



By Thornton W. Burgess

LITTLE SNOWFOOT LEAVES HOME

Impulse drives when caution leads. And ends in unexpected deeds. —Old Mother Nature

Little Snowfoot had the whitest feet of all the children of Whitefoot the Woodmouse. That is how he came by his name. They were dainty little feet, and they were as white as any little snowflake that ever drifted down through the trees of the Great Forest. He was one of several children, all of whom had white feet, but none quite as white as his. He took great care of those dainty little feet. He was forever washing them. Snowfoot had been born in a soft nest in a hollow log in the Green Forest. He and his brothers and sisters were still very small folk, still very young, when they had to leave home. Mother needed that nest for another family. So the little mice had to start out in the Great World without knowing anything about it. They had to learn for themselves. It is usually that way in all Mouse families.



Little Snowfoot was timid. He was very, very timid.

He wandered over to the bank of Laughing Brook. There were lovely ferns growing along Laughing Brook, and under these he felt quite safe. There were many hiding places. He still had no home, but he didn't mind this at all. It was fun to go exploring. Every day there was something new to see. Often he found something new to eat. Now and then he had a bad scare. Once it was Peter Rabbit who frightened him. Peter had suddenly thumped with his stout hind feet just outside the ferns under which Snowfoot was sitting. He hadn't known then that Peter was quite harmless. He was sure that Peter must be a terrible enemy. Of course Peter was like a giant to the little mouse.

There came a time when Snowfoot felt less like wandering about. He began looking for a place for a home. He wanted to find one just like the home he had left. But old hollow logs were not easy to find. He kept looking, and the more he looked the farther it took him down Laughing Brook toward the edge of the Green Forest.

And he learned fast. What he learned, he remembered. When he heard a sound that he had never heard before, he did his best to find out what, or who, had made it. When he saw any folk in feathers or fur whom he had never seen before, he remained hidden, keeping watch until he was sure they were not to be feared. The old log in which Snowfoot was born was near the edge of the Green Forest where Laughing Brook left it to go through the Green Meadows to the Smiling Pool, and so on down to the Big River. Little Snowfoot happened to

Plans Non-stop 355-mile Walk. TORONTO. (CP)—A Toronto rickshawer who says he has never ridden in a rickshaw or streetcar in his life, and in a little time of the publicity given to marathon swimmers, plans to walk non-stop 355 miles from here to Montreal. Robert Mendel, 26, who came to Canada three years ago from Czechoslovakia, said Tuesday he plans to start within the next two weeks—as soon as his rounds up some volunteers to act as escorts and timekeepers. "Once I start, I'll keep going until I arrive in Montreal," he said. He figures the trip will take four days and nights, with food handed to him along the route.

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When Mendel was 16, he won an international walking contest from Prague to Bratislava—some 250 miles. He said he walked about 300 miles when he escaped from a Communist prison camp in Prague in 1949 and headed for the German border.

Since then he's been keeping in shape with two workouts a week. On Wednesdays he strolls to such nearby places as Whittier, 27 miles from here, and Aurora, 25 miles away. Weekends he likes to fit in a return trip to Hamilton, covering about 75 miles.

Get \$298,000 On Joint Ticket

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—A taxicab driver and a groceryman parlayed \$4 into \$298,000 by picking six straight winners at the Hipodromo National Race Track Sunday. Their joint ticket was the only one of nearly 300,000 which had a perfect score under the popular five-and-six betting system. Sheets are sold to the bettors who can pick five or six races. The operation is similar to that of football pools in America. The windfall came to Jesus Villanar, the hack driver, and Jesus Martinez, the grocer, who said they had been betting together every Sunday for years. "You've got to be persistent if you want to be lucky," said Villanar. "That goes for horse racing as well as women."

