



Burgess Bedtime Stories

By Thornton W. Burgess
GOSSIP AT THE SMILING POOL
Gossip may be good or bad, Mischievous or very sad.

Whenever two or more folks get together tongues will wag, and gossip is the result of tongues wagging. Gossip is a verbal mixture of truth, half truth, good and bad news, rumors, suspicions, imagination, malice and contrary beliefs.

There was a lot of gossiping going on around the Smiling Pool. This had been an exciting morning. Right in plain sight of his neighbors Grandfather Frog had tried to swallow a fish too big to swallow whole.

Then Longlegs the Heron had come that way. Grandfather Frog had tried to get rid of that fish and couldn't.

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couldn't swallow it and he couldn't spit or pull it out of his mouth. It was stuck in his throat. In vain he had tried to dive into the mud with it.

"I hear they live in the mud of the bottom," said Teeter the Spotted Sandpiper.

There was a question in the eyes of Jerry Muskrat as he looked at Mrs. Jerry. Mrs. Jerry returned the look. "I'm afraid we never will see Grandfather Frog again," said she.

"You mustn't believe everything you hear, my dear," said Jerry. "But I guess what you heard is true. I guess he was just as bad as either of those ugly old turtles."

Mrs. Jerry shook her head. "No he wasn't," she declared. "What he did he did right out in the open where anyone around could see him. He was honest and open about it. But that ugly old Snapper sneaks up from underneath when no one can see him. And it is the same with Mrs. Snapper. They are a bad pair, bad neighbors to have around."

"I hear they live in the mud of the bottom," said Teeter the Spotted Sandpiper.

Jerry Muskrat nodded. "That is true," said he. "When I have been swimming under water I have seen

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
PLACING THE BLAME
The grand-slam contract in the following deal was the result of a mental lapse on North's part, but it was not he who was responsible for the sad outcome.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable
K 7 5 4 3
A 5 2
Q 6
A Q 10 6 2
N J 10
Q 9 8 3
K Q J W S
A 9 8 6 2
A K 4
A 7 5 3
7
The bidding:
South West North East
4 NT Pass 3 Pass
4 NT Pass 5 Pass
5 NT Pass 6 Pass
7 Pass Pass Pass

Minor Uranium Rush In N. B.

HAMPTON, N. B. (CP)—A minor employment boom has hit this small farming community, 22 miles from Saint John, N. B. More than 60 men have been employed by mining interests in the last few days staking out claims reported to contain uranium deposits. They are paid \$10 a day and crews have been vying with one another in a race to get mineral rights on farms and woodlands. More than 400 claims of 40 acres each have been staked off as prospectors, armed with Geiger counters, spread over the area.

An official of the Provincial Department of Mines said Sunday the government has been aware of the staking rush since it started, but as yet has no men of its own in the field. He said it was conceivable that uranium deposits could turn up in the Hampton district as well as elsewhere in New Brunswick.



Lotty Dripple

IF YOU'RE A MARRIED MAN, THIS IS THE WALLET FOR YOU, SIR!
IT BAFLES THE LADIES COMPLETELY!
SECRET COMPARTMENT? MORE THAN THAT!
THE SECRET COMPARTMENT HAS A SECRET COMPARTMENT!

Bringing Up Father

I'M TIRED OF WALKING THIS ANIMATED COAT HANGER AROUND!
I'VE GOT TO SIT DOWN AND REST!
POOR LITTLE MAN!
FIFTY-SIX CENTS!

Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

COURSE, I WANT CAP TO BE GENEROUS, BUT...
WELL, EVERY TIME HE HAS ANY MONEY, ETHEL COMES OVER, AND...
SIDES, CAP OUGHT TO LEARN TO SAVE, AN...

