# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

### THE HUMMING COUSINS

There's joy in something planned and done;
In work ahead that's well begun.
—Busy Bee.

"Do you hum all the time?" asked Peter Rabbit, as he listened to Queen Bumble Bee. She was on the first dandelion blossom Peter had found.

"Not all the time, but most of the time when I'm working," replied Queen Bumble. "I like to hum when I feel good."

"Then I wouldn't think you would hum so much when you are working, said Peter.

"But that is when I am happiest," replied Queen Bumble. "It is just so with all Bees."

"I don't see how anyone can find fun in working. It is tiresome. I get tired as soon as I begin," said Peter.

Just then, his long ears picked up another humming, and a small person lighted on that dandelion. It was Honey Bee. She was much smaller than her big cousin, Queen Bumble. And she wasn't so handsomely gowned in black and yellow velvet. In fact, she was dressed rather plainly, as becomes a worker. She went over that blossom in a hurry, and flew away to look for another. Queen Bumble returned just in time to see her leave. Queen Bumble had been looking for another dandelion when Honey Bee arrived.

"That was your cousin, Honey Bee," said Peter.

"Do you think I don't know it. I suppose she'll come to every flower I find," replied Queen Bumble.

"That was your cousin, Honey Bee," said Peter.

"Perhaps she'll find the flowers before you do. She seems in an awful hurry. She's a worker if you ask me. I should think she would wear herself out," declared Peter.

"She will," said Queen Bumble, in a most matter of fact tone. "All those Honey Bees wear themselves out. They work 'til they drop. I'm a worker, but I don't work that hard."

"If humming means she is happy, she must enjoy her work, for she was humming all the time she was here," said Peter.

"Of course she enjoys her work. That is what she lives for. Work can be fun, you know," said Queen Bumble.

"And it can be dreadfully tiresome," said Peter, just as if he knew all about hard work. He never has really worked for more than a few minutes at a time.

"Of course Cousin Honey Bee does only one thing, and I should think that that would be really tiresome. All she does is collect sweetness and pollen from the flowers, and take it to the hive. Others there take it from her and make it into honey and Bee Bread. They build the little rooms in which these things are kept, and in which the eggs are laid, and the babies raised. Now I have to do all those things. Nobody helps me, not for a while, anyway. By and by the children will help me, but until they are big enough to do that I have to do everything myself. I've even got to find a home and fix it up. Cousin Honey Bee doesn't have to do that at all. But I'm glad I do. It makes a change. Doing just one thing over and over can get terribly tiresome. Well, I must go looking for a place to make a home." Queen Bumble took to her wings, and hummed away.

## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

### THE TRUE PROBABILITIES

In the deal below, the declarer's mistaken idea about probabilities cost his side a vulnerable slam.

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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| | ♠ K 9 8 5<br>♥ A 9 2<br>♦ A 7 5<br>♣ K 6 4 | |
| ♠ Q 6 3 2<br>♥ 8 4<br>♦ K Q 10 2<br>♣ 10 8 5 | N<br>W E<br>S | ♠ J 4<br>♥ 7 3<br>♦ J 9 6 4 3<br>♣ Q J 9 3 |
| | ♠ A 10 7<br>♥ K Q J 10 6 5<br>♦ 8<br>♣ A 7 2 | |

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
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| 1 ♥ | Pass | 2 NT | Pass |
| 5 ♥ | Pass | 6 ♥ (final bid) | |

In the original version of the Blackwood Convention any four-notrump bid that is made after a suit has been mentioned by either partner, is a request for ace-showing. But this version has been altered in certain expert circles, and in a sequence such as this, if South bids four notrump over North's two notrump, he is merely giving a strong notrump raise, and North can pass if he chooses. Thus, South had to by-pass the four-notrump route and do his slam-trying with the five-heart bid.

West led the diamond king. The ace won and South drew the outstanding trumps, then cashed the spade ace and passed the spade ten to East. The latter returned a diamond. South ruffed, and now (or soon) had to make a decision about the rest of the spade suit.

There were only two spades still at large, the queen and the six. South led his own seven, and when West played the six, put up dummy's king, on the theory (as South explained later) that the two missing spades figured to be divided one-and-one between the defenders. His theory did not work out, and he lost the slam.

South's view of the spade-suit was wrong. It is the original probablity that counts, and this was that the missing six cards would not be divided 3-3. Having lost to the spade jack, South should have taken a second finesse, against West, on the sounder theory that the suit would not break 3-3, but that the two honors originally missing would be divided between the defenders.

A second plan (also superior to South's) was to cash the ace and king of spades, playing to drop an honor.

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## Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

A chef by the name of Vatel who cooked for Louis XIV of France, committed suicide because a particular fish he had ordered for the king's dinner did not arrive on time.

In 1923, 301,430 fans paid $1,063,815 to watch the Yankees take the championship four games to two in the world series.

One of the biggest citrus estates in the world is located at Sehedilla, Africa.

