BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

PRICKLY PORKY FINDS A TREAT

That very good for me 'tis true
May not be good at all for you.
—Prickly Porky

Prickly Porky climbed down backwards from the pine tree where he had had a lunch on inner bark from the trunk. He wanted a change. He would tell you that bark is all right, especially in winter, but there are other green things in summer that make a welcome change. He shuffled along the Crooked Little Path, complaining about nothing at all, just to hear his own voice. He does that once in a while. You see he lives alone so much of the time that if he didn't talk to himself he would seldom hear a Porcupine's voice.

Now and then he stopped to reach for a green plant growing by the edge of the Crooked Little Path. Again he would go off to one side for a short distance to something of which he was particularly fond. It was on one of these little side trips that Prickly Porky made his great find. It was lying on the ground partly hidden by some dead leaves that had been blown over it.

He shuffled along the Crooked Little Path.

Prickly Porky's shoe-button eyes usually look very dull. They were not dull now. They brightened wonderfully. For a moment or two he simply stood there staring at his find. He could hardly believe his good fortune. Then he sighed. It was a gusty sigh of pure satisfaction. There in front of him lay one of the great antlers of Flathorns the Moose. You know, Flathorns, like Lightfoot the Deer, loses his antlers every winter and grows a new pair to take their place. This antler had dropped when Flathorns had passed that way months before. Already others had found it for there were marks of small teeth around the edge where certain furry folk had gnawed at it.

"Mine! All mine! What a find!" grunted Prickly Porky.

"What have you found?" asked Reddy Fox, who happened along just in time to hear Prickly Porky.

"That is none of your business," declared Prickly Porky and tried to hide the great antler by getting between it and Reddy.

Reddy grinned. "If you mean that thing," said he, "it certainly isn't any of my business. You are welcome to it. What in the world do you want it for? You can't eat anything like that."

"Perhaps you can't," said Prickly Porky. "You haven't the right kind of teeth for it. No, sir, you haven't the right kind of teeth. If you had teeth like mine you might think differently."

Once more Reddy grinned. "Thank goodness I haven't teeth like yours," said he. "But even with teeth like yours I don't see how you can eat that thing. What is more, I don't see why you should want to."

Prickly Porky turned his back on Reddy Fox and began to gnaw at one edge of the great antler. Big and strong as those great cutting teeth of his were, he could get only tiny bits from that antler. He smacked his lips over these.

"Everybody to his own taste," said Reddy Fox, and trotted away, wondering what in the world there could be in one of the great horns of Flathorns the Moose that any one would like to eat.

Every day Prickly Porky spent a little time gnawing on that big antler. Little by little here was less of the antler until at long last it disappeared completely. Prickly Porky didn't eat all of it. Mrs. Porky shared it with him. She liked it as much as he did. Why did they like to gnaw at that antler? Because there was something in it that they needed in their own bodies. They didn't know they needed it. But Mother Nature knew and gave them a longing for it just as she had given small boys and girls a longing for sweets.

"It was good while it lasted," grunted Prickly Porky. Had you heard him you might have thought it had lasted only a very little while, whereas it had lasted a long, long time.

WIESBADEN, Germany, Sept. 1 —(AP)—The number of infantile paralysis cases in Western Germany rose to 1,153 during August, more than twice as many cases as last year.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

PROOF OF PROGRESS

The tremendous improvement in the average player's game— at least, in the average duplicate player's—can be proved in the field of squeeze plays. Not so many years ago, this often—complicated device was the property of experts exclusively—but today almost every experienced duplicate player can and does execute squeezes. Indeed, in the following deal, no fewer than six of the eight declarers in the field brought off the double squeeze needed for a clean sweep of the tricks.

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
Match-point duplicate.

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

Few of the North-South teams actually reached seven hearts—most of them were properly content to stop at a small slam, via some such bidding as the following:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 N T	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	5 N T	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Even though South found that his partner had two aces and two kings, he could not definitely count 13 tricks, and therefore, in most cases South stopped at six hearts.

