BEDTIME STORIES

A Seeker Of Signs

By Thornton W. Burgess

For eyes that see and ears that hear,
Are countless signs when spring is near.
—Old Mother Nature.

It seemed to Peter Rabbit that the winter had been the longest he had ever known. He was sure it had been the coldest and the stormiest and altogether the worst.

"That is what you say every year," declared Mrs. Peter. "You know very well t isn't true. There have been other winters just as bad. With some folks whatever is bad is always the worst."

"Well, anyway, it's been a hard winter and I hope Mistress Spring will get here pretty soon, said Peter.

Mrs. Peter agreed to this. "I hope so too," said she. "But, I haven't yet seen any signs of her coming."

The mention of signs caused Peter to prick up his ears. "I wonder if there are any signs. There may be some we wouldn't know anything about here in the dear Old Briar-patch," said Peter.

Little Mrs. Peter looked at Peter sharply. "Just forget about signs," said she. "You stay right here in the Old Briar-patch."

"Yes'm," said Peter mildly. But the first opportunity he got when she wasn't near he slipped out of the Old Briar-patch and headed straight for the Smiling Pool. He remembered that in other years he had found around the Smiling Pool some of the earliest signs that Mistress Spring was on her way and would soon be there.

As soon as he came in sght of the Smiling Pool he saw that the water was higher than it had been all winter. There was no longer any ice, and the roof of Jerry Muskrat's house wasn't as nigh out of water as it had been. Usually the Smiling Pool was smooth and quiet. Now the water was running through it fairly fast. Peter knew what it meant. He knew that way back in the Green Forest on all the hillsides the snow was melting and the water was running down into Laughing Brook, and Laughing Brook was bringing it down on it's way to the Big River.

"Its a sing," thought Peter happily. He saw Jerry Muskrat climbing out on the roof of his house. Jerry looked worried. "Hi, Jerry!" called Peter.

Jerry looked over at Peter but said nothing. He didn't seem at all glad to see Peter. Peter took no notice of this. "Have you seen any signs that Mistress Spring is on the way?" he called.

"Not unless this high water is a sign," squeaked Jerry. "I hope she doesn't get here too soon."

Peter looked surprised. "She can't get here too soon to suit me," said he.

"If she gets here too soon we'll have a flood," said Jerry.

"Why will we?" asked Peter.

"She'll melt the snow all at once and that is just too bad. She ought to let gentle Sister Southwind melt it a little at a time. But if she comes in a hurry, there won't be time for that," squeaked Jerry, and his voice was more squeaky than ever.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

ONLY ONE CHANCE

The slam contract in the following deal was a little optimistic, to put it mildly, but it would have come if the declarer had played for the "only chance."

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 N T	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North had an upper-limit one notrump opening (18 high-card points and balanced distribution), but he elected to bid one club, instead, probably with the idea of discouraging that lead against an eventual game contract at notrump. The actual result of this start, however, was that North "pressed" to rebid two notrump on the second round and that from that time on South also became overoptimistic.

West made the natural lead from his holding, the queen of hearts, and continued with the jack when dummy ducked. South ruffed the second heart, drew exactly two rounds of trumps, and then ran the diamonds— or rather, started to. What he hoped to accomplish is a mystery, but what happened, of course, was that East ruffed the third round of diamonds, and South still had to lose a club trick. So the contract was down two tricks.

The contract was cold after the opening lead—indeed, only an original trump lead could have defeated it. After ruffing the heart at Trick 2, South should have gone back with a diamond or a club and with a diamond or club and ruffed the last heart. Now it would be simplicity itself to overtake the trump king, cash the queen and nine of trumps, discarding low clubs from the closed hand, and finally to cash high diamonds and clubs for the needed 12 tricks. It is true that the unlikely 3-3 break of trumps was required for the success of this line of play, but the dummy-reversal plan was the only one that had the faintest chance.

TEA SHIPMENTS

Chittagong, East Pakistan's largest seaport, ships up to 25,000 tens of tea every year.

Scholarships For 38 Engineers

TORONTO (CP) — Thirty-eight graduate Canadian engineers have been awarded two-year, post-graduate Athlone fellowships, it was announced Monday. Fellowship work is to be done in the United Kingdom.

The scholarships, sponsored by the British government, honor the Earl of Athlone, 16th governor-general of Canada. They were instituted in 1951 and pay for travelling, living expenses and academic fees.

