BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

PETER RABBIT HAS HIS SAY

The truly wise are always slow in boasting of how much they know.

—Old Mother Nature.

Grandfather Frog, who lives in the Smiling Pool, and his cousin, Old Mr. Toad, who visits the Smiling Pool in the spring to join the spring chorus, were disputing as cousins so often do. Grandfather insisted that the Smiling Pool is the best place in all the Great World. Old Mr. Toad said Grandfather Frog knew nothing about the Great World, for he never left the Smiling Pool any farther than a few feet from the edge of the water. Old Mr. Toad, on the other hand, had left the Smiling Pool when he was a very small Toad, indeed, and had gone across the Green Meadows to Farmer Brown's garden. There he had lived all through the years excepting when he made a visit to the Smiling Pool. So he felt that he knew something about the Great World.

Peter Rabbit listened and grinned. Finally he had his say. "You don't either of you know anything about the Great World," declared Peter. "You have to be really out in it to know anything about it."

"Pooh!" said Grandfather Frog. "I guess I've lived long enough to know all that's worth knowing about the Great World." Of course it was a foolish thing to say.

"What do you know about the Green Meadows? demanded Peter.

"I know about them. I go across them twice a year to get from that garden where I live, and back again," said Old Mr. Toad.

"But that's only a very small part of the Green Meadows," declared Peter. "Now, I've been all over them. What do you fellows know about the Green Forest and the Old Pasture? Have either of you been way up Laughing Brook, or over to the Big River? Of course you haven't and you talk about knowing something of the Great World. Now, I've been to all those places, and I really know what the Great World is like."

"You don't say," chimed in another voice.

Peter turned to look. There was Teeter the Spotted Sandpiper,

"What do you know about the Green Meadows?" demanded Peter.

bobbing and teetering on his two little slim legs as if he couldn't keep his balance. "You don't any of you know anything about the Great World."

"I've seen enough of it to know what it is like," declared Peter.

"Have you ever seen the Great Ocean?" asked Teeter.

Peter had to admit that he never had. He didn't even know what the Great Ocean was like.

"Have you ever visited the Land-of-Always-Summer?" asked Teeter softly. Of course he meant way down south where it is warm all the year round.

"No," admitted Peter.

"Well, I have," said Teeter. "I spent the winter down there. It is a long, long journey to get there, and I have seen many things on the way that you folks never see here, and you never will. Only folks with wings ever really get to see the Great World. Just remember that and don't talk foolish. Neither of you three has ever seen the Great World, or even a teeny weeny part of it. And even I haven't seen all of it, I am told."

Peter Rabbit pretended not to be listening. So did Old Mr. Toad and Grandfather Frog.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Some jackpot! A grocer named Nicola Saccini, of Turin, Italy, held the only ticket which correctly picked the winners in all 13 games of Italy's weekly government operated soccer lottery. He paid eight cents for the ticket and won $393,000.

Thirty-one years ago Cecil DeMille filmed a Biblical picture, "The Ten Commandments," at a cost of $1,000,000. Today he is starting a second version of the movie and believe it or not, it will cost eight million dollars.

A Petoskey, Michigan, farmer imported 600,000 farm helpers from Arizona to help him with his spud crop. No they were not humans. They were ladybugs, each of which will consume 45 potato bugs in 24 hours.

According to the National Education Association, 40 per cent of the college graduates who study to become schoolteachers are wooed away into higher paying jobs before they teach a single class.

The next time you see a Santa Claus beard you can bet ten to one that it is made of a Yak's tail imported from Tibet.

It is estimated that 97 per cent of the world's population suffer from some form of tooth disease.

Only the Danes have a secret method of preserving cheese for over a year without refrigeration.

Plato and not Socrates was the first person to record his idea that the world was round. The earliest written record of this may be found in Plato's Phaedo, written in 399 B. C.

The average alligator grows one foot in length for a period of ten years — providing he lives in 90-degree water and all other conditions suit him.

Women swim easier than men because the greater percentage of a woman's weight is below her waistline.

KINGSTON W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of Kingston W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Bert Willis on Thursday evening, May 5. Meeting opened by repeating Institute Ode, followed by the Mary Stewart Collect.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Roll call was answered by 15 members and one visitor with exchange of slips and bulbs.

Reports of Committee: Mrs. Erroll Green gave school report.

Mrs. Dixon thanked members for fruit sent her. Correspondence was read; one from Mrs. Neil Matheson; Miss Robin on Travelling Van and Sewing Club; One from Mrs. John Robertson, Art Work portfolio made by Milton; one from Red Cross blood donor clinic.

