# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

### THE HAUNTED HOUSE

In the end you always find,
Ghosts live only in the mind.
—Old Mother Nature

In a certain old house in a village not far from where Farmer Brown's Boy lives there were strange sounds. It was the oldest house in the village. In it were several fireplaces. One room with a big fireplace was seldom used. It was the "best" room, or company room, and kept closed most of the time. The House being old had many squeaks and queer sounds as old houses always do have. The folks who lived there were used to these sounds and thought nothing of them.

But of late, for two or three days, there had been different sounds. There was nothing very loud and it was only now and then that these sounds were heard. It was more often at night than in the daytime. Just where those sounds came from no one could tell. Two or three times what sounded like a spooky sort of voice gave the listeners a funny feeling. There was a lot of looking about to try to find out what was making these sounds, but nothing was found. They were mysterious.

"I believe this house is haunted," said Mrs. Jones, who lived there.

"Do you mean there are ghosts here?" asked her small son.

"We don't believe in ghosts, Billy," said his mother.

"Do you mean that there are no such things as ghosts?" asked the small boy.

His mother smiled down at his earnest freckled face. "That's it, Billy," said she. "There are no really true ghosts."

Just then there was a sound as of something falling, a somewhat dull thump. Mother might not believe in ghosts, but she looked startled. "What was that?" she exclaimed.

There was mischief in the eyes of the small boy as he looked up at his mother. "It must have been a ghost," said he in a small voice just a little above a whisper.

"If it's a ghost we're going to find it," declared his mother. "Unless I'm greatly mistaken that sound came from the best room."

"But we've already looked in there," said Billy.

"Never mind, we'll look again," replied his mother.

They opened the door of the closed room and turned on the light. They looked all around, but nothing was out of place and of course they saw no ghost. Then mother took away the screen from in front of the big fireplace. Right away she discovered a brick that had evidently fallen down from inside the chimney.

"That is what we heard," she declared. "That brick fell from quite high up, so it made a loud thump."

"But what made it fall?" demanded Billy.

"I'm sure I don't know," replied his mother. "It must have become loose and perhaps there was a jar that made it fall."

"Perhaps it was a ghost in the chimney," said the small boy.

"Perhaps it was," replied his mother.


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1:30 p.m.—At Home with Helen Crocker
4:30 p.m.—Today with Arlene Holder
4:45 p.m.—Uncle Jack at the Piano
5:00 p.m.—Magic of Music
5:30 p.m.—Howdy Doody
6:00 p.m.—Barbie's Scrapbook
6:30 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
6:40 p.m.—Weather
6:45 p.m.—Sports
6:50 p.m.—CBC News
7:00 p.m.—Frankie Lane
7:30 p.m.—Adventures of Robin Hood
8:00 p.m.—Chevy Show
9:00 p.m.—Dragnet
9:30 p.m.—Pick The Stars
10:00 p.m.—Citizens Forum
10:30 p.m.—What's My Line
11:00 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
11:10 p.m.—Weather
11:15 p.m.—Feature Film: "Boy of the Streets."
12:15 a.m.—Sign Off

## Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

"The great bed of Ware" mentioned in Shakespeare's Twelfth Night and considered one of the best pieces of English furniture in existence today, is well over 300 years old.

Fort Lewis College in Colorado has the largest campus in the world, 6318 acres! Here the students have to be real cowboys!

The 4-eyed butterfly fish poses a problem for predators. Its real eyes are camouflaged by a black stripe. Near the tail is an eye-like spot. To add to the foe's confusion, this strange sea creature sometimes swims backward.

The wooll turkey is an original native American. Despite his weight (approx. 35 lbs.) he is a sppedy flyer. Wild turkeys dance on turkey trot when the rhythmic impulse strikes them. The male is fiercely protective of his harem of from 10 to 15 birds.

Now they have a scale so delicate it can tell if one bill is missing in a $1,000 stack of $10 bills.

The famous war song "There's a Long Long Trail A-Winding — was not inspired by World War I, but by Napoleon's retreat from Moscow. It became a hit in 1914 when over four million copies were sold. It is considered one of the finest war songs ever written.

An English Collector paid $10,000 for a rare South African butterfly.

Sir Edward Richard Henry who devised the numerical system of classifying fingerprints struck upon the idea while on a journey in India — lacking papers he recorded the greater events of his trip on the cuff of his shirt!

Smogs are a new thing in Florida. Last week a cloud 500 feet high and 10 miles long hung over the city of Miami throughout the greater part of one day. What next?