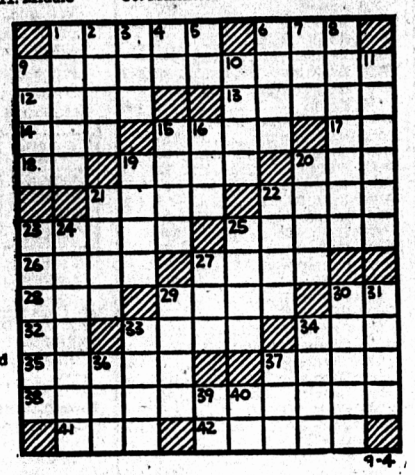
As it happened, the opening lead made little or no difference if the cards were played correctly. At several tables the club queen was led. The king won, South discarding a diamond, then the heart five was led to the ace and the heart six returned to the eight. Now the club ace was cashed for another diamond discard, and a club was ruffed. When South continued by cashing the rest of his hearts and the diamond ace, both opponents were squeezed! West, who had to keep a club against dummy's card in that suit, was forced to discard spades, and after he did so, the club was discarded from dummy. Now East, who had the responsibility of guarding the diamond suit, also was squeezed out of his spade stopper and the fulfilling tricks were taken by the ace, king and three of spades.

DAILY CROSSWORD

Saturday's Answer

ACROSS
1. Country (SW. Eur.)
6. Turf
9. Embracing many arts
12. Hebrew month
13. Weave rope (Naut.)
14. Light bedstead
15. Obnoxious plant
17. Half an em
18. Type measure
19. Painful
20. Skill
21. Fly aloft
22. Sagacious
23. Lettuce (U. S.)
25. A home run (baseball)
26. Fall onto water
27. Prickly envelopes of fruits
28. Tear
29. Twinkle
30. Whether
32. Electrical Engineer (Abbr.)
33. Man's nickname
34. Openings (anat.)
35. Close (poet.)
37. Egyptian god
38. Drawing
41. Goddess of healing (Norse)
42. Prescribed regimens

DOWN
1. City on Dead Sea (Bib.)
2. A plot of ground
3. County, SW. Scotland
4. Neuter pronoun
5. Neon (sym.)
6. Lean-to
7. Undivided
8. Differing essentially
9. A step in walking
10. American Indian
11. Middle
15. Old World herb
16. Blunder
19. Cleansing agent
20. Goals
21. Spill over
22. Labor
23. Coverlet
24. One who takes over transferred property
25. Large piece (slang)
27. Storage compartment
29. Put on guard
30. Manacles
31. Long tooth
33. A filament
34. Leave out
36. High priest
37. Consumed
39. Man's nickname
40. Sloth



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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
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

V C Z X H B M V H B K Q C M V A Q X C W
W C Z A J K Q C M V A Q — Z C Q J B Z C Q M V.

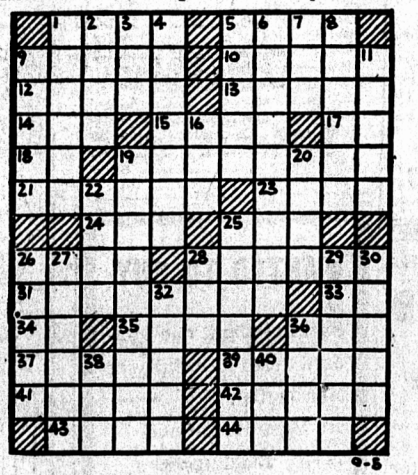
Saturday's Cryptoquote: HE WAS A COWARD TO THE STRONG: HE WAS A TYRANT TO THE WEAK—SHELLEY.

