By Thornton W. Burgess

THE DROPPED BERRIES

Persistence in the end will show,
The way to learn what you would know.
—Old Mother Nature.

Peter Rabbit was sure that Sammy Jay had been fooling him by calling like Welcome Robin over in the little cedar swamp, which was part of the Green Forest. Sammy Jay said he had been doing nothing of the kind, so really Peter wasn't as sure as he thought he was. Welcome Robin was supposed to have gone south at the beginning of winter. Had he gone only a little way, and then had come back? Could it be that he hadn't gone at all, but had been living all the time in that cedar swamp? Somehow Peter couldn't believe this. He had heard a Robin call two or three times, but that was all. In vain he had listened for it to be repeated again.

"Welcome Robin!" cried Peter, "It is Welcome Robin."

"It was Sammy Jay. I know it was. I don't care if he does say that it wasn't," said Peter to himself. But all the time he kept thinking, suppose it was Welcome Robin.

Peter couldn't go back to sleep again. He just had to know if Sammy Jay had told the truth. "If Welcome Robin is anywhere about here I guess I can find him," said Peter to himself.

So Peter started out to look. He slowly hopped this way and that with his head tilted back as he looked up in the cedar trees. He looked and looked and looked. His neck ached from looking so long with his head tipped back. But he looked in vain. He soon discovered that he couldn't see very much up among the snow-covered boughs of those trees. At long last he gave up. He had neither seen nor heard Welcome Robin. He was more sure than ever that the voice he had heard was that of Sammy Jay. He squatted down under a big bough. He was beginning to get sleepy again. Peter paid no attention to it. A moment later something else dropped. Peter looked at it idly, and without interest. It was a berry. It was a cedar berry. Cedar berries stay on the trees all winter.

It wasn't until the third berry fell that Peter became curious. "Why had those berries fallen? What could have made them drop that way?" thought Peter. He hopped over to have a closer look at them. Something hit him on the nose, and bounced off. It was another cedar berry. Peter looked all around. He didn't see any berries dropping anywhere else under that trees, or any that had been dropped before.

Another berry dropped right at his very feet. Peter looked up. He saw someone moving up above him quite high up in the tree. At first he couldn't see who it was. But he guessed that someone was feeding on those cedar berries, and now and then dropping one. He continued to watch. He was patient. Patience if it is persisted in is usually rewarded. It was this time. The seed-eater, up above, flew out on a branch where he could be seen clearly.

"Welcome Robin!" cried Peter "It is Welcome Robin!"

"Of course I am Welcome Robin. Who else would I be?" cried the feathered neighbor above him.

"But, it can't be you!" cried Peter, and he looked as foolish as he sounded.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

WHAT'S THE HURRY?

The average player who would like to get all there is out of a bridge hand, consistent with his own skill, might well follow the example set by all the players in the recent Anglo-American match for the World Championship (which, incidentally, was won by England). Before any declarer so much as touched a card in dummy or his own hand, he settled back for careful consideration and planning.

This proper attitude is in wide contrast to what one sees at most bridge tables — the sort of thing that occurred, for example in the following deal.

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the jack of diamonds. Declarer quickly reached for dummy's queen, unhappily saw East take in the trick, and without further ado conceded himself down one "unless the queen and jack of hearts were blank." The opponents cheerfully assured South that such was not the case, and that was that.

If South had not been in such a hurry, or perhaps if he had not wanted to show how quickly he could size up a hand, he might have discovered the excellent chance for the contract even after losing the diamond finesse. As a matter of fact, with the cards lying as they did, the rest of the tricks were easy to win.

Assume that East returns a diamond at Trick 2 — as good defense as any. Dummy wins, and South leads five rounds of trumps, discarding a heart from the table. Next, he cashes the ace and king of clubs and ruffs a club. If he does a bit of simple counting he will notice, by this time, that East had to give up two hearts (to keep the club suit guarded) and it is no feat at all for South to cash the heart king, the heart ace, and the heart ten.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

What would you do if you won $35,000? Get drunk, buy your wife a mink coat, or take a trip around the world?

Dr. Albert Schweitzer who captured the coveted Nobel Peace Prize didn't do any of these things. What he did do with the money was purchase $35,000 worth of galvanized iron roofing for the hospital he is building at Lamborene in French Equatorial Africa where he has given the best part of his life and talents to the sick, the underfed, the heathen and the leprous.

