



By Thornton W. Burgess

PLUNGER COMPLAINS

This statement is both clear and terse. Some count their blessings in reverse.

Old Mother Nature, Over in the Green Forest where it came out almost to the edge of the Big River was a big nest near the top of a tree that was partly dead. It was the biggest nest in all the Green Forest. It was the nest of Plunger the Osprey, who is often called Fish King. Mrs. Plunger had built that nest several years ago. That first year it hadn't been a big nest. That is, it hadn't been big compared with what it was now. Most other birds would have called it a big nest even then, but it was nothing compared to what it was now.



Every year Mrs. Plunger added a spray of green here and there around the edge of that nest.

Mr. and Mrs. Plunger are true home lovers. They came back to that home year after year, and added to it. So that nest had grown and grown and grown, so that now it was so big that it was a wonder that the trees could hold it. It was built very largely of sticks, but was lined with some grass and rushes. Every year Mrs. Plunger added a spray of green here and there around the edge of that nest. She liked to see it.

The Plungers are noted catchers of fish. They live on fish practically all the year. Because they are big birds, they catch fish of good size. They really do not interfere with the fishing of Rattles the Kingfisher, who catches small fish like Minnows. Nor do they interfere with Longlegs the Heron, and other members of the Heron family. Longlegs catches some pretty good-sized fish at times, but only when the fish come into such shallow water that they are within reach of his long neck and bill when he is standing in the water.

Plunger and Mrs. Plunger on the other hand, do their fishing in deeper water. From high above water it is possible to look down and see things in quite deep water. So it is that Plunger can see fish well below the surface. He isn't afraid to dive from a great height, and often disappears completely under to catch his fish.

There were three growing young Ospreys in that big nest. They needed a lot of food. Of course, that food, being fish, had to be caught. Three was one more than Plunger and Mrs. Plunger usually had. Plunger didn't think much about it at first, but as those young Ospreys got bigger, Plunger had to spend more and more time fishing. He had to fly farther to find fish en-

ed it. One day he perched on the same tree in which Rattles plied Plunger.

"That doesn't make sense," said Rattles.

"Yes it does," retorted Plunger. "The fishing has been fairly good, but I've got too big a family."

Rattles looked interested, you see he had a big family, a really big family. He had twelve children growing up. "You don't say," said Rattles. "I know just how you feel. I have a big family too, too big a family. But somehow we manage to feed them all."

Plunger nodded. "It's just that way with me," said he. "I've got too big a family," he added.

"How many?" asked Rattles.

"Three," replied Plunger.

CONTRACT BRIDGE
By Josephine Culbertson

NO FOLLOW-THROUGH

South got over one hurdle in the hand below, only to stumble over the next.

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable

♠ 7
♥ 85
♦ A 10984
♣ AKQ63

♠ A59
♥ AK10
♦ 7632
♣ 107

♠ KQJ10953
♥ 94
♦ K6
♣ 102

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

East thought for a moment, then overtook the trick with the king and returned the jack of diamonds.

The significance of this defense was not lost upon declarer—he realized that East was out for a diamond ruff. So South took precautions. He led two rounds of clubs, then continued with a third round, to get rid of his second heart and in that way prevent East from putting his partner in with a heart.

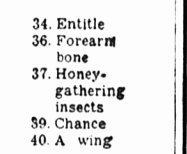
This was a sound idea of South's, but when East unkindly ruffed the third round of clubs, South went wrong. Perhaps he was disgusted over the club break; in any case he overruled and that was his swan song. When he then knocked out the trump ace, East returned a low heart on the chance of finding his partner with the jack, and since that desperate effort succeeded, East was able to ruff the diamond return for the setting trick.

South should have followed through with his original plan. There was no point in overruffing East on the third round of clubs—all South had to do was discard his losing heart. Then East could never have put his partner in for a diamond return, and declarer's only losses would have been the spade ace, the original heart trick, and East's club ruff.