Do you know that South Africa has three capitals. Pretoria, is the capital of the Transvaal and administrative seat for all South Africa. Cape Town is the seat of the Legislature and Bloemfontein, the provincial capital of the Orange Free State.

Apart from mother Eve, the first great woman in history was Hatsheput, queen of Egypt 3,500 years ago. She proved herself a most proficient ruler and strange but true, she ordered that all pictures and statues of her should show her wearing a beard. She was buried in the valley of Kings, like the male rulers who had proceeded her.

Many words in the Bible are printed in italics because the translators could find no exact English equivalent for the original word in the Hebrew, Greek or Latin text. So they substituted a word that was something like the original and had it printed in italics.

Partisan . . . "Why does the naming of a new two-block street in Chetek, Wis., pose a political and legal problem?"

"Property for the street was deeded to the city by a man who specified that the street must be named 'Durned Republican street.' But it turns out that Chetek is a strong Republican communiy."

New Jersey's Roman Catholic church, St. Philip of the Apostle has a built in room where mothers may sit with crying infants behind sound proof walls, to see the service through a wide plate glass front, and hear all through a sound system.

The National Geographic Society figures a total vertical mileage of more than six times the distance to the sun, or about 600,000,000 miles are ravelled by elevator riding Americans.

The recent loss of 8,000 British pigeons in a 210-mile race between Wales and Northern Ireland is attributed to radar interference with the birds directional sense.

Take a guess at what Agency name these letters represent. JDODAGSAIACODOSAPP Answer: Joint Department of Defense and General Services Administration Industry Advisory Committee on Disposal of Surplus and Personal Property.

A statue of Christ is to be erected in the water near Genoa, Italy, as a memorial to those who have lost their lives in the oceans of the world.

## Bald Legislators Want Price Cut

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Bald members of the Ohio House of Representatives called for an inquiry into the price of haircuts.

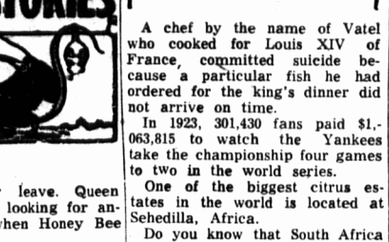
Their resol 'on Tuesday noted that barbers charge 25 cents extra for crew haircuts and suggested barbers could shave their prices for those with little, if any, hair on top.

The resolution read:
"In view of the premium . . . it is altogether commensurate with justice, equity and fair play that a reciprocal reduction of price be effected for those of us who through no fault of our own, are endowed with that badge of experience and ability called baldness."

## DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Capital of Trans-Jordan
6. Egyptian god (poss.)
11. Lariat
12. Satan
13. A queen of England
14. Salty
15. Marshy meadow
16. Staked, as money
17. Famous Italian tenor
19. Another name for "Satan"
21. Up and on
25. In all points (colloq.)
26. Feel
27. Unaffectedness of manner
28. Large sea bird
29. Supposed
31. Letter of the original Greek alphabet
34. Uncle (Dial.)
37. Magistrates (Rom.)
38. Persia
39. Collector of eels
40. Correct
41. Paralysis
42. Conceals

DOWN
1. Inland sea (Asia)
2. Underground excavation for ore
3. Fetters
4. Devoured
5. Sodium (sym.)
6. A. U. S. president
7. City (Australia)
8. Wicked
9. Number of players on a team (Baseball)
10. Vehicle with runners
24. Original name of the apostle Paul
16. British post
18. Large terriers
19. Friendly gathering for work
20. —— Le Gallienne
22. Mused
23. Open (poet.)
24. Snare
26. Vasco da —— (Port. navigator)
28. Jewels
30. Polishing material
31. Of great depth
32. Notice
33. Small liquid measure
35. Hair on a lion's neck
36. Remnants
38. Wurttemberg measure
40. Exclamation



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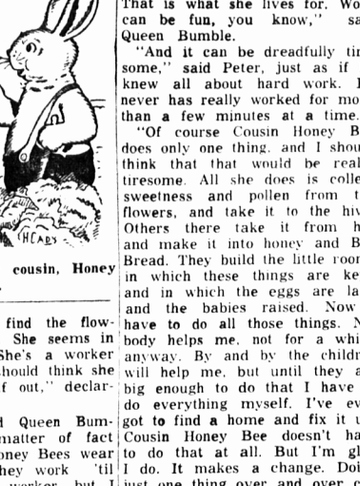

**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:**
A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

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

IRQAWIB SRRD IYYQCV QJOA, WDT ERWDCV LQRWH, HAR BCWUR YP IYEI, W OJIARQ JD HAR BHWHR —B W U W L R.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: AND FRAME LOVE DITTIES PASSING RARE, AND SING THEM TO A LADY FAIR—SCOTT.

## LIBERAL CONVENTION
## THIRD DISTRICT OF QUEENS

A Convention to nominate two Liberal Candidates to contest the next Provincial Election will be held at the MOUNT STEWART COMMUNITY HALL on Tuesday, March 29th, at 2.00 P.M.

