BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

PETER OFFERS TO HELP

Who helps another in the end
Will find he's richer for a friend.
—Old Mother Nature.

It seems queer, but it is true, that very often just offering to help another does help. There may be nothing that you can do, but the offer of your willingness to help makes it easier for another.

Peter Rabbit was full of curiosity. He just couldn't help it. Peter says that it isn't his fault that he is so curious about things. He says he was born that way. Perhaps that is true. Anyway, Peter has more than his share of curiosity. Queen Bumble Bee had told Peter that she was going to look for a place to make a home. Right then and there Peter became full of curiosity.

Queen Bumble Bee flew here, there, and everywhere, over the Green Meadows. Peter followed her. Finally he caught up with her when she stopped at a little hollow in the ground.

"What are you following me for?" buzzed Queen Bumble. It wasn't a pleasant buzz.

"I thought I might help you," said Peter.

"What are you following me for?" buzzed Queen Bumble.

"B-z-z-z-z-z-z! How in the world do you think you can help me?" demanded Queen Bumble Bee.

"If I knew of what kind of a place you are looking for, I might know of just such a place," said Peter.

"I'm looking for a hole in the ground. It must be big enough, yet not too big. Of course, I could use a hollow log, but I would rather have a hole in the ground," replied Queen Bumble.

"I know where there's an old den of Johnny Chuck's," said Peter.

"I don't know who Johnny Chuck is," said Queen Bumble. Of course she didn't know, because this was her first spring.

"Well, he is a little bigger than myself," said Peter. "He lives in the ground. I know of an old home of his that he isn't using anymore."

"If he is bigger than you, than he has a much bigger hole than I want," replied Queen Bumble.

Just then Peter caught a climpse of Danny Meadow Mouse running alone one of his private little paths through the grass. That reminded him of something. It reminded him that over at the edge of the dear Old Brier-patch was an old home of Danny and Nanny Meadow Mouse. It was a hole in the ground which they had dug under a clump of grass. It wasn't a very big hole, because Danny and Nanny are very small folks. Danny came running back along his private little path. He saw Peter, and stopped. They are old friends.

"What are you doing here?" squeaked Danny.

"I'm trying to help Queen Bumble find a place to make a home. Do you think one of your old homes would do?" replied Peter.

Just then Sammy Jay, flying over, saw Danny Meadow Mouse and screamed like Redtail the Hawk. Danny took to his heels. Redtail is one of the enemies Danny must watch out for all the time. There is no dinner that Redtail the Hawk likes better than one of Mice freshly caught.

Sammy Jay flew on about his business, chuckling over his little joke. Peter turned to speak to Queen Bumble, but she wasn't there. He saw her just a little way off, and started after her.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

MUCH TOO SHY

North's bidding in the following hand was almost incredibly timid.

South's choice of opening leads against the five-spade contract was immaterial—that contract simply could not be beaten.

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

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♠
Dble.	Pass (!)	4 ♠	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	5 ♠	Dble.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

It was rather surprising that East did not elect to open his hand with a preemptive bid of four spades, but in view of the actual early developments it was downright astonishing that North (a player of long experience, believe it or not) should have been so passive. When the hand was over South asked North why he had not made a strong heart bid on the second round, over West's double of the spade cue bid. North answered that he had felt that South's two-spade bid might have represented an "honest" suit, and that he wanted to await developments.

This of course was absurd. In the first place, North had no right whatsoever to assume that South's bid was anything but a cue bid. In the second place, North should have realized that, under the circumstances, his own holding was magnificent, and he should have said so by making a jump response in hearts. At the very least, North could afford to bid four hearts on the second round, over West's double.

As the bidding went, South was completely in the dark about his partner's holding and could not well risk any action except a double when East persisted to five spades. That North should have left in the double, however, instead of going out for a slam, is very hard to understand.

Strange But True

By F. B. MacArthur

The Nigerians of Africa wear spectacles for decoration only. These people young and old, have superb sight.

The dreaded tsetse fly which blights areas of Africa almost as large as Canada looks innocent enough, and rather like our own housefly except for their wings, which fold across their backs when at rest.

These amazingly destructive insects never drink water and live entirely on blood. The female tsetse produces but one egg at a time, which she hatches and nourishes inside her body with milk glands until it is born.

Perhaps the most amazing thing about the female tsetse is that one mating suffices for life which happily is not more than three months. The young fry are quite harmless at first. Not until it bites an infected animal does it pick up trypanosomes, the parasites that cause sleeping sickness.

The only post office in the United States to remain open for business on Sunday is in Keene, Texas. The town was founded in 1890 by Seventh Day Adventists.

During a very hot spell, a church in Montgomery, Alabama, hung out this sign: "Brave a reasonable amount of heat now instead of risking too much hereafter."

Some folks will take half an hour or more anytime to tell you how busy they are.

Losing flying speed has caused more than a score of plane crashes, and gaining it has caused many a car wreck.

There's a new safety razor on the market that has a diagonal twist in the razor head which helps the blade slice, not cut off, a tough beard. Nickle plated, the razor will not rust or stain even if left wet.

ANNUAL MEETING
Prince Edward Island Hospital

The adjourned Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island Hospital will be held in the classroom of the new nurses residence on Tuesday, April 12th, 1955 at 8:30 P. M. for the purpose of electing Trustees and reviewing the By-Laws of the Hospital.

Each member of the Prince Edward Island Hospital is entitled to one vote. A member is one who has paid $1.00 for membership on or before March 31st, 1955 payable to either the Secretary or Hospital office.

