By Thornton W. Burgess

YOUNG REDDY IS STUNG

Sometimes knowledge you will gain,
Only through the sting of pain.
—Old Mother Nature.

Young Reddy Fox was really smart. But even those who are smart make mistakes. Young Reddy had learned to be afraid of Dogs, but he hadn't learned to be afraid of men and boys. To him they were simply two-legged folks. They couldn't run. That is, they couldn't run fast like a Fox or a Rabbit, or any other of the four-legged folk. Through the summer he saw a number of them and, when some of them surprised him quite near, he found they couldn't hurt him. He really did not have to run to get away.

It was the very next day after Peter Rabbit had warned him not to trust those two-legged folk that he saw one of them coming toward him across the Green Meadows where he was hunting Mice. He didn't stop hunting, but he did keep an eye on this two-legged person. He had in his hands something that looked like a stick. That didn't mean a thing to Young Reddy. He just wouldn't let that person get near enough to him to hit him with a stick. So he went on huntin for Mice while the man with the stick drew nearer and nearer.

"I wonder what he's looking for?" thought the young Fox. "He seems to be watching me. Anyway, I'm not afraid of him."

So the man drew nearer and nearer. Finally the young Fox decided that he would move on. Right then as he began to move away, he got the greatest fright of his short life. That man lifted his stick. Something stung the young Fox, and hurt. An instant later there was a bang, and it seemed to come from that stick pointed at him.

Peter Rabbit happened to be looking out of the dear Old Briarpatch as the young Fox ran past.

Young Reddy yelped with pain, but he wasn't so badly hurt that he couldn't run. And how he did run.

Peter Rabbit happened to be looking out of the dear Old Briarpatch as the young Fox ran past. He heard the bang and he saw the man with the gun, for that is what that stick really was. "I wonder," said Peter to himself, "if that young Fox remembers what I told him. I wonder if he has learned his lesson."

Young Reddy was lucky. He didn't think so. He thought he was unlucky, very, very unlucky. He had been stung in several places, and smarted and ached. Peter watched him out of sight. Peter saw that he wasn't badly hurt, so Peter knew that he was lucky. "It is a wonder he wasn't killed," thought he. "Yes, sir, it is a wonder he wasn't killed. He is a lucky Fox."

Peter was right. That man was not out hunting Foxes. He was hunting birds. And the fine shot in his gun were not big enough to do more than sting the young Fox. Had they been bigger they might have killed him. So the young Fox was lucky in that the man was not hunting Foxes. And he was lucky in another way. He had learned that those two-legged folk, at least one of them, could be dangerous. It was a lesson he had sadly needed to learn. He had something to think about as he sought his home in the Old Pasture, whimpering softly, for he ached where he had been stung.

BACKACHE May be Warning

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

SELECTING THE PROPER CARD

It requires relatively little judgment to single out the suit that must be led at a given stage, but few players short of expert status take the pains to consider what card should be selected from that suit. Here is a case in point:.

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

North: ♠ 5 ♥ 6 4 3 ♦ Q 9 8 6 4 ♣ J 7 5 2
West: ♠ A Q 10 6 ♥ K 7 ♦ K J 5 ♣ A K 9 4
East: ♠ J 8 4 3 ♥ 9 ♦ 10 7 3 2 ♣ Q 10 8 6
South: ♠ K 9 7 2 ♥ A Q J 10 8 5 2 ♦ A ♣ 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	4 ♥	Dble.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

It is not usually sound practice to start with a preemptive bid when holding strength in the other major suit, or, for that matter, with a generally good hand for either offense or defense, but South's four-heart call was nevertheless a reasonable action. As it happened, the opponents couldn't have gotten together too well in any suit, but from South's point of view, if he didn't start off with four hearts, he might be driven even higher. Since North had passed, there wasn't a grave danger that South would miss a slam by preempting.

West laid down the club King and, when East encouraged with the eight, continued with the club ace. South ruffed and logically enough, led a spade, intending to ruff at least two spades on the board. That, however, was the best he could do when East, winning the spade lead, shifted to trumps, and the consequence was a one-trick set.

It should have been very apparent to South that the defenders would lead trumps as soon as they could safely do so, and surely it was desirable, from South's viewpoint, to have that trump lead come up to his hand rather than through it. Considering West's double, the presumption was that he had the spade ace, so South should have led the spade king, to insure as far as he could that West would be on lead. That was all South had to do to make the contract. If West shifted to hearts he would obviously give up his trick in that suit.