DAILY CROSSWORD

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| ACROSS | 4. Ovum (Biol.) | 21. Japan-ese shrub |
| 1. Container for vinaigrette and oil | 8. Letter of the alphabet | 23. Inner part |
| 6. Bark cloth (pl.) | 6. Forbidden | 24. A Sanskrit school (Ind.) |
| 11. A thrust, as in fencing | 7. Ornament | 25. Before |
| 12. City (Turk.) | 10. Speak | 27. Body of water |
| 13. Maxim here in literature | 16. Spanish hero in | 28. Disease of sheep |
| 14. Like coarse diamonds | 18. Flowered fabrics | 31. Fruits |
| 15. A bench-like seat | 19. Evening sun | 32. Destitute |
| 16. Spanish conqueror of Mexico | 20. Decorated beginning of letter at | 34. Entitle |
| 17. Dead | 22. Very small creature | 36. Forearm |
| 18. Having fun | 26. Revoke a legacy (Law) | 37. Honey-gathering insects |
| 19. Not rough | 27. Spanish title of address | 40. A wing |
| 20. A narcotic | 28. Price | |
| 21. Forbidden | 29. Not rough | |
| 22. Polish well | 30. A narcotic | |
| 23. Capital (Guam) | 31. More crippled | |
| 24. Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia | 32. By oneself | |
| 25. More crippled | 33. Outer garment | |
| 26. By oneself | 34. Coins (Turk.) | |
| 27. Outer garment | 35. DOWN | |
| 28. Coins (Turk.) | 1. Applaud | |
| 29. DOWN | 2. Impolitely | |
| 30. 1. Applaud | 3. Unexpect edly | |
| 31. 2. Impolitely | | |
| 32. 3. Unexpect edly | | |

Yesterday's Answer:



GOLD RESERVES INCREASE

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's official reserves of gold and United States dollars increased to \$1,884,000,000 on May 31, a rise of \$12,800,000 from April 30 and \$61,800,000 from May 31 last year, the Bank of Canada reported Wednesday.

ARCTIC MAIL DROP

OTTAWA (CP)—The navy Wednesday asked people not to mail fragile items to HMCS Labrador, the navy's Arctic patrol vessel now on a six-month tour of Canadian northern waters. Mail to the Labrador is delivered by air drop.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Law Society of Prince Edward Island will be held in the Law Courts Building in Charlottetown on Monday, June 20, 1955 at 7 o'clock p.m. (Standard Time).

