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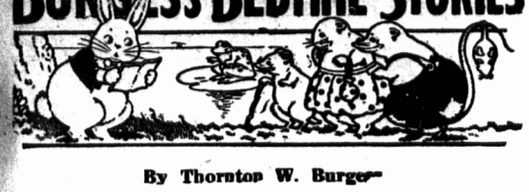

By Thornton W. Burgess

PETER BUMPS HIS NOSE

Who fails to look and blindly jumps
Is sure to suffer painful bumps.
—Peter Rabbit.

It was a dull, dark, winter day. Peter Rabbit, first making sure that neither Reddy Fox nor Mrs. Reddy was in the neighborhood, started for the Green Forest. Those two were the only ones he was afraid of in daytime. At night there was always Hooty the Owl, but Peter didnt think of Hooty in the daytime. That was Perer's mistake, for on dull dark days Hooty does go hunting, especially when food is scarce and he is very, very hungry. Many people think that Owls cannot see in the daytime. That is a very great mistake. They prefer to hunt after the coming of the Black Shadows, but there are times when they go hunting in the daytime.

Peter's eyes are so placed in his head that he can look behind him without turning his head. He was only a little way out from the dear Old Briar-Patch when, looking back, he caught a glimpse of Hooty the Owl coming after him on big swift wings. You should have seen Peter run then. How he did wish he had stayed at home in the dear Old Briar Patch.

A given distance is not always the same. It varies according to the need of getting from one place to another. It is not a great way across the Green Meadows to the dear Old Briar Patch, but right then it was a long, long distance. You see Hooty could fly faster than Peter could run. It was a good thing for Peter that he could watch behind without having to turn his head. Hooty was almost up with him. He was just ready to make an extra swoop and clutch Peter in those great claws of his. Right then Peter dodged. You know, Peter is a master of the art of dodging while running. It is a trick that all members of the Rabilt family know and practice.

It was surprising how quickly Hooty turned. Peter was hardly straightened out and running again toward the Green Forest when Hooty was right behind him. Peter dodged again. In doing this, he was headed in another direction. It was then that Peter began to almost despair. Hooty's wings made no sound as do the wings of most birds. The wings of some birds flying fast make a sharp whistling sound. Hooty's wings make no sound at all. Somehow that seemed to make it worse for Peter. It gave him the feeling that that fierce feathered hunter was nearer than he really was.

Yes, Peter was beginning to despair. He was sure now that he wouldnt be able to get to the

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Green Forest or back to the dear Old Briar Patch. Where could he go? What could he do? It was just then that he remembered something that gave him a little hope. Just ahead of him was the doorway to Johnny Chucks ground. If Peter could just get in that hole in the ground he would be safe. Hooty the Owl couldn't follow him there. Peter managed to run just a little faster. He could see that open doorway only a little way in front of him. Lipperty, lipperty, lip he ran; lipperty, lipperty, lip. One more long jump put him on the doorstep and then he plunged headlong through the open doorway. But he didn't plunge far. No sir, he didnt plunge far. He bumped his nose and he bumped it hard. He bumped it against Johnny Chuck's closed door.

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2:00 p.m.—FM Concert Hall
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6:00 p.m.—Barbie's Scrapbook
6:30 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
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7:00 p.m.—Little Red Schoolhouse
7:30 p.m.—Paul Killiam
7:45 p.m.—Sparkmaster
8:00 p.m.—Life is Worth Living
8:30 p.m.—Jane Wyman Theatre
9:00 p.m.—Kraft Theatre
0:00 p.m.—Florian Zabach
0:30 p.m.—International Playhouse
11:00 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
11:10 p.m.—Weather
11:15 p.m.—Concert Hour
12:15 a.m.—Sign Off

113 Divorces Recommended

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Senate's busy divorce committee has recommended 113 divorces for Quebec and Newfoundland residents since the new session of Parliament began Jan. 10.