Being only 2½ years old, Charles Finkenstein of Pueblo, Colo., doesn't know how to dial a phone. But when his mother fained he fumbled with the telephone until an operator noticed the erratic signal and notified police. A policeman talked to the child until the call could be traced, then the mother was revived by neighbors.

At 10:30 o'clock at night, Bert Tappen, of Three Rivers, Quebec, yawned and went to bed. At 9:22 the next morning doctors adjusted his dislocated jaw so that he should shut his mouth.

Nearly ¼ million new cars were sold in Florida last year and total registration increased from 1,579,000 to 1,799,000. What will it be like 10 years from now?

You may not be able to teach an old dog new tricks but folks don't have to quit learning just because they have grown up. More than 75000 Canadians between 40 and 80 are enrolled in various educational institutions across the country. More than 25,000 of them have received high school diplomas under this program since 1946.

The bluefish is one of the most destructive fish known. Large schools four to five miles long and a mile wide have been recorded. Preying on smaller fish one bluefish will eat twice itw own weight in ne day.

As the crow flies is nota straight line as is generally believed. It zigzags and backtracks.

The moon does not revolve around the earth with uniform speed. Sometimes the speed varies noticably.

The worlds golf links comes from the Scottish originally meaning a winding river. Later on it came to mean the land about the river. Then it meant any similar type of land near water. Golf was usually played on such land so the word "limks" are now used in connection with a golf course.

Water which has been boiled and cooled will freeze faster than water not boiled. This due to the fact that boiling has driven out a certain amount of air bubbles normally found in all water.

## Russian Press Reports Vast New Development

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet press has just announced new plans for a vast development of industry in the strategically less vulnerable east Siberian and central Asian regions of the U.S.S.R

The plans are similar to those which built up huge industrial complexes in the Urals before, during and immediately after the Second World War. That program was credited by many with a great role in Soviet resistance to the Nazi invasion.

Leading Soviet authorities say the development of Kaakhstan and the Irkutsk region of Siberia west of Lake Baikal have been given priority. Deposits of iron, coal and other raw materials are reported to have been explored in both regions recently.

The exploitation of this new wealth, along with development of associated industries, would give the Soviet Union what would amount to a whole new industrial system in previously under-developed regions.

Writing in Ivestia, D. Kunayev, chairman of the Kaakh council of ministers, said more money would be invested in that Soviet republic in the next five years than in the 38 years since the Russian revolution. The program, he said, would include factories for production of trucks, tractors, diesel locomotives, mining and metallurgical equipment, which never have been manufactured in that region.

### ANTI-SUB PLANE

WINNIPEG (CP) — The largest aircraft ever producsd in Canada, the CL-28 Maritime reconnaissance, will be ready for flight tests by the end of this year, an official of Canadair Montreal, said Tuesday. Theodore Chandler, Canadair's director of administration manufacturing, said in an interview 13 of the four-engine planes are on order by the RCAF. The CL-28 will be used for anti-submarine patrols.

### RELATIVE INCOME

CANTERBURY, England (CP)—Kent farm workers complaining about low rates of pay said that a window cleaner earns £10 a week while they get only £6, 16s.

## CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

### AN EXCELLENT RECOVERY

In the following deal South made excellent recovery from an unlucky guess.

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

North: ♠ 3 2 ♥ A 9 ♦ A Q 6 2 ♣ K 9 8 7 4
West: ♠ J 9 7 ♥ K J 6 5 3 2 ♦ 10 9 7 ♣ 10
East: ♠ K Q 6 5 ♥ 10 8 ♦ K 8 4 3 ♣ Q 5 2
South: ♠ A 10 8 4 ♥ Q 7 4 ♦ J 5 ♣ A J 6 3

The bidding:

| North | East | South | West |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 ♦ | Pass | 2 NT | Pass |
| 3 NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |

North started correctly with one diamond so that he could bid two clubs if partner's response happened to be one spade, one heart or one notrump. Over the actual response of two notrump there was no point in showing the club.

West opened his fourth-highest heart and declarer's queen won. A low club was led to the king and a club was returned. South gave serious thought to finessing for the queen, but he finally decided to play for a 2-2 division. He was in for a disappointment, but there was nothing to be done except to go aheat with club establishment.

East, in with the club queen, saw little future in a heart return, inasmuch as he obviously would not be able to give West the lead after knocking out the heart ace, so he shifted to a low spade. South put in the eight: West won and returned the spade jack.

