

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess  
**THE SAFEST PLACE**  
Regardless of what you suppose, but faith in one who really knows. —Old Mother Nature.

There is a certain place in the Green Forest where spruce trees and hemlock trees make it dark by shutting out the sunlight. It is the loneliest place in all the Green Forest. It is seldom visited by the Green Forest folk. It was straight to this place that Mrs. Grouse was leading her wounded son. He was handsome young Grouse, fully as big as his mother. Like all the feathered folk Grouse babies grow up fast. They are fully grown while still young, too young to know much of the Great World. The dreadful hunting season had begun and the young Grouse had been shot and was wing hurt so that he could not fly.

At first the trees in this lonely place of the Green Forest were big and tall and had no branches under the tops. Mother led the way among them and the young Grouse followed. The farther they went the less he liked it. There was nothing he could do about it, for without mother he would feel wholly helpless. So he kept as close to her as he could and wondered if she really knew where she was going. She did. She knew exactly where she was going. Presently they came to a place where the trees did not grow so close together and there was room for branches lower down. It was still dark and lonely there, but somehow the young Grouse felt a little better. Finally they came to a big tree with spreading branches most of the ground. Under this tree Mrs. Grouse stopped. "Here we are," said she. "Are you going to stay here?" asked the young Grouse. He almost whimpered when he asked it, for he was still feeling the loneliness of that part of the Green Forest.

"You are," replied his mother. "But aren't you going to stay with me?" he cried. "Any way, not all the time," replied his mother. "Remember, you have brothers and sisters. I have to see that they are all right, too." "Does anyone live over here?" asked the young Grouse. "Yes," replied his mother. "Hoody the Owl and Mrs. Hooty live here. They have a nest in one of the trees near here. Of course they are not using the nest at this time of the year, but they are living over here just the same." "But-but-but," began the young Grouse, in a shaky voice. "Mother interrupted. "It's the safest place in the Green Forest for you," said she. "But Hoody and Mrs. Hooty are so whom you fear most! Anyway, it is what you have told us!" said the young Grouse. His mother nodded her pretty head. "That is true," said she. "Then why have you brought me here?" whimpered the young Grouse. "Because this is the last place in the Green Forest that those

**STRANGE BUT TRUE**  
By F. H. MacArthur  
When you have 27 different names containing every letter in the alphabet, you have a wide choice of what you want to be. Anyway the complete name of the girl I refer to is: Aleahna Beverley Carol Dina Eva Felice Felicia Harline Joann Keweenaw Maurine Naomi Orpha Patricia Queenie Rebecca Shirley Teresa Una Valeeta Wanda Xelia Thanda Zoe Kalkofen. This 27 names lives at Pellston, Michigan. Voice letters may soon be sweeping the country. Already the Speltz family with members scattered miles apart, don't send old-fashioned letters. They tape-record their messages and mail them. James Speltz, of Black River Falls, Wis., is the promoter of the new idea. He and three brothers living in Syracuse, N.Y., Chicago, and Cleveland each got tape-recording sets. Instead of writing letters, they record what they want to say and mail it. Now the entire family sends "letters." They travel third class and cost three cents each. Their way of keeping in contact with each other.

**WHY HAVE SORE FEET?**  
JUST RUB IT  
**MINARD'S ANTIMONY**

# CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

**THE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION**  
Only one consideration should have interested the declarer in the deal below: preserving his trump length. The hand is simple, but it offers a classic illustration of timing, good and bad.

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

♠ Q543  
♥ 872  
♦ K53  
♣ A

♠ AK65  
♥ 95  
♦ 7643  
♣ A8

♠ AKJ106  
♥ QJ109  
♦ QJ2  
♣ AK8

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

South's jump rebid in a new suit was questionable—most experts would probably bid only two diamonds—but it was the contract itself that was faulty.

West opened the Jack of spades and, dummy and East playing low, continued with the ten of spades. South ruffed, cashed the trump ace to guard against the possibility that West held the singleton queen, then led his low club to dummy and took a trump finesse.

