play for the diamond finesse. Moreover, South should have realized that East, who had shown the K-Q-10 of hearts, probably would have made a non-vulnerable overcall of the one-club opening if he had also held the diamond king.

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STEER LOSES BATTLE

KITCHENER, Ont. (CP) — A steer lost the decision and its life in tangle with a car early Tuesday. Police said the animal, 600 pounds, had to be destroyed after it was hit by a car at a fog-shrouded spot near here. The car was damaged to the extent of about \$615.

CLEANING JOB

LONDON (CP) — The London Monument, a Doric column built in the 1670's to commemorate London's great fire of 1666, is to be closed for six months for cleaning. Sightseers for years have gained views of London from a platform at the top, 200 feet from the ground.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Fishhook resembling an insect
2. Marking with letters
3. Affirmative reply
4. A copyist
5. The palm cuckoo
6. Shut out
7. Female sheep
8. Endures again
9. Beat
10. One (Scott.)
11. U.S. treasury notes
12. Price
13. Permits
14. Command-in-chief
15. British forces in France 1915-18 (abbr.)
16. Girl's name
17. Attitudinize
18. Compact
19. King of Bashan (Bib.)
20. Not any (colloq.)
21. Observe
22. Most unfettered
23. Card game
24. Fendish ornament
25. Sound, as a goose
26. Untidy
27. Employ
28. DOWN
29. Finely ground grain

22. Com-
pass
point
(abbr.)

23. Excla-
mation

24. A
trans-
position
of
letters
of
a
word
to
form
a
new
word
(poet.)

31. Places
32. Often
(poet.)

36. East-south-
east (abbr.)

37. A solar
deity
(Egypt.)

Yesterday's Answer

1. Places
2. Often
(poet.)
3. East-south-east (abbr.)
4. A solar deity (Egypt.)

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

A Cryptogram Quotation

NHH THVY. NLKN CHIG IKF EGCN.
NUEGM IUTTUHV C NHUT BVVTGCN
—R KNCHV.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: THE TRUE PLEASURE OF LIFE IS TO LIVE WITH YOUR INFERIORS—THACKERAY.

Yesterday's Answer

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(poet.)
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4. A solar deity (Egypt.)

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