

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

AN INTERRUPTED FEAST
In wisdom he is little schooled
Who by his appetite is ruled.

—Old Mother Nature

For the first time in days Buster Bear was happy. Yes, sir, he was happy. He still had a sore paw, so sore that he could not touch it to the ground without making a face because it hurt so. Despite this he was happy. He was happy because he was filling his stomach with blueberries, nice, ripe, plump blueberries, and Buster is very, very fond of blueberries. That shows his good taste.

Those berries were growing in the old Pasture. There was a place there where the ground was damp, a place just suited to blueberries, the kind that grow on high bushes. Up in another part of the Old Pasture where it was dry, the ground was blue, or seemed to be, with berries. They were smaller and sweeter berries than those growing on the high bushes and grow on bushes only a few inches high. Buster liked the ones growing on the high bushes because he could sit up comfortably beside a bush, pull the branches over to his mouth with his one good paw and strip them of their berries with the greatest of ease.

For the time being Buster forgot everything but what he was doing. He forgot that he was no longer in the Green Forest where he belonged. He forgot that he was out in the Old Pasture where he was likely to be seen. He forgot that there was anybody or anything else in all the Great World but himself and those blueberries. That was a mistake. It is always a mistake to forget where you are or your surroundings. Especially is it a bad mistake for Green Forest and Green Meadow folk to make. Right then all Buster thought of was his stomach and the goodness of those berries going into it. He was having a feast and he could think of nothing else.

Now, unknown to Buster, Blacky the Crow had followed him from the Green Forest. He had followed by flying from tree to tree keeping Buster in sight but himself out of sight. He was do-



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ing it out of curiosity. He wanted to find out where Buster was going. Now his curiosity was satisfied. He flew over high above Buster and began to caw.

"Caw, caw, caw!" shrieked Blacky at the top of his voice. "Caw, caw, caw!"

Everybody who heard him, and he is always heard for a long distance, knew that something unusual was to be seen in the Old Pasture. So everybody who heard Blacky stopped what he was doing and listened. Over in the Dear Old Briar-patch Peter Rabbit and Mrs. Peter listened.

"Someone is over in the Old Pasture," declared Peter.

"There always is someone over in the Old Pasture," replied Mrs. Peter dryly.

"You know what I mean" retorted Peter a bit sharply. "There is someone over there who doesn't belong there. Blacky doesn't make such a fuss, doesn't get so excited over folks who belong. I wonder who it can be."

"Caw, caw, caw!" came Blacky's voice.

Peter made a funny little hop right up in the air. "Do you know what I think?" asked Peter.

"No, I don't. What is more I don't want to know," retorted little Mrs. Peter. You see, she knew that Peter was just itching to run over to the Old Pasture.

"I think Blacky is calling, 'Bear! Bear! Bear!' That's what I think." Somebody else was thinking the same thing. It was Reddy Fox. You know, Reddy and Mrs. Reddy live in the Old Pasture.

Another heard Blacky and caught his excitement. It was Farmer Brown's boy. He could see Blacky, a tiny speck in the distance. "Blacky sees someone over where the blueberries grow. Perhaps someone is stealing our berries. I'll just run over there and find out," thought Farmer Brown's boy. And that's just what he did. Buster heard him coming. He snatched one more mouthful of berries, then limped back into the Green Forest. His feast had been interrupted and he didn't like it.

MIAMI, Fla., July 6 (AP)—Warren Wright, financier and owner of race horses, left an estate of more than \$12,572,452 when he died last Dec. 28 at Miami Beach.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 6 (AP)—Tom Poholsky, 26, pitcher with St. Louis Cardinals, said today he has been ordered to report for army duty July 17. A native of Detroit, Poholsky was the most valuable player in the International League last season pitching for Rochester.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Blur
- Region
- Very slow (mus.)
- Forbidden
- Arabian gazelle
- Affirms
- Skin tumor
- Tags
- Pinnacled trees
- "to be"
- Cat
- Ancient tale
- Surrounded by
- Wearied with tedium
- Java tree
- Vex
- Negative reply
- Insect
- Tributary of Ohio river
- Middle
- Lit again
- Evade
- Angry
- Estimates
- Donkeys
- Say

DOWN

- Cabbage salad
- Female horse
- Ireland (poet.)
- Mature
- Lurching
- Places with a sword

7-10

Yesterday's Answer

- Writing table
- Narrow inlet (geol.)
- Fold over

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR
MLONGFELLOW

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, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

HAR EWD JD HAR BHQRH TYRB
DYH FDYG W BHWQ JD HAR BFV—
RERQBYD.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: "FAITHFUL BELOW HE DID HIS DUTY, BUT NOW HE'S GONE ALOFT—DIBDIN."

The Neighbors

By George Clark

"I hope we aren't embarrassing you folks, but you still have our luggage you borrowed last year."

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By George McManus

L'L ABNER

By Al Capp

PENNY

By Harry Hoehnigsen

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

AN UPPER-BRACKET ERROR

The defensive play made by East in today's deal, which had a fatal outcome, is the sort of mistake more likely to be committed by a pretty fair player than by a novice.

Best dealer:
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
East South West North
3 ♠ 4 ♠ Dble. Pass
Pass Pass

After the three-spade opening and South's four-heart overall, West could not well afford to pass, and the penalty double seemed more logical than a blind bid of five clubs. Since, in actual fact, the four-heart contract should have been defeated, and five clubs could not have been fulfilled, West's judgment was sound.

Naturally, West opened his singleton of partner's suit. East's jack was taken by the ace, and South returned a spade with the obvious intention of ruffing his third spade in dummy -- if he was permitted to do so. West discarded a club and East won the trick with the queen.

East made the correct shift, to a trump, but unfortunately for his own side, he selected the six-spot, apparently feeling that there might be some future value in the nine. South went up with the king of hearts and West won with the ace.

West gave thought to laying down the trump jack, to cover dummy's ten and thus prevent a spade suit. He certainly looked as though this play would surrender a trump trick -- as it actually would if South had the nine. So West chose to return the jack of diamonds. That wound up the defense -- South lost only one spade and two hearts.

Observe that if East had led the trump nine instead of the six, West would have had no problem -- after winning with the heart ace he would naturally lay down the heart jack. It is hard to imagine what conceivable value the nine could have for East!

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