New committees: School, Mrs. Stewart Colwill and Mrs. Heber Campbell; Programme, Mrs. Dan MacRae, Mrs. Leith Newsen; Lunch, Mrs. Heber Campbell, Mrs. Bert Willis. Collection was 2:15.

District Convention was discussed but was left over till executive meeting at New Haven. Window boxes were left until June meeting.

Next place of meeting is at the home of Mrs. Dan MacKrae; roll call, Get Well Card.

Meeting closed with Queen; after which ice cream and lunch was served by hostess and committee in charge and a social hour spent.

Pisa's famous leaning tower, 180 feet high, is 16 feet from perpendicular at the top.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Foundation
5. Pierce with a dagger
9. Kind of beer
10. Coin (Turk.)
11. In a row (poet.)
12. An uproar
14. Skin tumor
15. Breeze
16. Land-measure
17. Winding
21. Help
22. At one time
23. Incites
26. Projecting ends of churches
27. Part
28. Assam silkworm
29. Shirks (slang)
33. United States (abbr.)
34. Trouble
35. French coin
37. Rules of conduct
40. Birds as a class
41. Every, of two or more
42. Goddess of peace
43. Cereal grains
44. A seasoning

DOWN

1. Discloses
2. Ago (archaic)
3. Stitch
4. Erbium (sym.)
5. Treat with disdain
6. Basque-like cap
7. Indeed (Anglo-Ir.)
8. Poise
9. Mandate
12. Bound
13. Woody perennials
15. Sacred bull (Egypt)
18. Valued
19. Subject
20. Those in office
23. Debate
24. One who helps others rise
25. Old measure of length
26. External seed coating
28. Goddess of discord (Gr. Myth.)
30. German composer (poss.)
31. A sturdy bollard (naut.)
32. Fragrance
36. Employ
38. Grass cured for fodder
39. Frozen water
40. Constellation
42. Part of "to be"

CAPE ARES
SOLAR DERAY
EVIL MOBILE
NEF PARENTS
AR DOWEL
TABORS LEFT
OGIVE TIMER
RETE AROUSE
TALON TA
RECANED COO
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BELLE MAINS
ROSS AWNS

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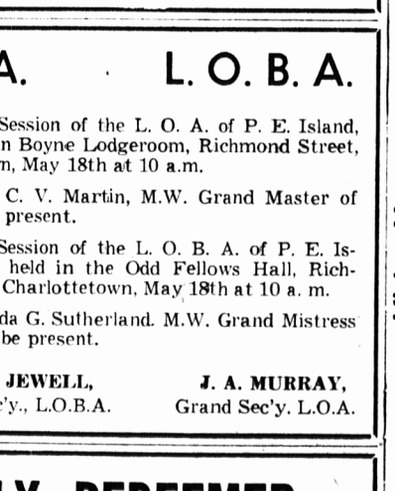
Yesterday's Answer



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

W G P C I Z J T W P ' T Y N Y L Z M J W I W G P C J S K W — A K J M Z K L R.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote—HER WAIST IS AMPLER THAN HER LIFE, FOR LIFE IS BUT A SPAN—HOLMES.

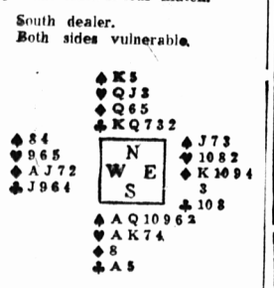
Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

TOO CAUTIOUS AT THE SLAM-RANGE

It is a remarkable fact that the same experts who are extremely optimistic in bidding games "tighten up" out of all proportion when it comes to slam-bidding. Take the hand below for example. It occurred in an important team-of-four match.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.



This was the very logical bidding at one table:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

There was nothing to the play. The spade suit broke according to probabilities, 3-2, and if West had not opened the ace of diamonds he would have lost it.

Now contrast South's thoroughly justified strong bidding with the behavior of his opposite number at Table 2:

South	West	North	East
1 S	Pass	2 C	Pass
3 S	Pass	4 S	Pass
5 S (!)	Pass	Pass	Pass

In view of North's responses it seems clear that South was guilty of sheer timidity when he merely invited the slam by bidding five spades. It is perfectly true that the slam might not have been ironclad, but it was certainly asking a lot of North to suggest that he should make the decision! Quite aside from South's other impressive values, his singleton diamond was a control that only he himself could know about.