Senator Arthur Roebuck (L-Ontario), committee chairman, told the Senate Tuesday night this probably is something of a record for the first 21 days of a session.

He reported the 113 recommendations for divorces were out of a total of 302 received to date from petitioners in the two provinces, which do not have their own divorce courts. Two had been withdrawn and 187 had yet to be heard. Each case is heard separately.

Senator Roebuck said it is estimated another 100 petitions will be entered before the petition deadline Feb. 20.

Last session the divorce committee, splitting into sub-committees, worked through and recommended a record total of 407 divorces.

USEFUL BOAT

The name "dinghy" is believed to have come from "dinge," a type of rowboat used centuries ago in India.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

All cities and towns have traffic woes these days. But cheer up. By 2000 A.D. all of our worries will be over. According to the Automotive Safety Council three-level highways will be commonplace in big cities, with parking largely underground and new office buildings offering parking place for their occupants on each floor.

Despite fantastic increases in highway traffic, there will be hardly any congestion because of superb expressways. Cities will be bypassed, lakes bridged, and mount ain ranges tunneled. Headlights will not be needed much of the time because major highways will be lighted as bright as day. Sleet or snow will melt as it hits the pavement. And if cars are disabled, they'll be whisked away by helicopter.

No congestion, annoying delays, or parking problems. Too wonderful to be true? Well, perhaps. But it's the promise for the future.

Each morning in St. Paul's Cathedral in London, an attendant unlocks a glass case and turns a single page in an open book which is two feet high.

The book lists the names, in large letters, of 28,000 American airmen, soldiers, and sailors who died during the Second World War while fighting out of bases in the United Kingdom. Two fresh pages are exposed for cathedral visitors to read each day. When the verger gets to the end of the 474 pages, he begins all over. Every 237th. day the name of each of the Americans comes up for view.

The book has taken on a special interest. Cathedral authorities have completed plans for an American Memorial Chapel which will be a conspicuous part of the majestic building after the last of the war damage has been repaired. The chapel will become the permanent home of the book. All the money for the chapel has been collected in Britain. It amounts to about $280,000.

St. Paul's stands on Ludgate Hill, one of the highest in the city of London. The cathedral has been towering over London for 250 years and looks almost as it did when the United States was still a British colony. Outwardly it will not change. But when the restoration is finished, the interior will be nearer what it was intended to be by its architect and builder, Sir Christopher Wren.

It took 35 years to build St. Paul's, after the old cathedral had been wrecked by the great London fire in 1666. Wren designed 70 churches and replanned London after the fire. He submitted nine designs for St. Paul's before one was accepted by government and church authorities-and then only after many changes in Wren's ideas of church architecture.

By an ironical twist of fate, Wren's ideas finally are being realized because of the German bombs which did extensive damage to the church during the war. Reconstruction workers are finding that Wren original ideas were the best and are rebuilding the church along those lines.

A new British Comet jet airliner flew the 2,736 miles from Honolulu, Hawaii, to Vancouver, British Columbia, in the record time of 5 hours and 39 minutes.

A cake fashioned in the form of an open Bible awaited Richard Tenneson when he returned to his home in Alen, Minn. Two years ago he had declared himself an atheist and had chosen to remain with the communists in Korea.

Twenty thousand buttons, sewn by Mrs. Betty Ayres, of London, won a pardon from prison for her daughter, Sheila, 17 years old. Mrs. Ayres got a job in a factory and sewed buttons on shirts until she earned enough money to carry her daughter's case to a higher court. The task took her six months. The appeals court freed the daughter.

Many boys get "crushes" on their pretty teachers, but Giuseppe Arago, 14, of Rome, went further than that. He married his 29-year-old teacher.

A watch which his wife gave him for Christmas in 1926 and which was stolen in 1930 is back in the possession of Grover C. Webb, of Oklahoma City. The watch turned up during a routine police check of pawnshops. It was still in fairly good running order, although the crystal and the hands were missing.

