

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

WAS HOOTY SICK?

Some folks in love who seek to show it, have funny ways but do not know it.

Up in a tall tree in Green Forest sat Hooty the Owl and Mrs. Hooty. They are the Great Horned Owls, the largest of the owl family, excepting perhaps Whitey the Snowy Owl, and he is no bigger. No four legged or winged hunters are feared more by the smaller folk of the Green Forest than are Hooty and Mrs. Hooty. Peter Rabbit, peeping out from a hiding place, shivered as he looked up in that tree. It seemed to him that their great, fierce, yellow eyes, must see right through the bough under which he was hiding. He didn't dare move even a teeny, weeny bit.

Peter had just learned something that even now he has eaten hard work to believe. He had heard a soft gentle voice cooing and had thought it was the voice of Mourner the Dove. He had discovered that instead of Mourner it was Hooty. It was hard to believe that there could be anything gentle about Hooty. But that voice was gentle. You see, it was the voice of love. Hooty was cooing to Mrs. Hooty. Hooty stopped cooing and began jabbering. It was a funny kind of owl talk he was jabbering to Mrs. Hooty. Peter wondered what he was telling her. Just then Hooty began swinging his head around from side to side. He jerked it as high as he could. He swung it down very low, first to one side, then to the other. He flapped his wings, but didn't fly. He bowed very low to Mrs. Hooty. All the time he was jabbering.

"What's the matter with Hooty?" thought Peter. "Some-

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

THE WRONG DISCUSSION

North and South argued so bitterly over the bidding in the hand below that they both overlooked the really important point: the play.

East Dealer. Both West vulnerable.

♠	KQ74	♠	AQJ30
♥	A86	♥	86
♦	A85	♦	K884
♣	—	♣	KJ9

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♠	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	♣

An opening club lead by West would have lent color to the North-South bidding debate, but West actually elected to open a diamond. (He knew that North always told the truth when he cued an opposing suit, and West had too many clubs to make that lead attractive.)

The diamond lead suited South very well, especially when the king appeared from East, and at Trick 2 South started on the trump. East, after winning with the blank ace, returned the queen of hearts. Dummy won the heart trick and declared then ran off a few more trumps, but this was only a marking time maneuver. South couldn't see any play for the contract except the club finesse, so he tried it — and then the argument started about the bidding. Shrewd play by South would have forestalled any argument. East's opening bid virtually located the club king, hence the club finesse was very unattractive. The far better line was to play East for a five-card heart suit (at least) and the club king and the way to do that was to cue the two top hearts, all the trumps and diamonds, and to observe what a squeezing this would inflict on East.

At the end South would either have the good (only) heart in his own hand, or East would have had to blank king of clubs.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Knocking on wood, is the most common of 80,000 superstitions, according to Dr. Judd Marmar, University of California.

A good case of camouflage was done at Banff, Alberta, when motion picture technicians sprayed white paint on a mountain to make it look like a glacier!

A single lemon costs \$2.50 in Warsaw, Poland. Eggs cost \$30.00 a dozen and a small package of instant coffee costs the housewife \$31.00.

Here are a few hard facts about man's life span: Primitive man lived on an average of only 18 years. In that period known as Early Roman, it had climbed to 22 years. By 1850, 37 years. Today it is about 68 and still going up.

But man's life span does not keep moving up in every part of the earth. Take, for example, the ancient Egyptians who lived 29 years compared with the modern Egyptian's 28.6.

Scientists claim man could and should live to 120.

Now back to statistics: Married men live longer than bachelors; college men longer than non-college men, professionals and farmers outlive skilled workers and skilled workers outlive unskilled.

The outstanding Oldster of modern times was Denmark's Christian Jakobson who died in 1772. Enslaved by Algerians at 68, he made his escape 15 years later and joined the Danish navy. He married when he was 111. He retired at the age of 140 and died six years later.

24 pounds of cleansing compounds per year are used by the average Canadian home for each member of the family.

A seeing-eye dog is serving a year's sentence in New Orleans because his blind master got a like sentence for writing a bad cheque.

The more enthusiasm you arouse in yourself the more prone you are to get sick. It is like that. A lot of people often look foolish, silly. But in the eyes of the loved one, they do not look that way at all. Hooty was really showing off.

Perhaps it is no wonder that Peter didn't understand what was going on. You see it was still winter, and it didn't seem possible that any other feathered folk could be thinking of setting up house-keeping yet. Peter should have known that Hooty and Mrs. Hooty every year are the first to begin nesting. If he did know he had forgotten it. After a long time, Hooty and Mrs. Hooty flew away. Peter drew a long breath. "I guess I'd better get back to the dear Old Briar-patch," thought Peter.