It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of interested persons.

J. ANDREW LIKELY
Secretary
Board of Trustees.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DINNER

Y. M. C. A. Banquet Room

TUESDAY, MARCH 29th, 1955

—Speaker—

Capt. W. B. Armit, R.C.N. (R) Retired Curator
Army Museum, Halifax Citadel.

Time 6 P. M. Price $1.00

All interested citizens are cordially invited to attend. Tickets available from Mrs. William M. Brehaut or at Taylors Jewellers.

DAILY CROSSWORD

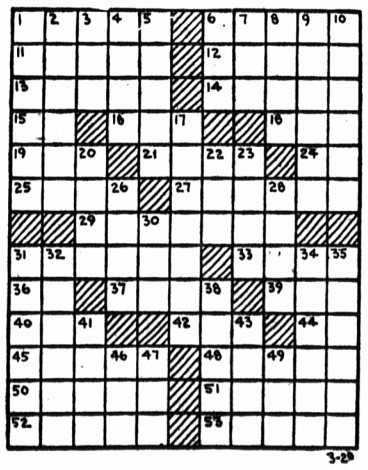
ACROSS

1. Stupid
6. Organized military body
11. Custom
12. A German submarine (hyphenated)
13. Semblance
14. Coronet
15. Thus
16. Man's nickname
18. Russian village
19. Remnant
21. Ridge of sand or rock just under water
24. Erbium (sym.)
25. Placed
27. Stylish (slang)
29. The largest ocean
31. Hurled
33. Float
36. Gold (Her.)
37. Pay attention
39. Bind
40. Narrow inlet (geol.)
42. Cutting tool
44. South America (abbr.)
45. Fingered
48. Manorial courts
50. Funeral song
51. Weird
52. Grasslike plant
53. Spectacles (shortened)

DOWN

1. A shaping tool
2. Title of a novel by Helen Hunt Jackson
3. Arabian garment
4. Mark
5. Guide
6. Slice
7. Sash (Jap.)
8. Wander
9. Wall of a hollow organ (Biol.)
10. Star-studded
17. Resolves
20. Slopes
22. Sprite
23. Exhibition
26. Run at top speed
28. Begone!
30. Letter C
31. A kind of light (obs.)
32. Bright-colored bird
44. Pugilistic (colloq.)
35. Plagues
38. Valleys (poetic)
41. Voted "yes"
43. Cry
46. Ovum (Biol.)
47. Coloring agent
49. Before

Yesterday's Answer



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X E
is 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, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

O A X B O H A V I M E P O A O E O R R B .
P M I Z M E V X ' B F O E G A M W V X B
E N R B — A X B I N H O E .

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: AROUND THE THRONE OF GOD IN HEAVEN THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN STAND—

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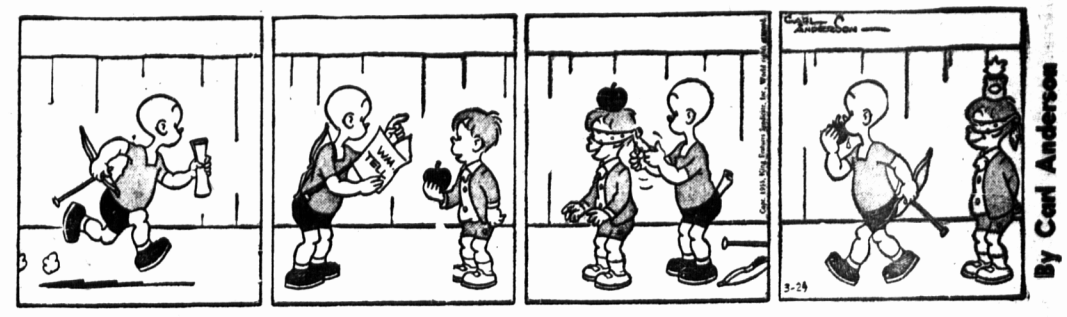
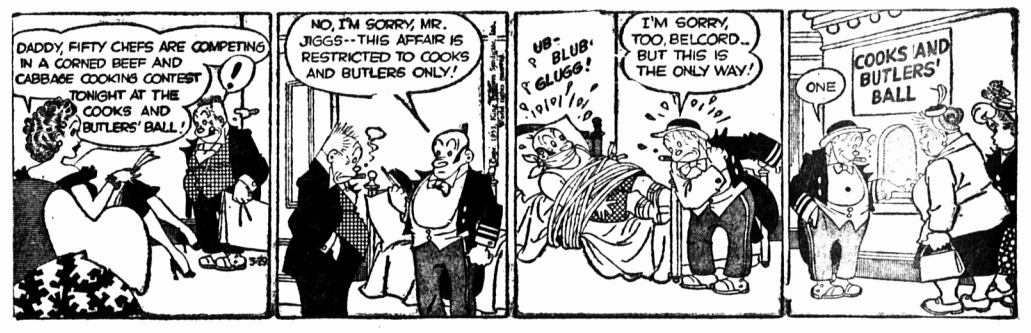
Henry — By Carl Anderson



Grandma — By Charles Kuhn

Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney

Bringing Up Father — By George McManus



Muggs and Skeeter — By Wally Bishop

Etta Kent — By Paul Robinson

Tilly The Toiler — By Bob Gustafson

Joe Paloka — By Ham Fisher

L'il Abner — By Al Capp

Secret Agent X9 — By Mel Graff

The Lone Ranger — By Fran Striker