West won and led another spade, and now South was in serious trouble. After ruffing, he could draw the one trump still out-

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Those in arrears are urged to make payments immediately. This will assure you of a vote, and save action and extra costs in collecting taxes.

## ATTENTION FISHERMEN

Annual Luncheon and Meeting Charlottetown Hotel, Wednesday Noon, December 7.

Guest speaker:  
DR. M. M. COADY, Antigorish.

Fishermen and wives welcome.

C. F. RICHARDS,  
Sec'y. P. E. I. Fishermen's Ass'n.

## Riddles — Believe It or Not!

**THE FOUNTAIN NAPOLEON DESIGNED BUT NEVER BUILT**  
Montpellier Gardens, Cherttenham, England  
IT WAS PLANNED BY NAPOLEON FOR THE TUILLERIES GARDENS IN PARIS AND MADE IN ITALY — BUT THE SHIP CARRYING THE FOUNTAIN WAS SEIZED BY ENGLISH PRIVATEERS

**A STEEL BALL 2 INCHES IN DIAMETER WEIGHS 3 POUNDS**

**A BALL MADE OF THE SAME STEEL 8 INCHES IN DIAMETER WEIGHS 192 POUNDS**

**THE PRIZE TIME**  
St. Paul, Minn.

## DAILY CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**  
1. A Chinese dynasty  
4. A children's game  
7. Island in Frith of Clyde  
8. May  
10. Ter  
11. Reig beauty  
13. Warp-yarn  
14. Forward  
16. Slide  
17. Not well  
18. To take supper  
20. Poem  
21. Appear  
22. A covering of false hair  
25. Metal tag  
27. Flowering bush  
30. External seed  
34. A metal container  
35. S-shaped worm  
37. Epoch  
38. Too  
40. Note  
41. Knave of clubs (Loo)  
42. Annoy  
44. Sort  
46. A catch in a silk stocking  
47. Employ  
48. Unit of work  
49. Perched

**DOWN**  
1. Low  
2. Devoured  
3. Bird's homes  
4. Flap  
5. God of war (Gr.)  
6. A horse's gait  
7. Collection of sacred writings  
9. Found on a playground  
10. Raised platform  
12. Fencing sword  
15. To survive  
19. Author of "The Gold Bug"  
22. Disfigure  
24. Genus of lizard (N. Mex.)  
26. To the right!  
27. Begone!  
28. Grows white  
29. Crazy  
31. To part again, as  
32. Sultan's decree  
33. Cripple  
36. Deep, audible  
39. Eskers  
43. Over  
45. Narrow inlet (geol.)

**Yesterday's Answer**  
33. Cripple  
36. Deep, audible  
39. Eskers  
43. Over  
45. Narrow inlet (geol.)

## DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

**A X Y D L B A A X E**  
**L O N G F E L L O W**

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**  
UJN Z TC TWPTGCFJ JB AJUBFWW.  
ZUQ IPTI Z PTEF TUXIPZUQ IJ  
AJUBFWW—MKLUFX.

**Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHILST FREEDOM IS TRUE TO ITSELF, EVERYTHING BECOMES SUBJECT TO IT—BURKE.**

## THE LONE RANGER

WHAT LUCK, SHERIFF? GET THE STAGE ROBBERS?  
NOPE! I TRAILED THEM IN A CANDY STORE!

SHOOT IT OUT WITH HACE, WHO'S BEEN WANTED, DEAD OR ALIVE, FOR SOME TIME!  
WHAT OF THE OTHER TWO?

HARMLESS PROSPECTORS. I LET 'EM GO WHEN I FOUND THEY DON'T HAVE THE STOLEN CASH!