Incidentally, however, WEST could have insured the defeat of the hand by shifting to a trump at Trick 2, surrendering his trump trick for the advantage of taking two trumps out of dummy —one then, and the other when West got in with a spade.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Pioneer Days In P.E.I.

By F. H. MacArthur

Well, for one reason, the murderer had a private tete-a-tete with those who were present that night at the laird's home, and whatever threat he held over their heads appeared to have the desired effect. The startling story never leaked out until the last member of that little group told the tale to his children when he lay on his deahbed.

The Story Behind the Story

It appears that the young laird and his former friend, the murderer, both sought the hand of the beautiful Madaline, a Scottish lass who had come out to the Island as the guest of her uncle, a man who possessed considerable wealth and stood well up in the elite society as it was known in P.E.I. at that time. Madaline had some difficulty choosing between her lovers, but in the end she surrendered her heart to the handsome and wealthy young laird.

The marriage of Madaline and the laird brought no apparent rift in the friendship of the two men, and the night of the wedding the political big shot was among the chosen guests. During the few months before the awful tragedy took place, Madaline, her husband and the other man were frequently seen together.

Came New Year's eve. The laird and his bride were having a few close friends to help them celebrate the event. The other man, as we have already seen, was among the guests. It was he who passed around the wine and gave the cup of death to the couple who trusted him as their true friend. But back of it all was jealousy; the soul of a man became blackened and shrunken and evil because he had played in the game of love and had lost.

John Coates, the great Engish tenor who died in 1941, began his singing career as a choir boy

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Spar
5. Wooden pegs
9. Stop watch
10. Oval
12. Pantry
13. Bishop's headdress
14. A game at cards
15. Craze
16. West Indies (abbr.)
17. Bone (anat.)
18. A master
20. Male adults
21. American Indian
23. Conflicts
24. Fortify
25. Abounding in ore
26. "The —— of Orleans"
28. Mountain nymphs
31. Possess
32. Reach across
33. Exclamation
34. Cry of pain
35. Enemy
36. Keel-billed cuckoo
37. Fiber used as cordage (W. I.)
39. South American ungulate
41. Lift up, as the spirits
42. Insert
43. Sprouting buds of potatoes
44. Pastry desserts

DOWN
1. Flower
2. Large pulpit
3. Varying weight (Ind.)
4. Attempt
5. A wanderer
6. Roman poet
7. Gun (slang)
8. A stewing chicken
9. Claw
11. Belonging to Ireland (poet.)
15. Back
18. Rendered fat of swine
19. Unit of electrical resistance
20. Indian tribe (Yucatan)
22. Conceited
23. Song bird
25. Openings
26. Antlered animal
27. For a short time
28. Open (poet.)
29. Disclaims
30. A garment
32. Shoe bottoms
35. Destiny
36. Projecting end of a church
38. Speak
39. A gratuity
40. A name (D. Bth.)

Yesterday's Answer

C	R	A	W	S	S	H	A	R	T	
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			L	A	R	G	E			
B	A	A	V	A	R	S	I	T	Y	
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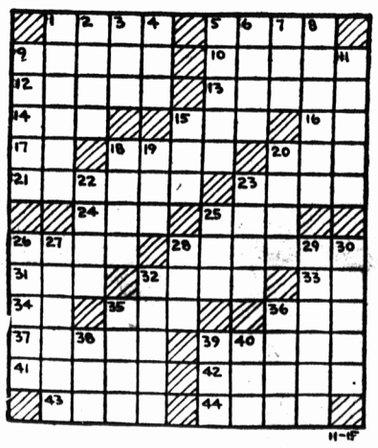


DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

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

R WIKTZ DSYJIO RG K JRSDQGSV FUOJ!—CSKYVIA.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF VIRTUE FEEBLE WERE, HEAVEN ITSELF WOULD STOOP TO HER—MILTON.

AVONLEA W. I.

The annual meeting of Avonlea W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. M. J. Doyle (North Rustico) Nov. 8. Fifteen members and five visitors were present. Roll call was answered with a toy for the Orphanages. Minutes of the previous annual and monthly meetings were read and approved.

The president Mrs. Will Toombs gave a report of the year's work. The financial report was given by Mrs. Lowell Wyand, Treasurer.