Island clergymen who lament poor attendance in their churches might emulate Vicar Neil Nye of St. Peter's Church in Morden, England. "Send the taxi please," calls his congregation and presto! the 39-year-old vicar who serves as a cabby is Johnny on the spot, hauling children and adults free of charge, but there is a collection box in the church to cover expenses.

Getting the shekels together is the $64 problem of the run of the mill folk. But giving the stuff away takes up most of the time of Nathan S. Shopero of Detroit, Michigan, and he's not bad at it either. So far he has given away $10,000,000.

He is president and chairman of the board of the 175 Cunningham stores scattered across the nation. Why does he give away so much money? Well it all stems back to a certain day long, long ago when he was out of the navy and wanted a bank loan of $1,000 to clinch the purchase of a bankrupt basement drugstore. His mother went to the bottom of the barrel and came up with another $1000. But his sole chance to get the store was the bank. The banker decided that he was a good risk and the deal went through.

Shapero began selling everything from drugs to doughnuts. Several months later Shapero opened a second store and then a third and so on till his stores numbered 175. Today he grosses $50,000,000 a year and the end is not yet in sight.

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NOTICE

Parkdale Home and School meeting Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 8 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

ANNUAL MEETING

Prince Edward Island Division
Canadian Red Cross Society
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14th
3:30 P. M. at Red Cross Headquarters
Charlottetown
6:30 P. M. Dinner Meeting at
"The Clover Club"
Dinner Tickets $1.50
For Reservations Phone 8551 by Feb. 11th.

Nurses Valentine Dance

AT THE ROLLOWAY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

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Dancing 9:30 - 12:30 Admission 50¢

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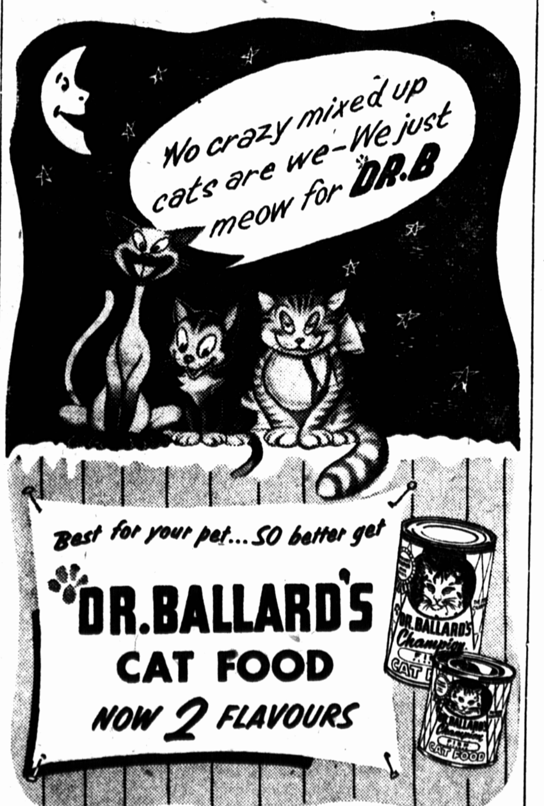
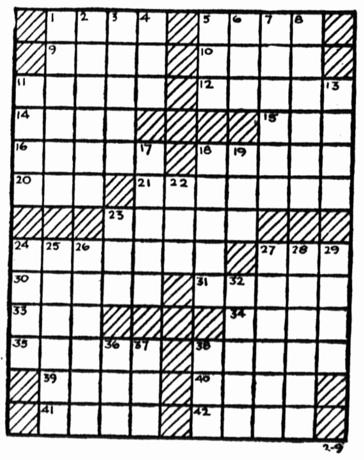


DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Plan of town site
5. Flock
9. To catch with a lasso
10. Toward the lee (naut.)
11. A delicious nut
12. Early inhabitants (Gr. Brit.)
14. At a distance
15. Lamprey
16. Trifling
18. Man's name (Sp.)
20. Part of "to be"
21. Zealous
23. Woven strips of cotton
24. Lubricates
27. Exclamation of disgust
30. To cut again
31. A pleasant aspect
33. Title of honor (Turk.)
34. Voided escutcheon
35. Bogged
38. Fragile
39. Emperor of Holy Roman empire
40. Price
41. Tiny
42. Malt beverage

