



### BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

#### DRUMMER RETURNS

All unaware, through simple deeds, we often meet another's needs. —Old Mother Nature.

Drummer the Woodpecker was having hard work to get enough to eat. The ice storm had coated trees with the ice and that meant that he just couldn't get at the insects or grubs under the bark and in the wood. He just couldn't chip off the ice. Some of the trees, in fact most of the trees, were bare of ice on one side, the side away from the storm. That is, their trunks were. So Drummer had to depend on these bare parts of the trees in his search for food.

A bird has to have a lot of food. Without food, and plenty of it, a bird will starve to death in a very short time. This is because food makes heat in the body. So they are dependent on body heat. Otherwise they freeze to death. A coat of feathers does not make warmth; it simply keeps the warmth of the body from being lost too quickly. And because birds have to do a great deal of flying about or running about if they happen to be ground birds, they need a lot of food to supply the strength that is needed.

Drummer had visited many trees. He had drilled into a few and found a few grubs, but he didn't find enough. He was hungry all the time. He grumbled. "I don't like it," grumbled Drummer. "It isn't right. There are plenty of grubs and borers hiding under the bark and in the wood, and I could get them were it not for this ice. I'm not afraid to work for what I need. I'm willing to work for my food. But I simply can't do a thing when there is ice in the way. I just can't get through it. And how can a fellow hold on to a tree when every twin and branch is covered with slippery ice?"

Drummer's search took him out of the Green Forest and over to the Old Orchard. He visited every tree in the Old Orchard. He found Yank Yank the Nuthatch there. Yank Yank was having just as hard a time as he was. Finally Drummer went back to the Green Forest. He would work over some of the trees he had already visited just to see if he had missed anything.



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So it was that at last he returned to the tree in which Timmy the Flying Squirrel and Mrs. Squirrel had been made prisoners in their own home. The north side of that tree was still icy and the doorway to the Squirrel home was still closed with ice. Drummer started at the foot of the tree on the south side where there was no ice. He didn't start to climb at once. He was tired, so he rested for awhile. When he did begin to climb he was more careful than he had been on his first visit. He tap-tapped here; he tap-tapped there. He listened for

#### TELEVISION

##### CKCW — Moncton

Television Programme Channel 2

#### WEDNESDAY

- 2:00 p.m.—F. M. Concert Hour
- 3:00 p.m.—Frankie Laine
- 3:30 p.m.—At Home with Helen Crocker
- 4:30 p.m.—Today with Ariene Holder
- 4:45 p.m.—Uncle Jack at the Piano
- 5:00 p.m.—Take A Look
- 5:30 p.m.—Howdy Doodie
- 5:15 p.m.—Folk Songs
- 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.—Round Table Discussion
- 11:00 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
- 11:10 p.m.—Weather
- 11:15 p.m.—Feature Film — The Four Feathers
- 12:15 a.m.—Sign Off.

### TIRED FEET

Soothe them with **MINARD'S LINIMENT**

Apply to aching feet, and get relief from fatigue, soreness, and stiffness.

### STRANGE BUT TRUE

By F. H. MacArthur

The sale of wooden nickels during the first four months of London's centennial year topped the 100,000 mark.

The city's 112,000 wooden nickels sold for a gross intake of \$6,000. As a mail messenger for 12 years at Adair, Oklahoma, Sam Trout had the companionship of his dog, John. Sam got the dog as a puppy a few months after he began carrying the mail. The dog always went along to meet the trains.

John helped too. Sometimes it was so dark when the mail was thrown off the trains that Sam couldn't see the bags. The dog found them. When Sam resigned his job recently, his dog left home and went to live with the new mailman, Art Alberty. He didn't want to retire.

Nothing can be done today without money. When this scribe was a youngster it was the custom of the people that they help each other to do anything. If a man wanted a house built in a hurry, all his neighbors would help him to build it. Today a man does not belong to his neighbors, he belongs to his money.

On the island of Mangaia may be seen some unique tombstones, painted in bright colors and bearing drawings of people and objects. For example, one tombstone portrays a sinking vessel, a reminder that the person who rests beneath it was drowned at sea. Another shows a young girl holding a Bible in one hand and pressing the other to her heart. She was of course supposed to be a real Christian. A third stone shows a full-length portrait of a young man, with his hair neatly parted and his features carefully tinted. On Mangaia more than a third of the children are living with foster parents, some adopted accord-

ing to Maori custom, others with full European legalities. Usually the arrangement is made soon after birth, but it may occur at any time before the child reaches maturity. The baby may be left with its mother until weaned, but sometimes the adopting parents will take full care of the child from birth, sending it to its mother only to be nursed. Sometimes parents will exchange their children, as an expression of goodwill.