Husband, Wife Hurt In Quarrel

MONTREAL (CP) — Provincial police said today a husband and wife now are in hospital at Sweetsburg, Que., with skull fractures suffered during a quarrel Monday night.

They identified the couple as Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fitchett, aged 42 and 28, respectively.

Police said the quarrel occurred at the home of Mrs. Fitchett's parents, on the outskirts of Cowansville, Que., about 50 miles southeast of Montreal.

Mrs. Fitchett, said police, returned to her parents home last week after she had charged her husband with assault. They said her husband called on her Monday night apparently to seek a reconciliation.

A quarrel developed while they chatted together and other occupants of the house soon heard Mrs. Fitchett calling for help.

Police said Mrs. Fitchett's skull had been pierced by a heavy pair of scissors.

Mr. Fitchett suffered his skull fracture, they said, when other occupants of the house hit him on the head to make him release a grip on his wife's throat.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

THE ONLY DEFENSE

If the hand below were quietly put in a duplicate board and given to a large field without any announcement, it is safe to say that no more than one East, as a maximum, would produce the only defense that could beat the inevitable four-spade contract

North dealer
Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	1 ♥	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Actually, the hand occurred at rubber bridge. West opened the deuce of hearts, dummy ducked, and the queen won. Then, without giving a great deal of thought to the situation, East laid down the heart ace—and right then and there he conceded the contract. Declarer ruffed, cashed the king and queen of spades, and then led a diamond toward dummy. The nine lost to East's queen, but now it did not matter what East returned. South, after knocking out the diamond ace, could claim the balance, since there were three established dismonds in dummy on which to discard losing clubs.

The plain fact is that East made a bad mistake at Trick 2. His partner's lead was almost certainly from four hearts, hence declarer was marked with a singleton. East could reasonably count on two diamond tricks. And so, in addition to the only heart trick available, he would need a club trick before dummy's diamonds were established for discards. The only real hope of defeating the contract, then, was to find West with the jack of clubs.

Obviously, had East acted on this analysis and returned a club at the second trick, then, on winning the diamond queen, led another club, he would have established the setting trick for himself before declarer could use the diamond suit.

Out Our Way — By J. R. Williams

Our Boarding House — Major Hoople

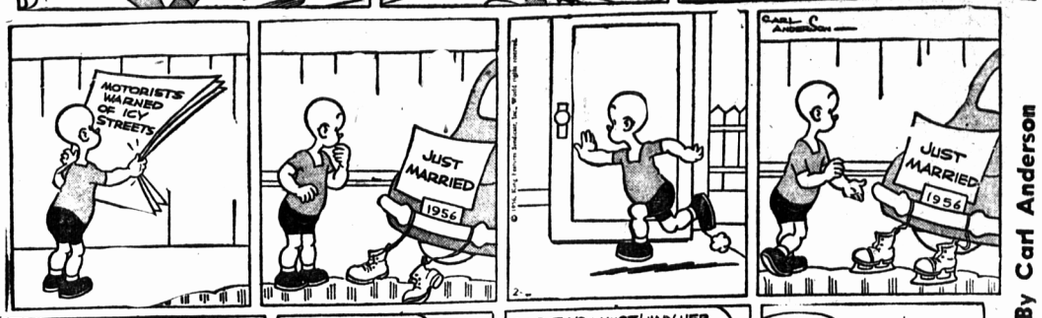
POGO — By Walt Kelly

Li'l Abner — By Al Capp

Grandma — By Charles Kuhn

Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney

Henry — By Carl Anderson



Muggs and Skeeter — By Wally Bishop

Bringing Up Father — By George McManus

Tilly The Toiler — By Bob Gustafson

Etta Kent — By Paul Robinson

Joe Palooka — By Ham Fisher

The Lone Ranger — By Fran Striker

Secret Agent X9 — By Mel Graff