DOWN
1. To like better
2. Settle
3. Aside
4. Denary
5. Chance
6. Man's name
7. Go back
8. Discourages through fear
11. Father
13. Narrow slit
17. Used in breadmaking
18. Squeeze
19. Abstract being
22. A jungle animal
23. Greek letter
24. Unit of weight
25. District
26. A game at cards
27. Sea brigand
28. Confederates
29. A cad (colloq.)
32. Righteous
36. Greek letter
37. Speck
38. Friar's title



Yesterday's Answer

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

YVKYNV TONN CKS NKKI QKGTFGX SK YKRSVGOSA, TJK CVPVG NKKI WFMITFGX SK SJVOG FCMVRSKGR —WBGIV.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ANYTHING LIKE THE SOUND OF A RAT MAKES MY HEART GO PIT-A-PAT!—BROWNING.

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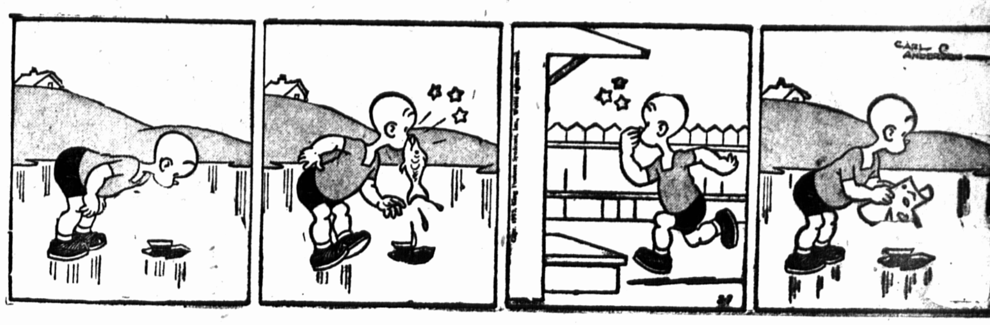
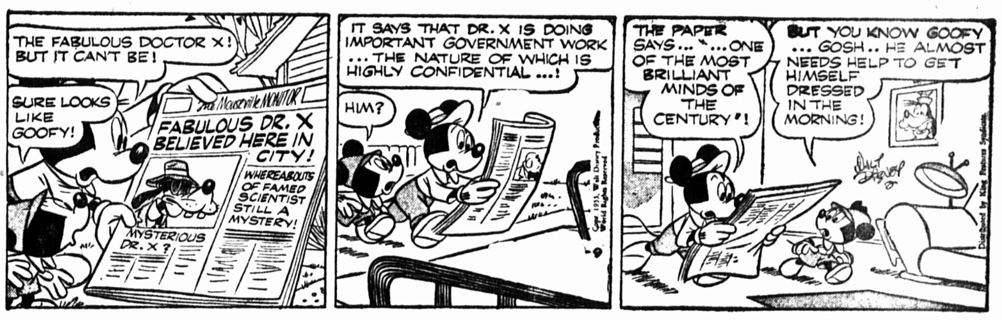
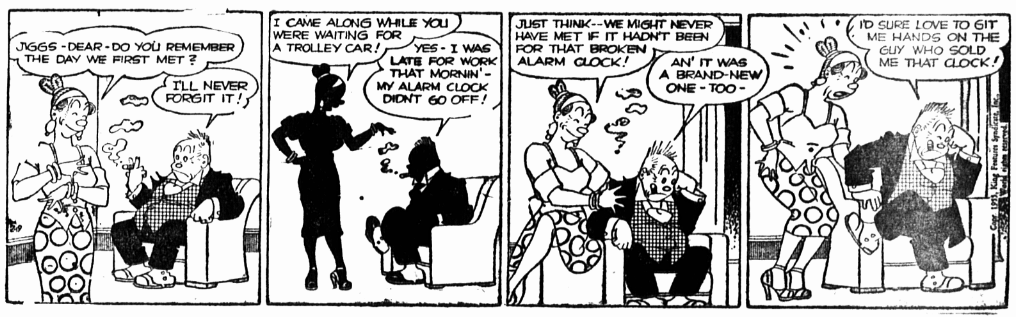