Believe it or not, but there are few song birds in the Polynesian Islands. Even in New Zealand where the tuis and bell birds make songs in the trees, there are long periods of silence unknown in Canadian woods.

### CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

EXCELLENT APPRAISAL

On the surface, it appears that North "bid his head off" in the following case, but there was more than a germ of logic in his aggressive slam invitation.

South dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

♠ Q3	♥ J1052	♦ A Q 8 7	♣ A K Q 9
♠ J 10 5 2	♥ A Q 8 7	♦ K 8	♣ 8 6
♠ K 9	♥ K 6	♦ 10 4	♣ K J 7
♠ A K J 9 8 3	♥ 4	♦ K J 5	♣ A 10 4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♠ Pass 2♠ 2♥  
2♠ Pass 3♠ (1) Pass  
3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass

Since North had made a two-over-one takeout on the first round, thus announcing fairly substantial values, and since he really had nothing in excess of that announcement, he might well have been content to bid only four spades over South's jump rebid, but careful analysis reveals that there was quite a lot to be said for North's actual five-spade bid.

Perhaps the most significant point—aside, of course, from the general strength shown by South in bidding three spades over two hearts—was South's failure to let the heart call go around to North. Normally, an expert, not vulnerable, will go out of his way to give his partner a crack at a vulnerable overcall, the only reason for not doing this is the fact that the original bidder does not intend to stand any double, and this in turn virtually guarantees that he is extremely short in the opponent's suit.

So let's look at the matter from North's point of view. South did not merely deprive North of the opportunity to double two hearts—he jumped his rebid. What value, short of those actually held, could South have to justify his action? North saw that his quest of spades must be a key card; he inferred that South had a fit with the diamond suit, and he was practically sure that South had either first-round control of clubs with his second-round control, or second-round control with a heart void.

As may be seen, North's appraisal was perfect, and the slam contract reached by means of his invitation was easily fulfilled.

### Fernwood School Has Christmas Concert

A successful school concert was held on December 22, in Fernwood School. There was a large gathering with practically every home in the community being represented. A fine program consisting of readings and dialogues, interspersed with Christmas carols, was carried out and much enjoyed by all present. Considerable talent was displayed by several of the pupils. Much of the outstanding success of the concert is due to the efforts of the efficient teacher, Mrs. Frank Aylward.

At the close of the entertainment, Santa appeared and in his customary, genial manner, distributed gifts and treats to teachers and pupils, as well as children of preschool age, from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

### Wrigley's Spearmint Chewing Gum

Enjoy chewing Wrigley's Spearmint every day!

### Our Boarding House Major Hoopie

HEROES ARE MADE—NOT BORN

### Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams

LIFE'S LONGEST MINUTE

FOR THAT REASON, THEY WOULDN'T SQUEAL

MY GRANDMA, I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR MONTHS

YOU SAY MINNIE DECIDED TO REDECORATE YOUR HOUSE?

PROPELLER MATS 25¢

WHAT WE OUGHT TO HAVE IS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS EVERY YEAR LIKE THE WORLD SERIES.

GRANDMA JESS HAS A LOT OF HOMEWORK TO DO TONIGHT. AND GRANDPA TOLD HER TO GET BUSY!

MY FEET ACH! I'VE BEEN FILMING CARDS FOR HOURS!

GOLLY, I'M EXHAUSTED! IT'LL BE A PLEASURE TO GET TO BED EARLY TONIGHT!

HEY!—AN ADDRESS BOOK! MUST HAVE BELONGED TO THE GUY WHO RENTED THIS U-DRIVE TUX BEFORE I DID!

B-BUT, MAMMY—YOU TOLD ME 'I SAVE TH' BALD IGGLE!'

HERE, TRY A REGULAR CIGARETTE!

YOU'RE A PUSHOVER, G-MAN!

Grandma  
Mickey Mouse  
Henry  
POGO  
Mugs and Skeeter  
Tilly the Toiler  
Bringing Up Father  
Ertz Kent  
L'il Abner  
Secret Agent X9

By Charles Kuhn  
By Walt Disney  
By Carl Anderson  
By Walt Kelly  
By Wally Bishop  
By Bob Gottstein  
By George McManus  
By Paul Robinson  
By Al Capp  
By Mel Giff