

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

by Thornton W. Burgess

A foolish quarrel, it is plain, Will often be another's gain.

—Jimmy Skunk

In the moonlight over by the Smiling Pool there was a most unpleasant quarrel. Quarrels are always unpleasant, but some are more unpleasant than others for those who are looking on. Two cousins, Billy Mink and Shadow the Weasel, were quarreling over a small fish. Billy Mink had caught it, and had left it on the shore while he went to catch another. His small cousin had happened along and found that little fish. He promptly claimed it as his own. "Finding's keepings," is the rule on the Green Meadows and in the Green Forest. Billy Mink had managed to take that fish away from Shadow. He didn't want that fish because he was hungry. He wasn't hungry. He had already eaten a fish for dinner. He just didn't want Shadow to have it. It is too bad that people are so often that way.

They were so busy quarreling that they didn't see another cousin coming until he was close to them. He didn't in the least like the other two. They were long and slim and quick. He was quite the opposite. It was Jimmy Skunk. When he saw that fish Jimmy Skunk's mouth watered. He didn't want that fish because he was hungry. He wasn't hungry. He had already eaten a fish for dinner. He just didn't want Shadow to have it. It is too bad that people are so often that way.

"It's mine!" snarled Billy Mink. "It isn't either. I found it," spoke up Shadow the Weasel, and his voice was a snarl too. Billy Mink was getting ready to plunge into the water with that fish, knowing that neither of the other two would follow him. Jimmy Skunk suddenly stamped with his front feet. At the same time he threw his tail up over his head, and twisted his body around in the way he usually does when he uses his little scent gun. He didn't use it now. He was merely trying to scare Billy Mink. It did startle him so that he dropped the fish. Instantly, Jimmy Skunk pounced on it.



"I'll take that fish, cousin," said he.

"That's mine!" screamed Billy Mink. "That's mine!" screamed Shadow the Weasel. Jimmy Skunk looked first at one, then the other. "You are both wrong said he. 'It is mine.' Then, in the most unconcerned manner, he began to eat that fish. "That was the end of the quarrel between Billy Mink and Shadow the Weasel. They had nothing to quarrel about now. They didn't like each other any better, and they snarled and growled at each other a few times. Then Billy Mink slid into the water, dived, and was no longer seen. His small cousin, who doesn't like the water, dodged out of sight, and decided to go hunting mice on the Green Meadows. As for Jimmy Skunk, he ate the fish, liked his lips, and then shuffled off to see what more he could find. All the time Young Reddy Fox was watching and learning. His respect for all members of the Skunk family was growing.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE Pioneer Days In P. E. I.

By F. H. MacArthur

The plague of mice, three plagues in fact -- infested this island between the years 1724 to 1738, and became a terrible scourge to the settlers. They were larger than ordinary field-mice, almost black in color, with short legs and powerful claws. During the winter months they hid their food under the roots of trees, and in hollow logs. Here they bred large litters and became so numerous that cats and dogs deserted their homes to fill their bellies with these rodents of the forest.

Came spring, they swarmed out of the woods, formed in long narrow lines and, spreading in battle formation, swept across the fields, devouring every vestige of crop from Georgetown to Malpeque. Small shrubs were denuded as well as grass and flowers. Having despoiled the whole countryside in this manner, they then ate almost all the meagre food reserves of the unfortunate pioneers. The inhabitants faced starvation; word was sent to Louisburg, and, for once, the officers of the Fort acted quickly. Eighty-seven quintals of flour were sent; beans and pork, powder and shot were dealt out generously. Later on, small seeds were purchased and sent to the island in time for the spring seeding.

The inhabitants tried to rid the island of the pests, but without any success. They multiplied till the forests no longer could support them; then these savage little creatures rushed to the sea where millions met death. Once great gaps had been cut in the forests, they gradually disappeared; but it was a long time before other landseekers could be persuaded to settle in what they chose to call "The Land of Mice." From the sickle and cradle to the modern threshing and cutting combine covers a period of less than one hundred years, a period of steady progress in agricultural methods of doing things—and all for the better.

No doubt the young island farmers of this generation would think it a hopeless task if they were called upon to harvest their grain fields with old-fashioned gadgets, farmers of those days thought lit-

Rain, Wind Damage Along B. C. Coast

VANCOUVER (CP)—Rain and wind caused widespread damage along the British Columbia coast during the last 24 hours. The weather office reported up to two inches of rain fell on the lower mainland and southern Vancouver Island.

A rock and soil slide near Port Alberni barely missed a bus carrying 20 persons; 400 persons near Squamish faced the possibility of isolation; and a 30-foot tug in danger of sinking was towed to safety off Parksville, B. C.

At Squamish, the Mamquam river rose eight feet, wiping out a highway bridge and endangering a railway bridge. Loss of the railway span would isolate about 400 persons.

IN OTTAWA
OTTAWA (CP)—Admiral Earl Mountbatten, Britain's first sea lord and chief of naval staff, arrived in Ottawa Monday for two days of conference with Canadian government and naval leaders.



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Giant Skeletons Are Unearthed In Italy

TURIN, Italy (AP)—One of the reasons for Hannibal's early successes against Roman legions 2,100 years ago may have been soldiers seven feet tall. Excavations made of Pecetto Hill, three miles from here, have uncovered an ancient Roman town, skeletons of men and horses and what apparently was part of a temple. Seven of the skeletons indicated that the men were seven feet tall of an African race.

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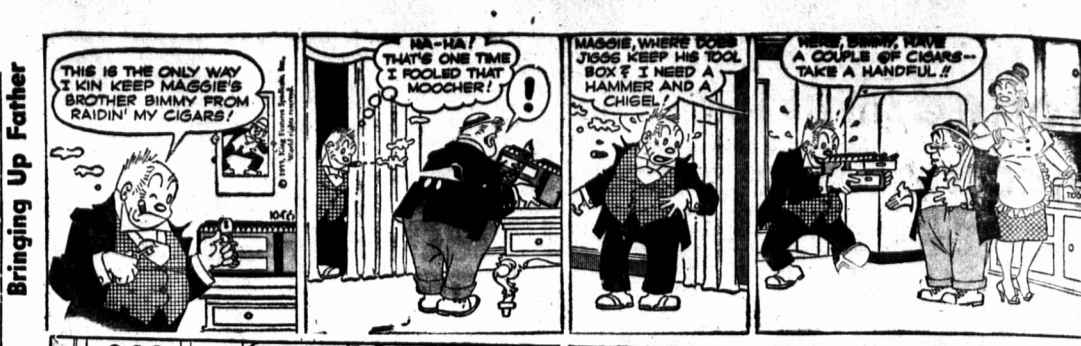
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