BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

SAMMY JAY CAN'T RESIST

Temptation you will often find,
The surest test of strength of mind.
—Old Mother Nature.

Sammy Jay is full of mischief. He dearly loves to tease others by playing tricks on them. Sammy is very good at imitating the voices of other birds. He isn't as good at this as Kitty the Catbird and, of course, he isn't as good as Mr. Mocker the Mockingbird. But at times he does very well. Many times he has given his feathered neighbors a fright by screaming like Redtail the Hawk.

Sammy had discovered Peter Rabbit spending the day under the cedar trees that grow close together in a certain part of the Green Forest. Peter accused him of waking him up by calling like Welcome Robin. Peter had heard Welcome Robin's call; and at first he believed that Welcome Robin had made it. When he became fully awake and realized that it was still the middle of winter, he was sure that it couldn't have been Welcome Robin he had heard. Then he had seen Sammy Jay, and right away guessed that Sammy had been pretending that he was Welcome Robin. Sammy had denied that he had been doing anything of the kind, but he could see that Peter still didn't believe it.

Yes, sir, Sammy screamed.

Sammy went off about business of his own, and Peter went back to sleep. Now Sammy knew something that Peter didn't know. He knew that Welcome Robin had not gone South with the other birds for the winter. He knew that Welcome Robin had spent the winter right there among those cedar trees, and that it must have been Welcome whom Peter had heard. Later that day Sammy flew back to the cedar trees. He found Peter in his form, hidden under a low-growing branch of a cedar tree. Sammy sat for some little time looking down at Peter. He was tempted to play a trick on Peter. Yes, sir, he was very much tempted. The more he thought of it, the more he was tempted.

"Peter still doesn't believe that I didn't pretend to be Welcome Robin. I can't imitate Welcome Robin well enough to fool anyone who really knows Welcome Robin's voice, but I can scream enough like Redtail the Hawk to fool a lot of people. It would be fun to give Peter a scare. Yes, sir, it would be fun. I wonder what he would do," said Sammy to himself.

Just then, Peter opened his eyes. Sammy kept very still. Peter looked around sleepily, then closed his eyes again. Sammy Jay chuckled, but it was an almost soundless chuckle. Peter didn't hear it.

Sammy flew down and lighted on a snow-covered branch just above Peter's head. Then Sammy screamed. Yes, sir, Sammy screamed. And it was a startling scream to hear. Had you been near enough to hear it I am sure you would have thought Redtail the Hawk had screamed. Of course, it wakened Peter instantly. Sammy screamed again. It was so loud, so close to him, that Peter jumped and ran before he had time to think. He dodged this way and that, around the cedar trees. Finally he darted into the darkest place he could find under those low boughs.

Once more Sammy Jay screamed like Redtail the Hawk. Then he gave the call of Welcome Robin. Peter put his head out from his hiding-place. "So, it was you!" cried Peter indignantly.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

PART-SCORE BIDDING

Bidding to a part-score must be very different from the proper bidding at a love score. Observe South's unusual but far from illogical rebid in the following case.

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
North-South 60 on score.

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

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
3 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 N T	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

The first round of bidding was of course routine, but the second round posed problems for both North and South.

North had to choose between two diamonds and one notrump — either of which would suffice at the 60 score. In such a close question, North's actual rebid of one notrump could not be criticized.

When this notrump rebid came around, however, South had a real problem. His hand was distinctly unsuited to notrump, even at the one-level. If North had only two spades, lacking the ace, South's hand would produce only one trick. Thus, North might have considerable top-card strength and yet be unable to fulfill the one-notrump contract.

The situation, then, demanded that South look for a better contract — always considering that 60 score. Should he bid two spades? South didn't think so. The spot-cards in spades, under the king-queen, were so low that South had serious doubts about handling the suit if, as was to be feared, North turned up with two small. It is interesting to observe that this pre-analysis by South was accurate — two spades could not have been made against sound defense.

South decided that, weak as his heart suit was, it would be wise to let North choose between hearts and spades, rather than foist a two-spade rebid upon him. So South bid two hearts, and that became the contract. It was fulfilled without difficulty.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Some sea urchins have as many as 4,000 spines. If you touch one of the four thousand, all of the other spines in the neighborhood of the one touched will point towards it.

The world's wettest place is in Assam province, India, with a yearly average of more than 400 inches of rain.

Believe it or not, but wooden nickles passed as legal tender during the centennial celebration held at Kitchener, Ontario, last June 7th to July 3rd.