The Athlone fellows are picked by a selection board at universities. They may study in universities or work in industrial establishments in Great Britain.

The selected students include: Nova Scotia: A. D. Lane, Halifax, Nova Scotia Technical College.

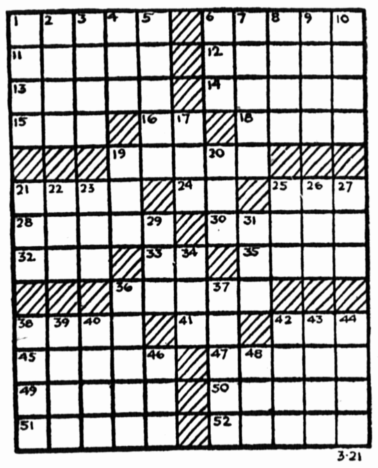
New Brunswick: R. C. Hale, Saint John, University of New Brunswick.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Accumulate
6. Cut, as wool
11. Indian prince
12. Betimes
13. Playing marble
14. Slight color
15. Title of respect
16. Board of Ordnance (abbr.)
18. Afternoon receptions
19. Ankles (anat.)
21. Money of account (Chin.)
24. Cry of pain
25. Point
28. Protective covering
30. State flower of New Mexico
32. Spring month
33. Aloft
35. Equipment
36. Fruit
38. Pitcher
41. Mother
42. Portion of a curved line
45. A dormouse (Eur.)
47. Not general
49. Middle (Law)
50. Tropical fruit
51. Celerity
52. Horse

DOWN
1. Macaws (Braz.)
2. Priestly caste (Persia)
3. Partly open
4. Perched
5. Ancient country (Asia)
6. Place
7. Island of the West Indies
8. Sea eagle (Eur.)
9. Seaweed
10. Cereal grasses
17. National god of Tahiti
19. Also
20. Timid
21. Basque-like cap
22. Man's name
23. Character in "Little Women"
25. High card
26. River (So. Am.)
27. Disfigure
29. Regret
31. Exclamation of disgust
34. Knave of clubs in game of loo
36. Disposed
37. Soothes
38. Shade trees
39. Cry
40. Scottish Gaelic
42. Skin disorder
43. Storm
44. Lump of earth
46. Spread grass to dry
48. Cereal grain

Yesterday's Answer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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

BKTF M RLJLFLYN BVOWR BVHP TJLW YV M SMF, GLHEY KT RT-UHLJTE KLS VG KLE ETFETE—TOHLULRTE.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: NO WORD THAT IS PROFITABLE IS BAD — SOPHOCLES.

ALKALIZES and RELIEVES CONSTIPATION
TAKE PHILLIPS' MILK OF MAGNESIA TONITE
WAKE UP FRESH FULL OF PEP!
GENUINE PHILLIPS' MILK OF MAGNESIA

STOP THAT HEADACHE
When you suffer from pain of Headache, Neuralgia or Muscular aches you want to stop that pain fast ... So take Aspirin! A tablet starts disintegrating almost the instant you take it—starts to relieve that pain almost instantly!
Always Ask For ASPIRIN T.M. REG.
A PRODUCT OF BAYER

AEROWAX SAVES RE-WAXING!
AEROWAX No Rubbing FLOOR WAX 43¢
The SHINE COMES BACK AGAIN and AGAIN WITH EASY BUFFING!
Saves 22¢ a Pint!

TIRED FEET
Soothe them with
MINARD'S LINIMENT
▶ Rub on freely, and get quick relief. Greaseless. Fast-drying. No strong odor.

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Television Programme

Channel 2

WEDNESDAY

2:00 p.m.—FM Concert Hall
3:00 p.m.—Frankie Laine
3:30 p.m.—At Home with Helen Crocker
4:30 p.m.—Take A Look
4:45 p.m.—Folk Songs
5:00 p.m.—Uncle Jack and Barbie
5:30 p.m.—Howdy Doody
6:00 p.m.—Puppet Theatre
6:15 p.m.—Melody Roundup
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.—Jungle Jim
7:30 p.m.—Bunkhouse Boys
8:00 p.m.—Vic Obeck Show
8:30 p.m.—I Love Lucy
9:00 p.m.—Cross Canada Hit Parade
9:30 p.m.—Jackie Rae Show
10:00 p.m.—Big Town
10:30 p.m.—Press Conference
11:00 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
11:10 p.m.—Weather
11:15 p.m.—History Is Made At Midnight
12:30 a.m.—Sign Off