Why Have Sore Feet? Just Rub In Minard's

Advertisement for Minard's shoe cream, mentioning that it is for sore feet and is rubbed in.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

The tiara, given to Josephine by Napoleon in 1805, is made of 880 diamonds weighing 160 carats. A pair of identical twins, soldiers with the Royal Canadian 22nd Regiment, stationed in Austria puzzled the officers, until one of the twins was ordered to grow a mustache, while the other twin was ordered to keep a bare upper lip. Work for pretty Peggy Shaw of Liverpool, England means walking and walking, even if her feet are killing her. Why? Because Peggy is what they call a shoe tester and she has piled up a mileage equal to three trips around the world and worn out 5,000 pairs of shoes.

She started her unique job 30 years ago when a shoe factory fitted her feet to a new pair of size 6 flat heels, and strapped a pedometer to her leg and sent her off with instructions to walk 12 miles a day, five days a week. Peggy's day starts at 9 a.m. when she arrives at the factory and come rain or shine she pounds the sidewalks until 5 p.m. These tests show that heavy shoes are good for 500 miles, summer shoes and sandals, 100 miles.

The strongest bone in the human body is a shinbone. A pair of them would support a group of 40 men. The ancient Roman Empire had a population of 54,000,000 persons. This figure is based on a census taken in the year 14 B.C. Not until people began to make large bells was it realized that sound waves could hurt us. For example, the bells in Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris used to give out such powerful sound waves that when people went too close to the church they suffered nosebleeds.

Hey kids. Ever dream you could fish all day in a pond all your own stocked with speckled beauties. Well, as a matter of fact, you can't in this province—that is, not yet. But in the London district of Ontario the young fry can do just that one day of each week. Such a happy event came about recently when authority was given the children to fish in three ponds of their heart's content, or until they have caught the limit of 12 fish per person. Parents will be allowed to look on, but the children must do the fishing.

Slight Break in Ont. Weather

TORONTO. (CP)—A slight break has occurred in Ontario's heat spell and the province's farmers are taking stock of the damage or benefit it has caused.

The department of agriculture's weekly report announced today that haying is completed in most parts of the province and farmers have finished harvesting most of the early grain crops. Despite near-drought conditions, grain crops are reported to be of a satisfactory quality and quantity. Hardest hit by the month-long siege of hot weather were the dairy farmers who were forced to

INDIA SIGNS CONVENTION

MONTREAL. (CP)—India became Wednesday the 27th state to sign the Rome convention of the International Civil Aviation Organization. The convention specifies the rules and limits of liability in the case of an aircraft causing death, personal injury or damage to personal property in foreign territory. use silage feed they normally reserve for winter use, to keep milk production at quota-level. Fruit farmers have also been affected by the heat as some fruits—particularly apples—are reported to be cooking on the trees. In parts of the Niagara peninsula slight hail was reported during the week and some damage was caused in orchards.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

HE NEEDED A LITTLE HELP. SOUTH brought off an excellent squeeze play in the hand below, but only because a defender was not as keen as he might have been.

Bridge hand diagram showing cards for South, West, North, and East. Includes a list of 'The Wodings' and 'South needed a trick-gaining device'.

South needed a trick-gaining device of some kind because he went too far when he jumped to five diamonds over East's two clubs. That huge leap convinced North that his partner had the next thing to an opening two-bid, and North had to exercise some restraint not to bid a grand slam.