Grandma — by Charles Kuhn

Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney



Bringing Up Father — By George McManus



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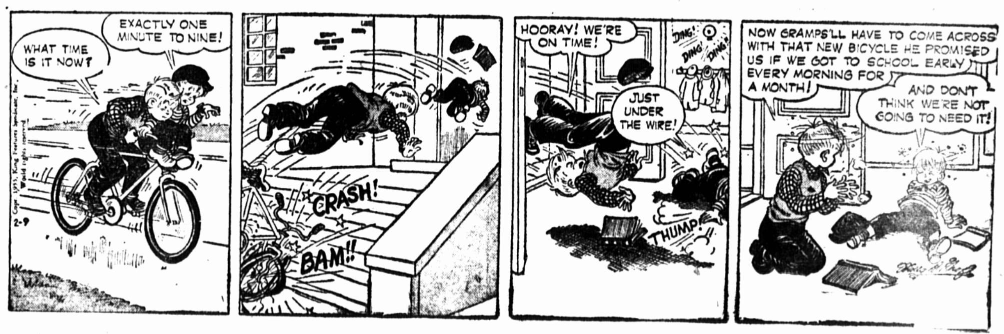

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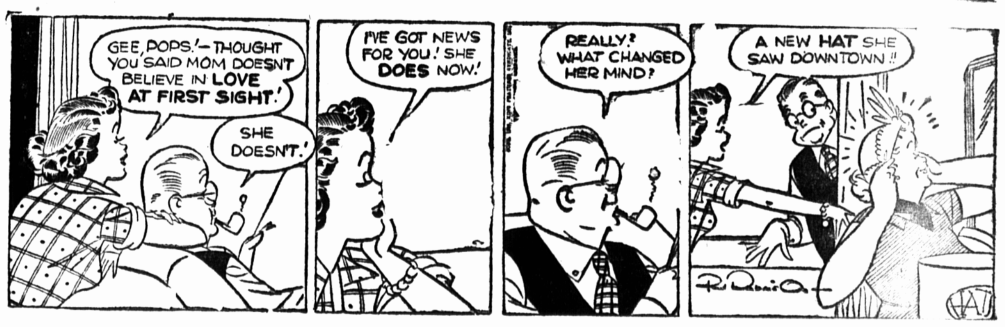

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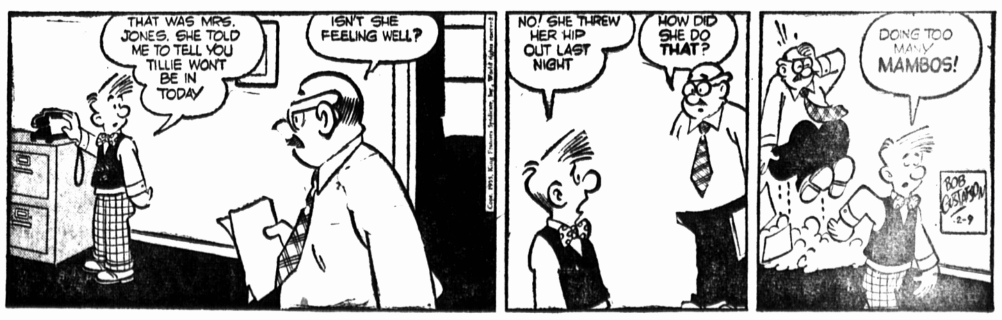
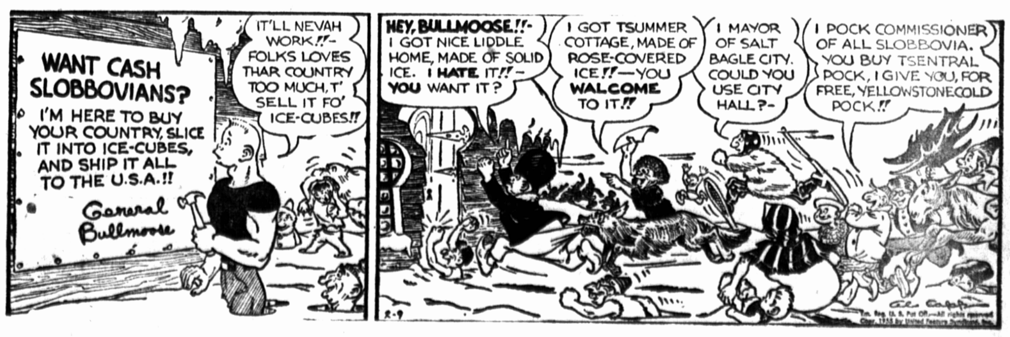


By Fran Striker

By Al Capp



Secret Agent X9 — By Mel Graff

By Ham Fisher