JOHN P. NICHOLSON,
Secretary-Treasurer

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White Oats
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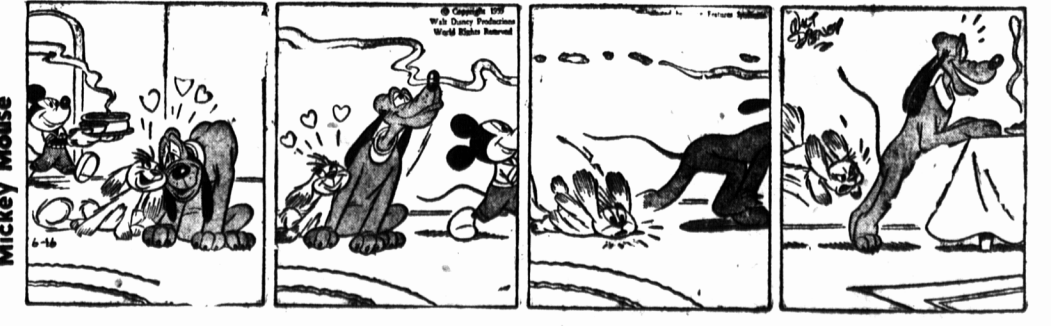
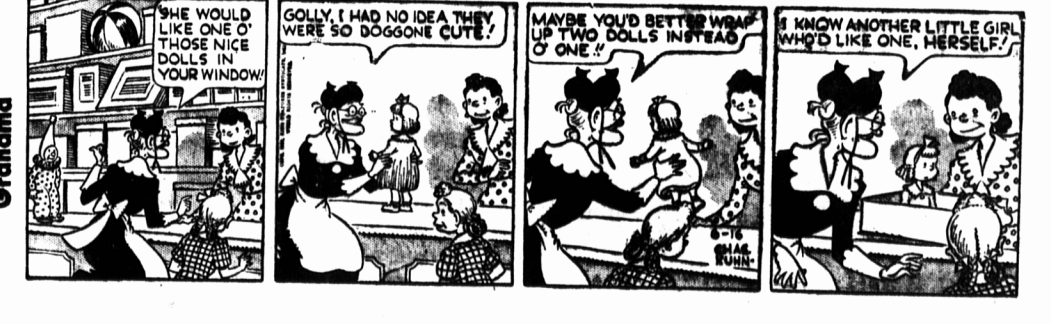
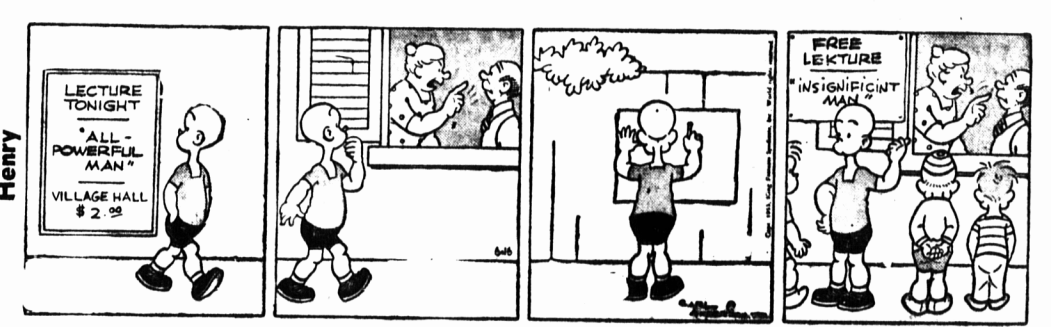
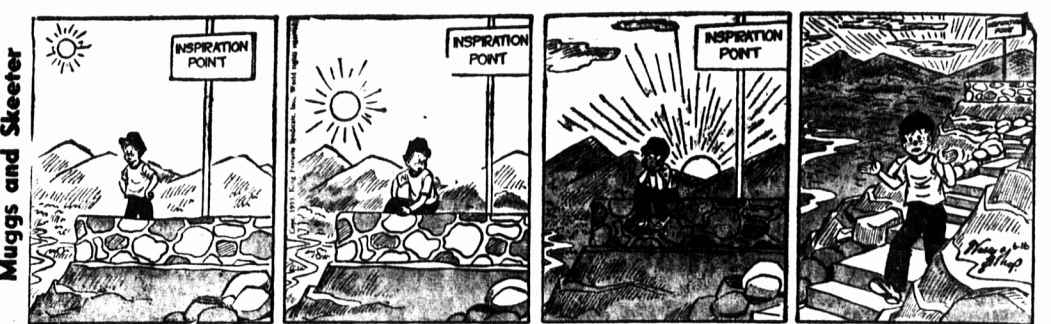
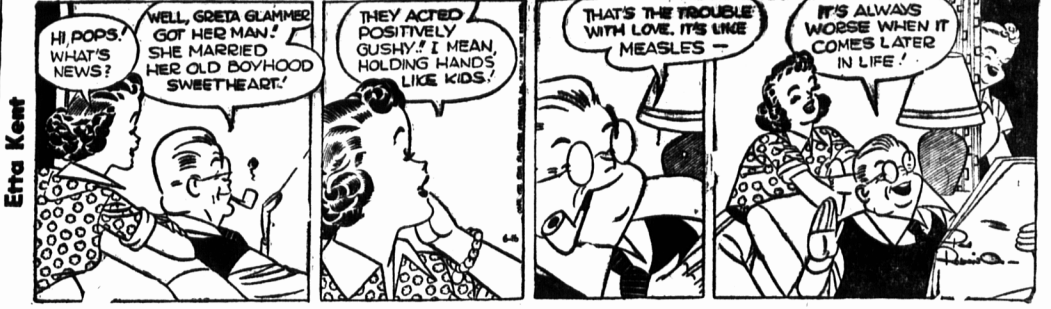
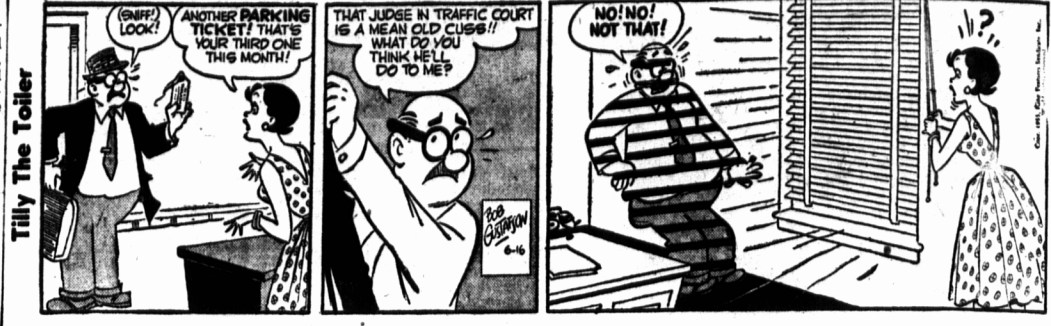
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