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Annual Session of the L. O. A. of P. E. Island, will be held in Boyne Lodgeroom, Richmond Street, Charlottetown, May 18th at 10 a.m.

Rev. W. C. V. Martin, M.W. Grand Master of B. A. will be present.

Annual Session of the L. O. B. A. of P. E. Island, will be held in the Odd Fellows Hall, Richmond Street, Charlottetown, May 18th at 10 a. m.

Mrs. Melda G. Sutherland. M.W. Grand Mistress of B. A. will be present.

MRS. ALICE JEWELL, Grand Sec'y., L.O.B.A.

J. A. MURRAY, Grand Sec'y. L.O.A.

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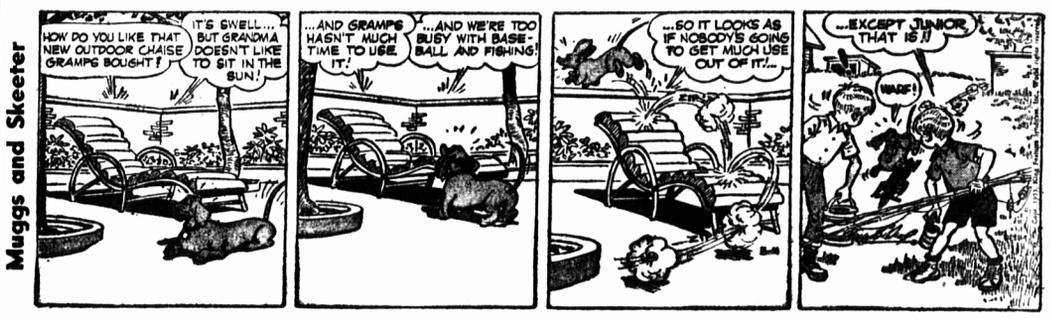
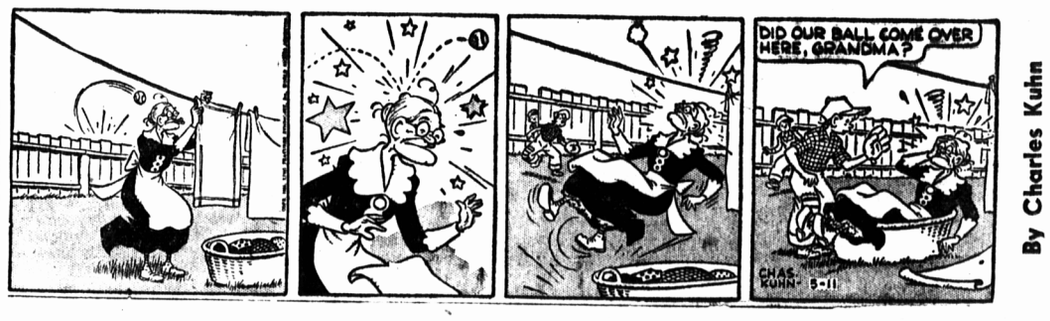


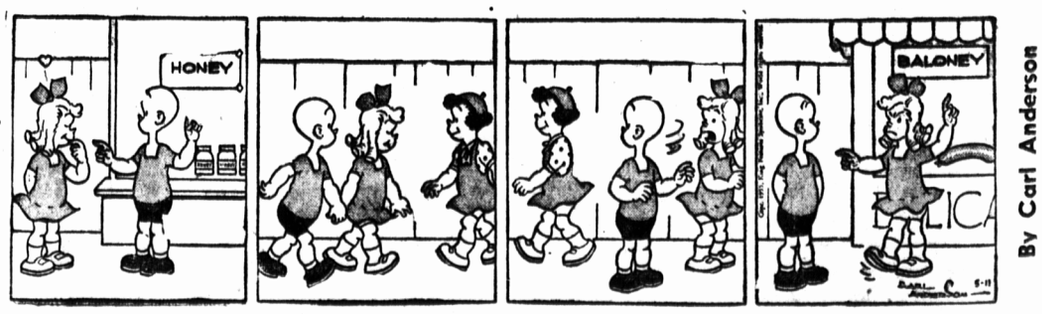
Bringing Up Father — By George McManus

Grandma — By Charles Kuhn



Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney

Henry — By Carl Anderson



Secret Agent X9 — By Mel Graff

The Lone Ranger — By Fran Striker

Joe Paloka — By Ham Fisher

L'il Abner — By Al Capp