

# DINGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

## THE SLEEPY SLEEPER

Your way and mine may seem the same. Yet prove unlike even in name. —Peter Rabbit

When Peter said that, he said a mouthful, but probably didn't know it. One of the astonishing things in this funny old world of ours is how often choice bits of wisdom fall from irresponsible tongues. People say bright things without knowing they are saying them. Many a truth is spoken and forgotten by the speaker by the time the words are out of his mouth. Often it is such bits of wisdom and truth that live longest.



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doesn't make sense to some of you boys and girls, but it will some day. You see Peter long ago found out that most things are not exactly as they seem to be. He learned long ago that two little paths may look exactly alike, and seem to lead in exactly the same direction, but in the end one may lead into all kinds of trouble, while the other leads out of trouble. It is so with most folks.

Peter Rabbit and Danny Meadowmouse had been talking over Danny's cousin, Nimbleheels the Jumping Mouse, who is not only the master jumper of all people of the Green Forest and the Green Meadows, but is also the master sleeper. No one else sleeps as long as little Nimbleheels. He sometimes sleeps for almost half the year. It is queer but true that his own relatives seem to know as little about him as do other folks outside the family. Probably this pleases little Nimbleheels. I suspect that he would say that how he lives and what he does, and where and how he sleeps, is nobody's business but his own. Of course, that is true. Peter had asked Danny Meadowmouse where Nimbleheels was sleeping this fall. "You tell me," squeaked Danny, and ran off about his own business. He didn't know where Nimbleheels was sleeping, and he didn't want to know. He just wasn't interested.

It was different with Peter. Peter was curious, of course. Peter without curiosity wouldn't be Peter at all. He had no real

reason for wanting to know where Nimbleheels was sleeping. He just wanted to know. That is always enough for anybody full of curiosity. So Peter began looking around and asking questions until some of his neighbors declared he was making a nuisance of himself. Don't you think it is queer how just asking questions can make a nuisance of one? "Listen, Peter Rabbit, where Nimbleheels may be sleeping is no business of mine, and I don't care where he is," declared Happy Squirrel. Happy Jack was still busy searching for acorns to add to his winter store. "It's none of your business, and no business of anyone's either if Nimbleheels is sleeping or where he sleeps at all. Why don't you mind your own business and be satisfied with that!" barked Chatterer the Red Squirrel. "I just want to know," replied Peter lamely. "It's a waste of time," declared Peter's big cousin Jumper the Hare. "If I were as small as Nimbleheels, and slept as soundly

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as he does, I certainly wouldn't want anybody to know where I was. "I wouldn't do him any harm," Continued on page 16

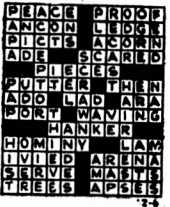
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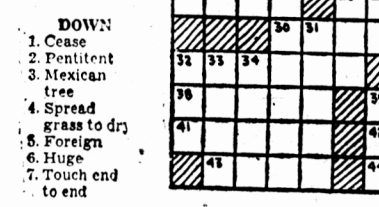
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## DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Deer's tail
  - Nurse (Ind.)
  - Pilfered
  - Of the lobes
  - Sharpened
  - Kind of tree
  - Harden
  - Likely
  - Surpassed
  - Feel regret
  - Postponed
  - Ostrich-like bird
  - Poker stake
  - Rowing implement
  - One who dyes
  - Musical instruments
  - Gaudy
  - A wine
  - Milk fish
  - Walks
  - Spur wheel
  - Harmonize
  - Arabia (archaic)
  - Lies in the sun
  - Routes
- DOWN**
- Cease
  - Penitent
  - Mexican tree
  - Spread
  - grass to dry
  - Foreign
  - Huge
  - Touch end to end



Yesterday's Answer: 39. Uncooked (anat.)



## DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

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, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

BJ MJYEJ WGX UIQLZYSKJT IA IQS LYWKEJ MYLZ YLZ IQS UJMIEJZ AKJMZT—EKS RKM.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: NOT BECAUSE YOU WERE WORRY, BUT BECAUSE I WAS INDULGENT—OVID.

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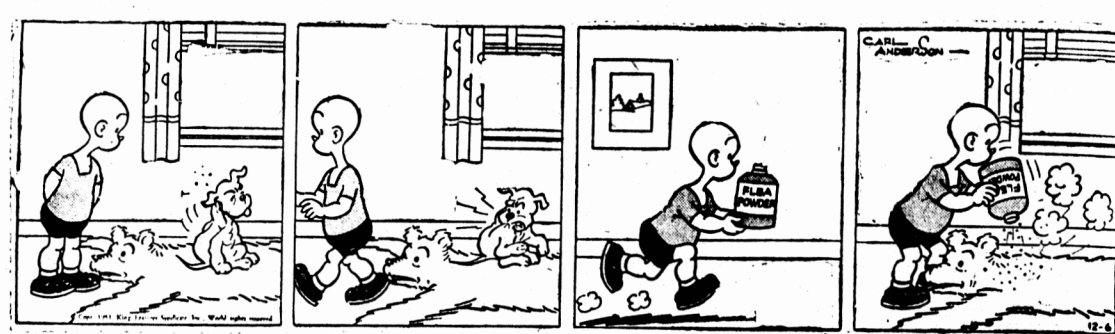
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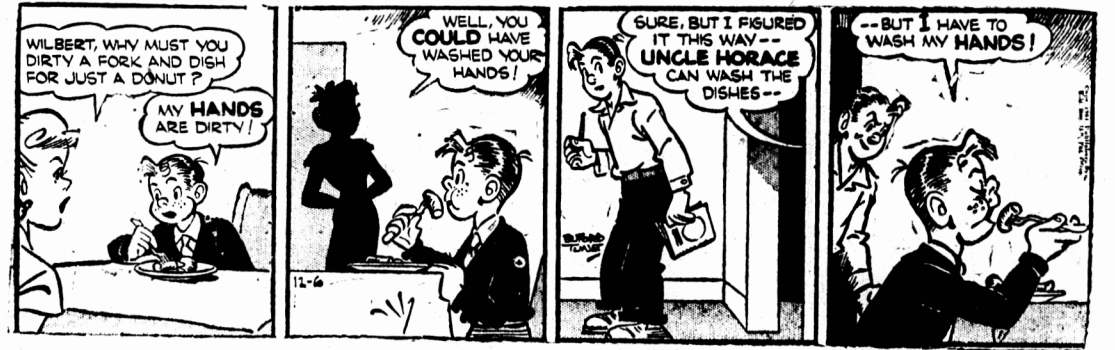
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