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thing is wrong with him. He must be sick. I wonder if he has eaten something that is making him feel uncomfortable.

Hooty stopped what he was doing. Then came those soft cooing notes again. Mrs. Hooty was saying nothing. She made no reply. Hooty stopped cooing and once more began to bow, and go through all sorts of queer and funny antics. At the same time he was jabbering to her.

"He must be sick, thought Peter. "If he isn't, what ails him? I never saw anything so silly. I wonder what Mrs. Hooty thinks of him?"

As yet, Peter hadn't really guessed what it all really meant. Hooty was sick, but not from anything he had eaten. He was what is called love-sick. He was trying to show Mrs. Hooty how much he loved her. He had a funny way of showing it. But love

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ST. PETER'S HIGH SCHOOL

Report for January:

- Grade X — 1. Alan Anderson; 2. Jean McIsaac; 3. Edna McKinnon; 4. Doreen Fisher; 5. Dunstan Macdonald.
- Grade IX — 1. Alta Sanderson; 2. Teresa MacInnis; 3. Jimmy McAulay; 3. Eugene Wilson, Arlene McKinnon.
- Grade VIII — 1. Kenny McCormac; 2. Isabel McCormac.
- Grade VII — 1. Carol Birch; 2. Tommy McInnis; 3. Ray Wilson.
- Grade VI — 1. John O'Malley; 2. Catherine McKinnon.
- Grade V — 1. Jeanie McInnis; 2. Judy Sanderson; 3. Marjorie Robbins.
- Grade IV (a) — 1. Wendy Rob-

WAR ON COMICS

STOCKHOLM (CP) — A number of Swedish organizations including the workers' adult education group have banded together in a campaign against comic books regarded as injurious to morals. The campaign will be directed first to the homes and parents.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- 1. An onion
- 5. English trolley
- 9. Carnivorous mammals
- 10. Latvian capital (poss.)
- 12. Leave out
- 13. Woolly
- 14. Likely
- 15. Seaport of Morocco
- 16. Molybdenum (sym.)
- 17. Raised platform in a room
- 18. American humorist
- 19. Of ancient Etruria
- 22. A heavy, cotton cloth
- 28. Gem carved in relief
- 27. Thick glad for a bed
- 29. Slender finial
- 32. Require (abbr.)
- 33. Southwest (abbr.)
- 24. Revoke
- 36. Tiny
- 37. To seal again
- 38. A Chinese secret society
- 39. Scorn
- 40. — Pole
- 41. Observes
- 42. Military assistant

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48

- DOWN
- 1. Dish of fruit stewed in syrup
- 2. Egress
- 3. Cherished animal
- 4. Like
- 5. Perfumed
- 6. Circle
- 7. Once more
- 8. Companion able
- 9. Frothed
- 11. Wither
- 12. Secular
- 15. People of Tasmania
- 17. A measure (Neth.)
- 20. Registered Nurse (abbr.)
- 21. Aromatic plant
- 24. Personal pronoun
- 25. A perfume
- 26. City in New York state
- 28. Canvas shelter
- 29. Blunders
- 30. Cheeps
- 31. Emerge
- 35. Wax
- 36. News
- 38. Japanese porgy
- 40. Mariusium (sym.)

Yesterday's Answer

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXE
LONGFELLOW

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

GVNZEGF HXEPFV UN EXLEJR
SU S UXQXV—JS MNGVSEGX.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: ON VALENTINE'S DAY WILL A GOOD GOOSE LAY—PROVERB.