After the first of August the 10,00 quarter-inch wooden disks will be redeemed at face value of five cents.

Married at Blyth, Ontario, Saturday, June 5th, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ormston, who think hitch-hiking is a good way to spend a honeymoon, walked out of Toronto carrying this sign: "To Quebec City, please —on our honeymoon."

Bob, 22, is in the film advertising business and Shirley, 20, is a department store salesgirl.

According to a Reuters dispatch, the Montebello Islands, scene of the first atomic blast in March of 1962, still is dangerously radioactive. Ships are barried from coming within 45 miles of the place and protective clothing has to be worn to enter the area.

Ever hear of the Devil's shoelace? No. Well, its not quite as bad as it sounds. In fact — it's nothing but a long rope of seaweed, less than a half inch in diameter and many feet long.

While her name was being called in court to answer to a charge of illegal parking a St. Mary's Ontario, woman was giving birth to a baby in Stratford General Hospital.

The trees, the flowers and all the other kinds of plant life have learned to use four different ways of getting their seeds carried to their future homes. Namely: by the wind, by animals, by water, and by shooting them into the air from the mother pods. Just as a stone is thrown out of a sling when the rubber is released from its stretched position.

MOTORIST LUCKY

BRANTFORD, Ont. (CP)— Joseph Kovacs suffered leg injuries Saturday when his car was struck by a freight train at Weir, 10 miles northeast of here, and carried more than a quarter mile before the train stopped, police said. "I guess I'm the luckiest guy in the world," Kovacs said.

MILLCOVE SCHOOL

The January report of Millcove School is as follows:

Grade VIII—1. Nelson Court; 2. Philip Arbing; 3. Aubrey Arbing.

Grade VI — 1. Stella Hughes; 2. Edward McQuaid; 3. Leonard Arbing.

Grade V—1. Marie McIntyre; 2. Eleanor Sheehan; 3. Dorothy Barriault.

Grade IV—1. Francis McQuaid; 2. Noreen Hughes; 3. Helen Connick.

Grade III—1. Bernard McIntyre; 2. Paula Connick; 3. Rita McDougall.

Grade II—1. Wanda Sheehan; 2. Bernadette Arbing; 3. Mary Arbing.

Grade I—1. Pearl Martin, Laura Hughes and Mary McQuaid, equal; 2. Elmer McDougall; 3. Ronald McIntyre.

Teacher: Mrs. Ernest Peters.

CLERMONT SCHOOL

—Following is the January report of Clermont School:

Grade 3—1. Lynn Murphy; 2. Hopgood Rayner and Nancy Mill; 3. Allison Stafford.

Grade 4—1. James Shields; 2. Mary Shields.

Grade 6—1. Raula Curley; 2. Erma Stafford.

Grade 8—1. Sally Ann Rayner; 2. Frances Curley.

Grade 9—1. Joyce Stafford; 2. Theresa Caen; 3. Alvin Curley.

Grade 10—1. Frances Shields; 2. Gavin Curley.

The highest average in the senior grades was 98.6 by Frances Shields. The highest average in the junior grades was 96.3 by Lynn Murphy.

Teacher: Miss Marion MacArthur.

ANNANDALE SCHOOL

Report for January is as follows:

Grade VIII — 1. Eleanor Norton; 2. Belle Campbell. Grade VII — 1. Leonard Campbell. Grade VI — 1. Sandra Bouchard. Grade V — 1. Theresa Campbell; 2. Katherine Campbell; 3. Randy Jenkins. Grade IV — 1. Patty Jenkins; 2. Laura Jenkins; 3. David Blackett; 4. Roy Metcalfe; 5. Gordon Blackett; Grade III (Sr.) — 1. George MacDonald; 2. Clara Mae MacDonald. Grade III (Jr.) — 1. Helen Campbell; 2. Judy Metcalfe. Grade II — 1. Mary Jenkins; 2. Lynda MacFarlane; 3. Allan Bouchard; 4. Sydney MacDonald. Grade I (Sr.) — 1. Johnny Campbell. Grade I (Jr.) — 1. Johnny Bouchard; 2. Marshall MacDonald.

Perfect attendance: Eleanor Norton, Leonard Campbell, Katherine Campbell, Theresa Campbell, Randy Jenkins, Patty Jenkins, Roy Metcalfe, David Blackett, Gordon Blackett, Clara Mae MacDonald, George MacDonald, Judy Metcalfe, Helen Campbell, Mary Jenkins, Johnny Campbell.