All this was highly significant to South, who had glumly reconciled himself to having the heart ace knocked out. West had discarded two diamonds on club leads, and this gave South a pretty strong indication that the diamond king was not on-side. He also felt confident that East would have returned hearts instead of spades if he had started out with three cards in partner's suit. So, acting on this good analysis, South won the second spade trick, cashed the heart ace, led to the club jack and exited with a spade. East collected the queen and king, but then had to return a diamond to dummy's major tenace. So South lost only three spades and one club.

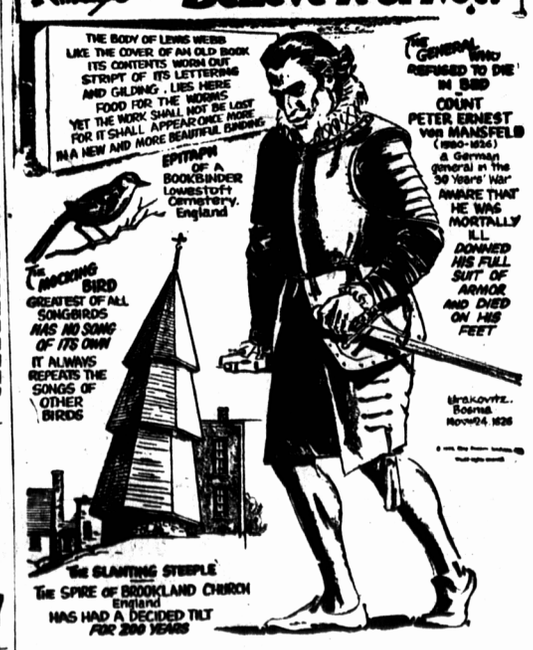
## Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams

## Our Boarding House

Major Hoople

## Ripley's—Believe It or Not!




## Bringing Up Father

By George McManus

## POGO

By Walt Kelly

## Grandma

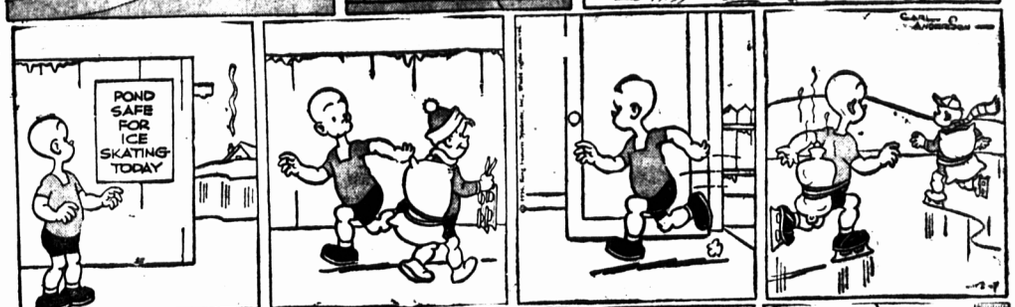
By Charles Kuhn

## Mickey Mouse

By Walt Disney

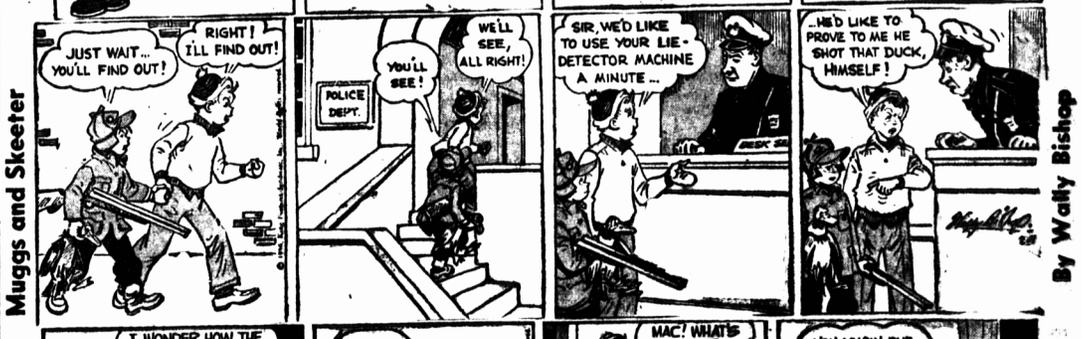
## Henry

By Carl Anderson




## Muggs and Skeeter

By Wally Bishop




## Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson

## Etta Kent

By Paul Robinson

## Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher

## The Lone Ranger

By Fran Striker

## Secret Agent X9

By Mel Graff

## Li'l Abner

By Al Capp