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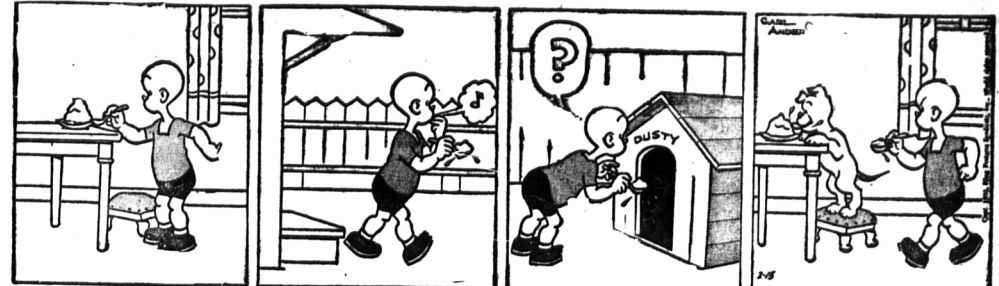
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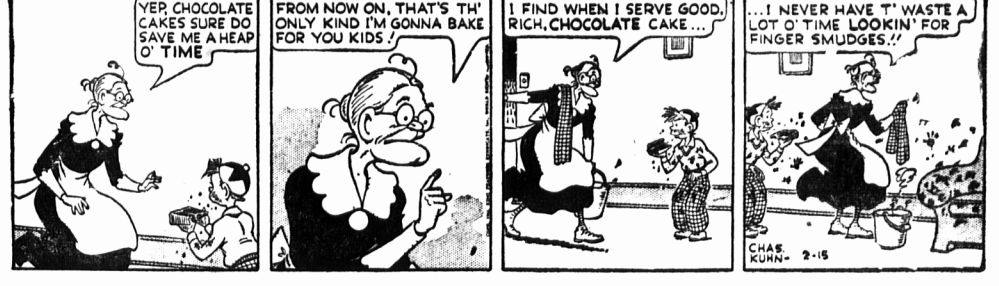
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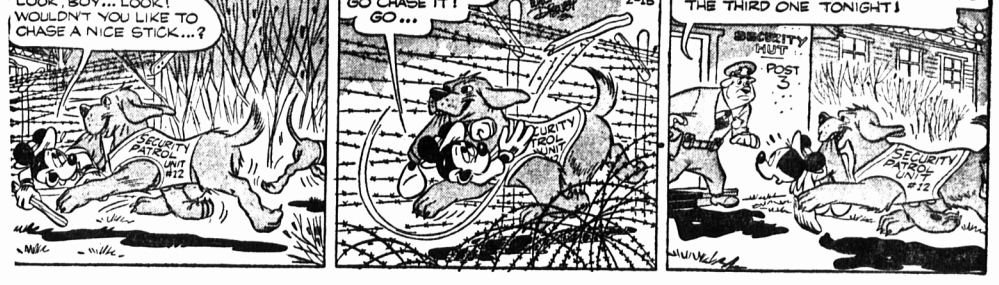
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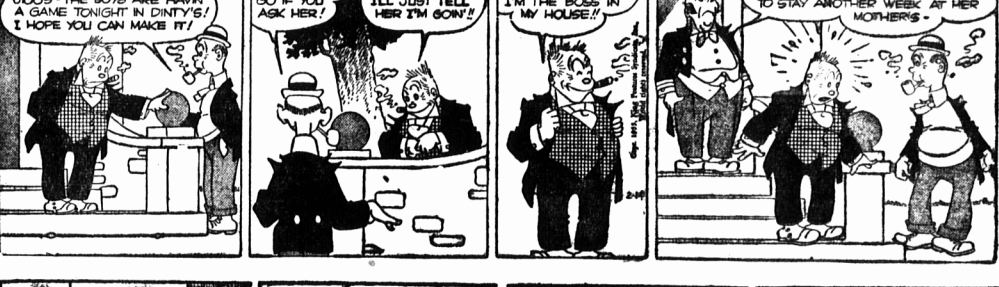
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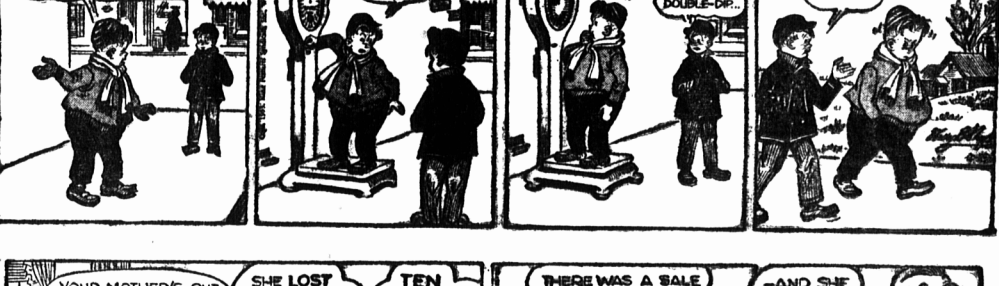
Grandma



Mickey Mouse



Bringing Up Father



Mugs and Skelter



Etha Kett



Tilly The Toiler



Iran Striker



Joe Patoska

By Carl Anderson

By Charles Kuhn

By Walt Disney

By George McManus

By Wally Bishop

By Paul Robinson

By Bob Gustafson

By Al Capp

By Ham Fisher