Officers for the coming year are: Pres., Mrs. Will Toombs (re-el.), Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Alfred Moore, Mrs. R. G. Fleming; Secretary, Mrs. Ralph Burdett; Treasurer, Mrs. Lowell Wyand (re-el); Directors, (re-el), Mrs. Roy Woolner, Mrs. Reginald Simpson, Mrs. Earl Simpson; Auditors (re-el), Mrs. Olaf Stevenson, Mrs. Robert Woolner; Convenor of U.N. and Exchange Programs (re-el); Mrs. Roy Woolner; Programme Committee. Mrs. R. G. Fleming, Mrs. Roy Woolner, Miss Lavenia McAvinn, Mrs. Jennie Stevenson, Mrs. N. S. McLure, Mrs. Sterling Stewart.

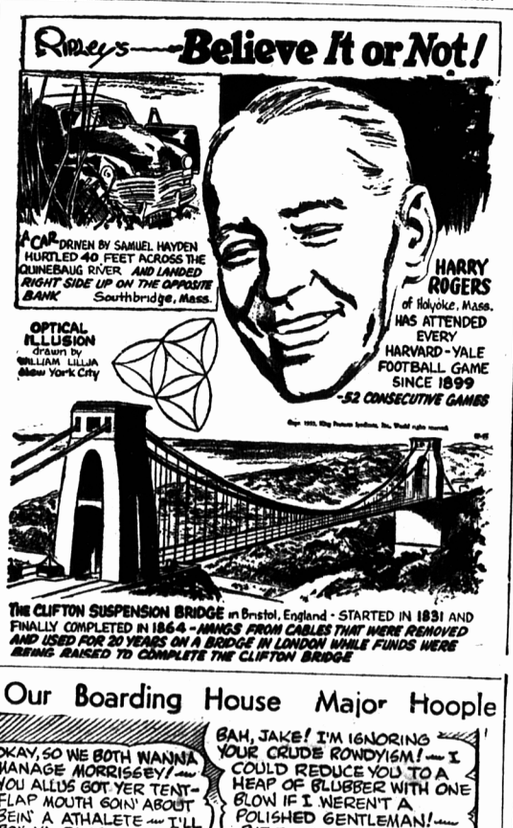
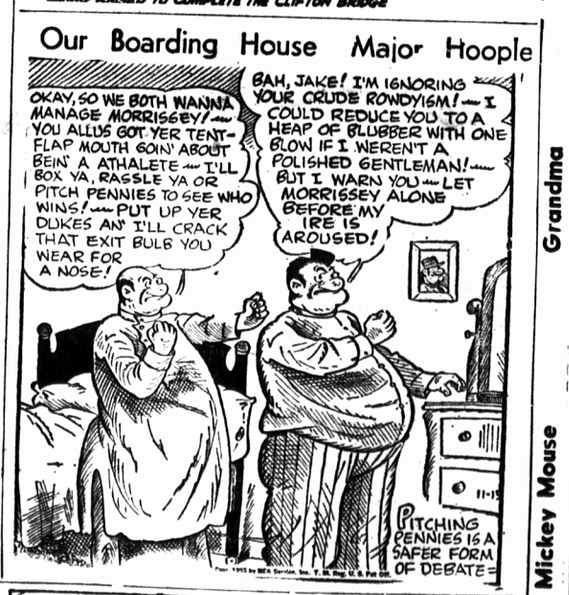
Reports of school and sick committees were heard. Correspondence concerning possibility of obtaining projector, contest for best program, county conventions, also musical and drama festivals were read and discussed.

The following motions were moved and seconded: that $1.00 be sent to the "sewing-machines for Ceyon" project; that membership in the Musical and Drama Festival Associations be renewed; that $10.00 be sent to Unitarian Services Appeal.

Committees for Dec.: Cavendish school, Mrs. Jereniah Simpson, Mrs. Alfred Moore; North Rustico school, Mrs. Jeremiah Simpson, Robert Woolner; Cavendish Sick comm., Mrs. Reginald Simpson, Miss Blanche Wyand; North Rustico sick comm., Mrs. Jennie Stevenson, Mrs. Ernest MacLure.

Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. John MacNiell, Dec. 13. Lunch comm. Miss Blanche Wyand, Mrs. Ira MacCoubrey, Mrs. Lowell Wyand.

Following lunch served by committee in charge the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

EARLY EXPLORER

First overland journey from the St. Lawrence to Hudson bay was made in 1671-2 by the Jesuit Father Albanel.