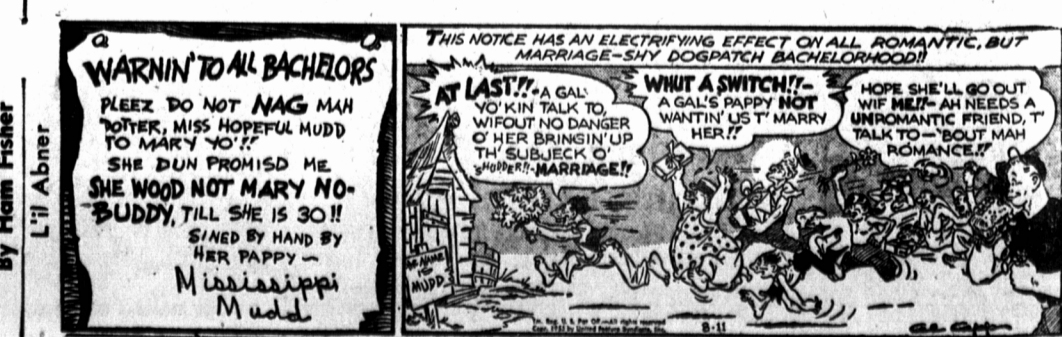
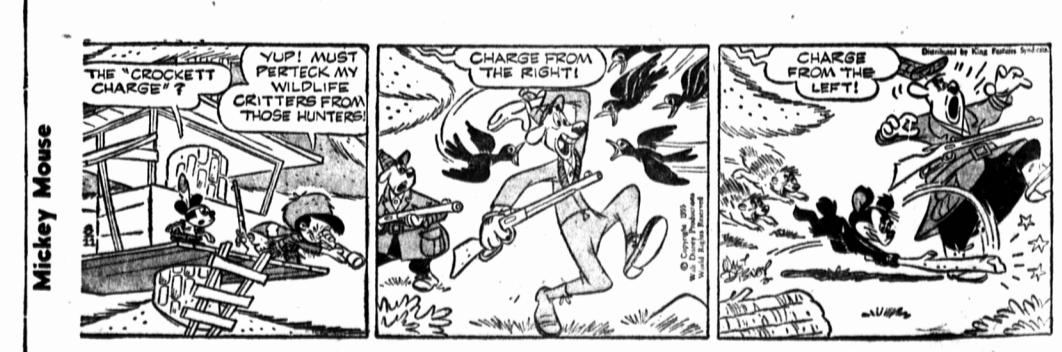
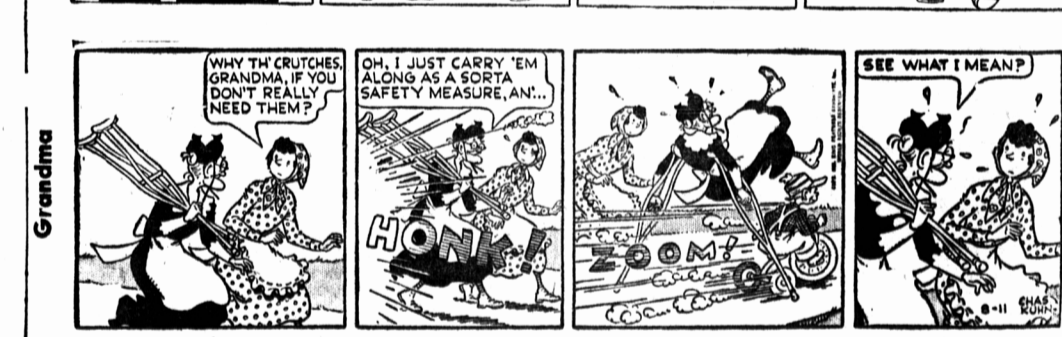
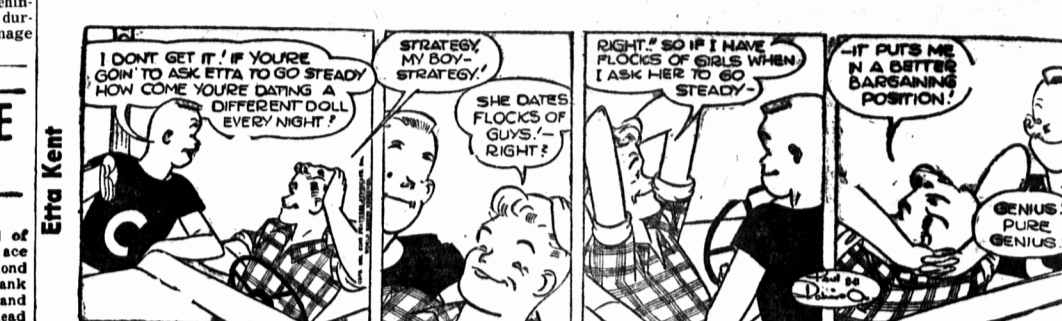
DAILY CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes 'Yesterday's Answer' and 'DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE'.

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Out Our Way



Joe Palooka



The Lone Ranger



By Al Capp

Advertisement for Al Capp's work, mentioning 'L'il Abner'.

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