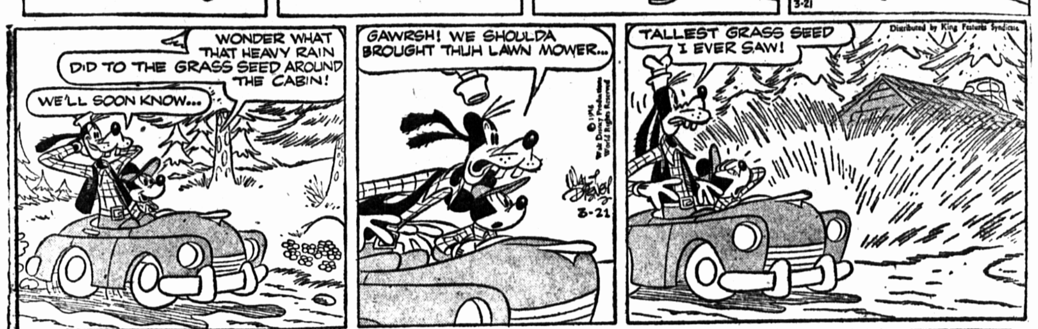
Out Our Way — By J. R. Williams

Our Boarding House — Major Hoople

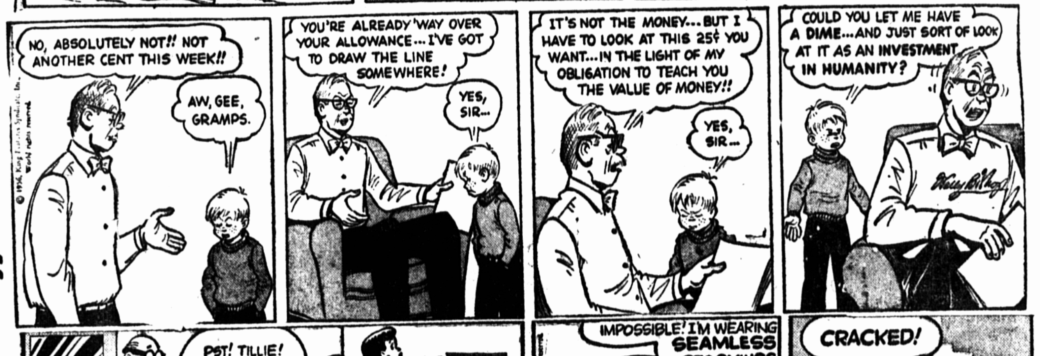
Grandma — By Charles Kuhn

Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney

Henry — By Carl Anderson



Muggs and Skeeter — By Wally Bishop



Tilly The Toiler — By Bob Gustafson

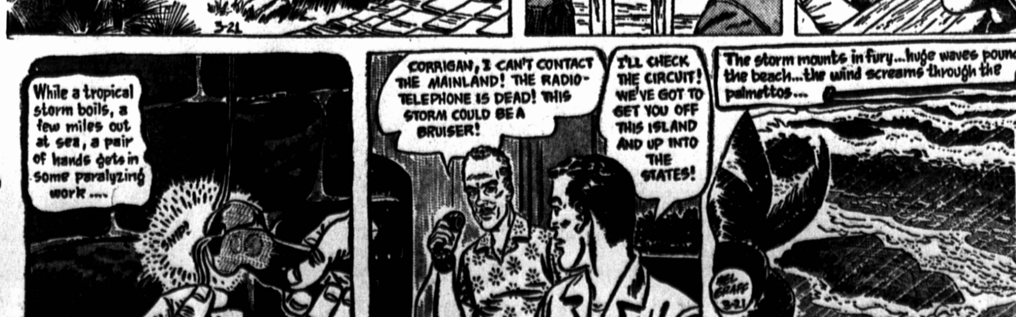
Etta Kent — By Paul Robinson

Joe Palooka — By Ham Fisher

The Lone Ranger — By Fran Striker

Bringing Up Father — By George McManus

Secret Agent X9 — By Mel Graff



Li'l Abner — By Al Capp

POGO — By Walt Kelly