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(Signed) ROLAND MacDONALD,
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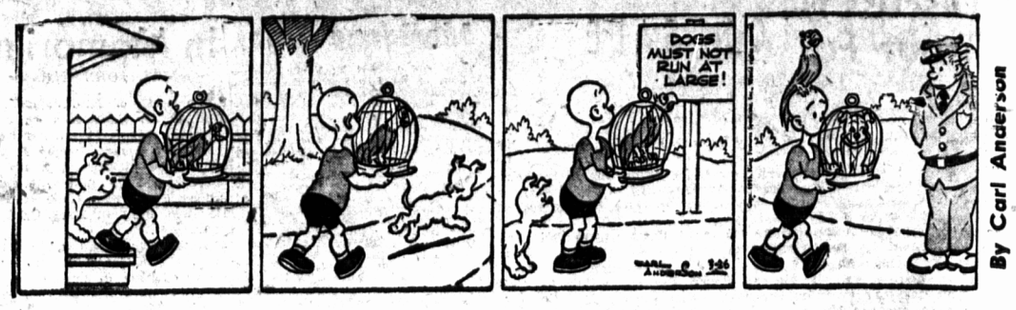
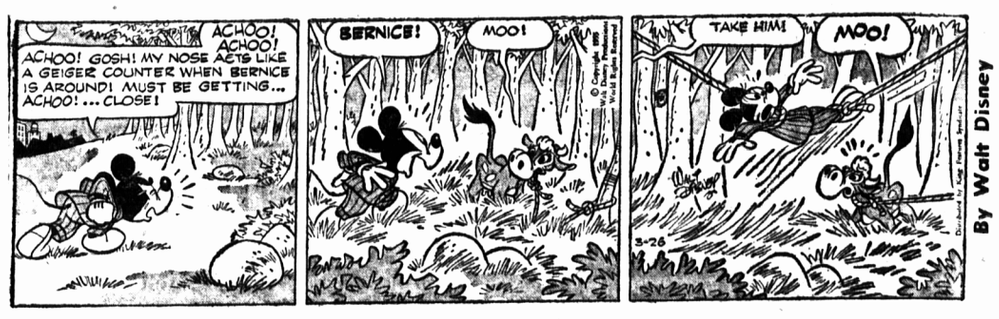



Grandma — By Charles Kuhn

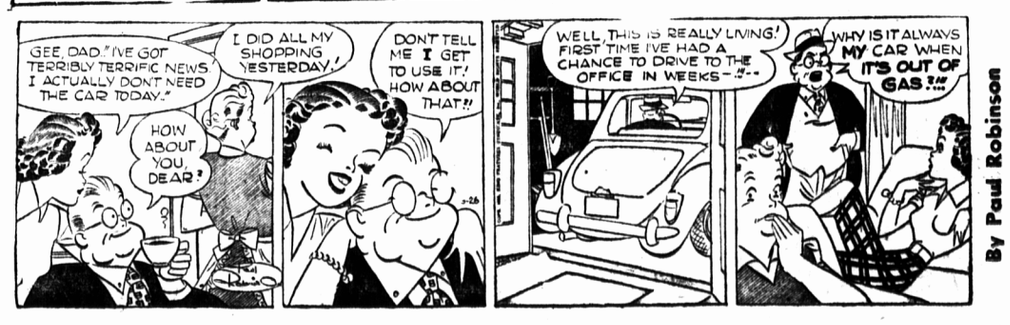
Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney



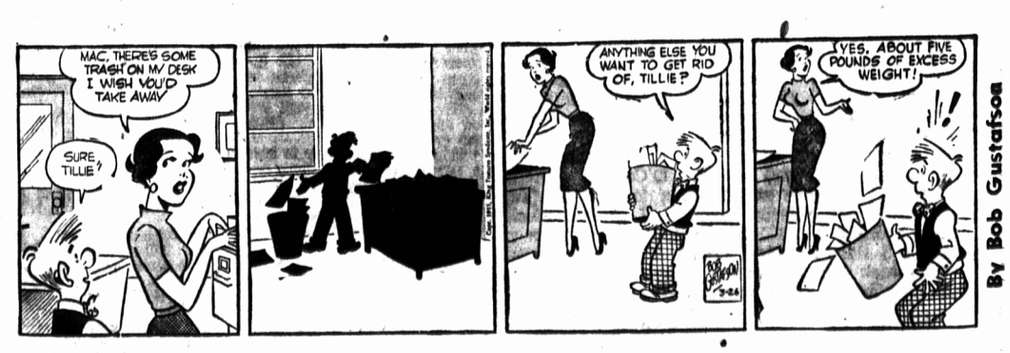

Bringing Up Father — By George McManus

Muggs and Skeeter — By Wally Bishop

Etta Kent — By Paul Robinson




Tilly The Toiler — By Bob Gustafson




L'il Abner — By Al Capp

Joe Palooka — By Ham Fisher

Secret Agent X — By Mel Graff

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