## Grandma

"QUICK—OUT THE WINDOW!"  
"HEY! WE'RE GOING AWAY!"  
"LISTEN! WH-WHATS ALL THAT RACKET IN THE TOY ROOM?"  
"SOUNDS LIKE THE ROOF IS FALLING IN!"  
"HEY, GENERAL! WHAT'S GONNA COME OF THIS?"  
"BACKBEARD THE PIRATE HAS STOLEN SANTA'S PEGGY BANK—BUT I'LL CATCH HIM YET! GIDDYAP! GIDDYAP!"  
"DON'T LOOK NOW, GENERAL! BUT THAT HORSE YOU'RE RIDING WILL GET YOU! KNOWERS FIGHT!"

## Mickey Mouse

"HELLO, BOYS! I'VE JUST BEEN TO THE LIBRARY."  
"LOOK! BOOKS ON HOW TO BOX, HOW TO MAKE SLEDS, HOW TO PITCH HORSESHOES, HOW TO FISH, AN'..."  
"...A DOZEN OTHER SUBJECTS? I'M REALLY GONNA DO A LOT O' STUDYIN' NOW!"  
"GOSH, GRANDMA MUST NOT KNOW HOW TO DO ANYTHING!"

## Erna Kent

"INTO EVERY LIFE A LITTLE RAIN MUST FALL!"  
"TROUBLES?"  
"BOY PROBLEMS."  
"THAT'S IN YOUR MOTHER'S DEPARTMENT. WHY DON'T YOU ASK HER FOR ADVICE?"  
"I WILL—SOON AS I MAKE UP MY MIND."

## Henry

"ALWAYS THINKING OF FOOD? WHY DON'T YOU VISIT THE AQUARIUM FOR A CHANGE?"  
"AQUARIUM"  
"JELLYFISH"

## POGO

"I'LL GET YOU ON DRY LAND—YOU'RE TOO SLIPPERY AT SEA."  
"HA! HISS AT ME, WILL YOU?"  
"I'LL FLATTEN YOU—FLATTEN YOU—FLATTEN YOU—"  
"UH—FLATTEN—"

## Mugs and Skeeter

"I'M GOING FOR A WALK."  
"OH, GOOD! YOU CAN RETURN THE BOOK MRS. COOPER LOANED ME."  
"SURE, MOM! WHERE DOES SHE LIVE?"  
"SHE JUST MOVED. HER NEW ADDRESS IS LET'S SEE... 217 FULLAND DRIVE."  
"I SAID I WAS GOING FOR A WALK—NOT MOUNTAIN CLIMBING!"

## Tilly The Toilet

"I MUST STOP 'M—HE ROBBED POOR MIZ POTTER..."  
"W-WHAT TH..."  
"I'LL GET TH' LITTLE PUNNY..."  
"WE GOTTA TAKE 'M ALONG—HE KNOWS TOO MUCH... C'MON..."  
"QUIET, YA... THIS KID'S A WILD CAT!"

## Joe Palooka

"SO YOU BOUGHT TICKETS TO THE OPERA TONIGHT, JIGGS?"  
"YES—MAGGIE INSISTED THAT WE GO."  
"WHO IS THAT?"  
"SUE PRANO! SHE'S SINGING THE LEADING ROLE TONIGHT!"  
"BY GOLLY FOR ONCE, I THINK I'M GONNA ENJOY AN OPERA!"  
"JIGGS, MY HEAD IS SPLITTING! I CAN'T GO TO THE OPERA—GO BACK AND GET A REFUND FOR THE TICKETS!"

## Bringing Up Father

"KEEP HAWN FROM BULLY-STONE, DEARIE! 'T'S MINE!"  
"YO' IS MORE'N WELCOME TO HIM, MA'M!—AM IS AFTER TH' BIG ONE!"  
"—AN', AH IS SHORE T' GIT HIM?"  
"HIS OWN BROTHER'S GONNA BETRAY HIM!"  
"WHAT A BLOOMIN POTTER 'E MUST BE!"

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By Carl Anderson  
By Walt Kelly  
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By Bob Gustafson  
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