Pogo

POGO, DOES YOU REALIZE THAT ROOGEY BATOON IS BEEN AT THE CUTEEN BUSINESS?
HOWEVER, I IS GOT ANOTHER LINE.
I IS BRUNG ALONG A STOCK OF SHAKE BITE MEDICINE FOR SALE

Tilly The Toiler

CAN'T SOMETHING BE DONE ABOUT THE LEG ON THIS TABLE? THIS IS THE THIRD PAIR OF WOODEN LEGS SNAGGED ON IT!
I COULD SAW THE LEG OFF!
AND QUIN THE TABLE NO NO, JUST GIVE ME TIME, I'LL REMEDY THE SITUATION

Napoleon and Uncle Elby

WHEREVER JOE GOES, THE DARK CLOUD GOES—WHICH HAPPENS EACH TIME!

King Of The Royal Mounted

"COULDN'T FIND THE 'HORSE TRADER'S' CAMP!"
THE OLD TRIAL TRANSCRIPT SAYS THAT MURDER SUSPECT MOOSE...
IN ALL FAIRNESS, COMMISSIONER, A HEAVY RAIN HAD WASHED TOTTENING ROCK CANYON CLEAN...
YOU'DN'T BELIEVE, BUT IT'S TRUE! TRADER AND FOUR FRIENDS' CAMP HERE!

By Zane Grey

FIVE STRANGERS IN THIS DISTRICT AND ONLY YOU KNOW THEY WERE HERE!
THAT CINCHES IT! ONE MAN MIGHT GO UNNOTICED, BUT FIVE? A QUARTER! I LAME MOOSE, I FORMALLY ARREST YOU FOR THE MURDER OF FACTOR DREW AND HIS WIFE!

By Zane Grey

WHAT D DO MAH B-BABY LOOK LIKE?
IT GOT A NICE SMILE, AN' WIGGLIN' LIL' NOSES—
AH'LL GIVE IT A QUICK SCRUB AN' CHANCE AN' TOSS IT BACK TO YO' DAISY MAE.
THERE'S MAH CHANCE TO GET A GOOD LOOK AT MY BABY!

By Al Capp

OH!—HOW WONDERFUL IT THAT DARK CLOUD HAIN'T OVER THE BABY'S CRIB NO MORE!
Wherever Joe goes, the dark cloud goes— which happens each time!

Lil' Abner

CAFE SOCIETY IS BUZZING ABOUT THE HEAT WAVE BEING CREATED BY KNOBBY WALSH AND DODO WILSON...
IT SEEMS THEY BROKE UP WHEN JIM BOWEN, MODEL AGENCY TYCOON, AND DODO MET... BUT WE UNDERSTAND SHE'S GIVEN BOWEN THE AIR AND WEDDING BELLS MAY RING...
HA HA HA, GAVE ME THE AIR... LOOKS LIKE DODO'S GIVIN' HER OWN PUBLICITY HAND-OUTS TO THE COLUMNS, ETC.

By Ham Fisher

WHAT A CONNING LITTLE WITCH SHE TURNED OUT TO BE! HOW ABOUT GIVING OUT THE TRUE STORY?

By Ham Fisher

BEFORE GRIVES CAN WHIPL, RIP BRINGS HIS BEST BIT CRACK-UP JOHN...
IS HE... IS HE DEAD?
HE'S IMMOBILIZED AT LEAST, JET... AND THESE CUFFS WILL KEEP HIM THAT WAY!

By Alex Raymond

JIM'S HIT, QUITE SERIOUSLY, SIR!
JIM! OH, NO!

Rip Kirby

I COULDN'T BE HERE IF YOUR DEAR PENNY WERE NOT SITTING FOR ME, MR PRINGLE.
YOU LOOK AS IF YOU DON'T APPROVE OF HER BABY SITTING.
I JUST CAN'T GET USED TO THE IDEA...
THAT PARENTS WILL LEAVE PENNY IN CHARGE OF THEIR HOMES AND CHILDREN WITHOUT BATTING AN EYE...
BUT HER MOTHER AND I, WHEN WE GO OUT FOR AN EVENING, SPEND OUR TIME WORRYING OVER WHETHER SHE'S QUIN AT HOME ALONE.

By Carl Anderson

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