Highest average (Sr.) grades Eleanor Norton 92%.

Highest average (Jr.) grades, Mary Jenkins 92%.

Teacher — Mrs. Helen Cobb.

HISTORIC BONES

LILLESHALL, England (CP) — Bones that Ted Perry found in his garden in this Shropshire town are probably those of a soldier killed in the 17th-century civil war, say experts.

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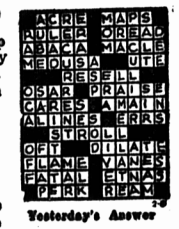
ACROSS

1. Medicine pellets
6. Melts, as ice
11. Relating to area
12. Of the ear
13. Like paste in appearance
14. Insect in final state (zool.)
15. A poker stake
16. A commoner (slang)
17. Origins
21. Beat soundly
24. Tailed: comb. form
27. Silk scarf (Eccl.)
28. Publish
30. Strike lightly
31. New Englanders
33. Test, as ore
34. Move through water
37. Native of Scotland
41. Moves, as an airplane, down a runway
43. Color of a mole's coat
44. Choice group
45. Ventilated
46. Bottom of undrained desert basin
47. Secluded valleys

DOWN

1. Father
2. Persia
3. For fear that
4. Relating to the side
5. Cunning
6. The Siamese language
7. Mounds
8. Inland sea (Asia)
9. Salary
10. Ooze (Ire.)
18. Submits to
19. Hawaiian bird
20. Girl's nickname
21. Larva of the botfly
22. An epoch
23. Lick up
24. Employ
25. Regret
26. Roman money
29. The salt above the royal (naut.)
32. Roman pound
33. Friendship
34. Pace
35. Side of a room
36. Genus of bulbous plant (Sc Am.)
38. Heal
39. Unroll
40. Spreads grass to dry
42. "The —— Around Us"
43. Child's game



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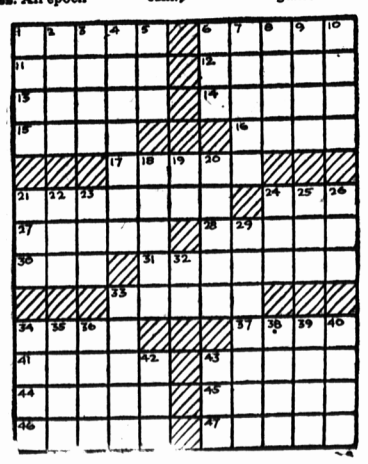

A Cryptogram Quotation

KRNCIYRS UYLP CIP VBQRM BD K ZKC OKLPV ON IPKZC SB TYC-K-TKCI—XZBJRYRS.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IN PLOUGHMAN PHRASE, "GOD SEND YOU SPEED," STILL DAILY TO GROW WISER—BURNS.

Henry — By Carl Anderson

Grandma — by Charles Kuhn

Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney

Bringing Up Father — By George McManus

Muggs and Skeeter — By Wally Bishop

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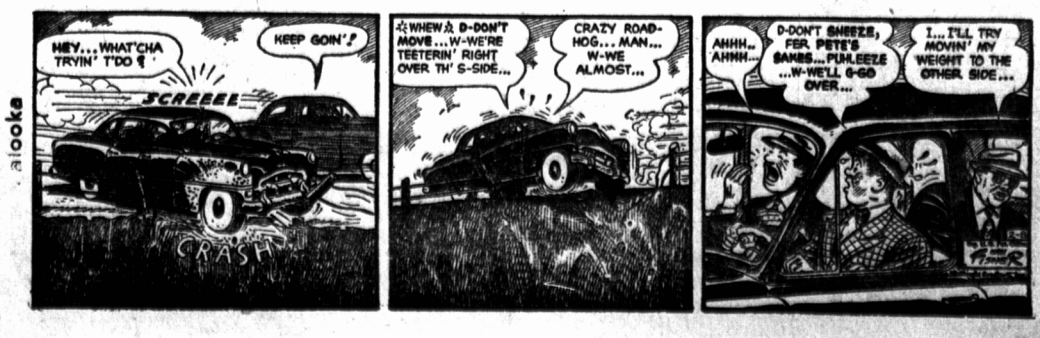
Tilly The Toiler — By Bob Gustafson

Li'l Abner — By Al Capp

Alley Oop — By Ham Fisher