DAILY CROSSWORD

Yesterday's Answer

ACROSS
1. Fellow
5. At a distance
9. Portion
10. Large volumes
12. Gem cut in relief
13. Browned bread
14. Land-measurer
15. Claw
17. Tantalum (sym.)
18. Guido's lowest note
19. Stag beetle
21. Cloyed
23. Helps
24. Inlets (Prov. Eng.)
25. The alder-tree (Scot.)
26. Resorts
28. Very small person
31. Antagonistic
33. Greek letter
34. International language
35. Nobleman
36. Clamor
37. Wide-awake
39. Rub out
41. Olive-green flycatcher
42. Classifies
43. Shades of a primary color
44. Places

DOWN
1. Paper impregnated with medicines
2. Ineffectual actors
3. Part of "to be"
4. Showy flowers
5. Garret
6. Reckless
7. Wine receptacle
8. Stud again
9. A sea duck
11. Male deer
16. Particle of addition
19. Covered with plaster
20. A heap (dial.)
22. Thin
25. Destitute of air
26. Fragment
27. Stick for stirring a tan-vat
28. Disfigure
29. Lives
30. Prongs
32. Prices
36. Flit
38. Female sheep
40. Spawn of fish



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Y L Y V V P H C I P P, P Z P Y L Y U U P H
C I P P — V I K L P V T P K Z P.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: HOW FAST HAS BROTHER FOLLOWED BROTHER—WORDSWORTH.

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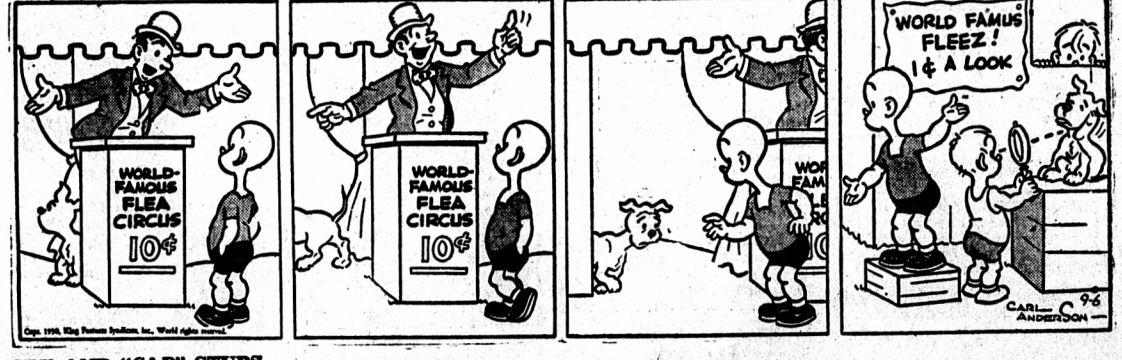

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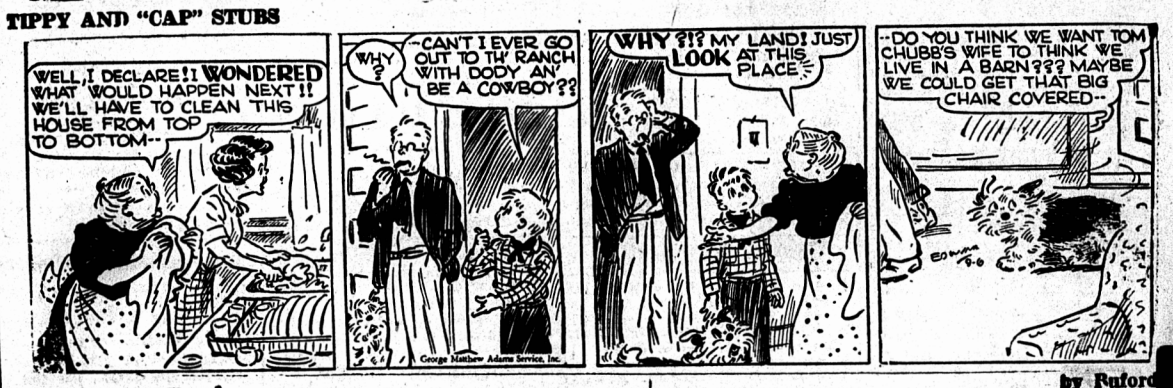

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