



# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess  
**PETER LEARNS THE TRUTH**

Whatever you want to know about, given time, the truth will out. —Old Mother Nature.

Over in the Green Forest where he had been wandering about when he should have been at home in the dear Old Briar-patch, Peter Rabbit had had a strange experience. He had heard Hooty the Great Horned Owl cooing like a dove. He had seen Hooty doing all sorts of funny things, cutting up funny caps, while all the time Mrs. Hooty was looking on. Peter had wondered if Hooty had swallowed something that made him feel bad. He had wondered if Hooty was sick. Later, when Sammy Jay happened around, Peter told Sammy about it. Sammy chuckled. "So,

you saw Hooty doing his tricks!" exclaimed Sammy. "Not many folks have seen him when he is sick."

Then he was sick," said Peter. "Once more Sammy chuckled. He was love-sick. He was trying to tell Mrs. Hooty how much he loves her."

"Peter looked hard at Sammy Jay. "Are you telling me the truth?" he demanded.

"Of course I'm telling you the truth," replied Sammy.

"But this isn't the time of year to be love-sick!" cried Peter.

"It is for Hooty the Owl," said Sammy. "I wonder where they are nesting this year."

"You mean you wonder where they will be nesting?" corrected Peter.

"I don't mean anything of the sort," retorted Sammy. "It is time for them to be nesting now, and they probably are."

"But there is snow and ice everywhere," protested Peter.

"What of it?" asked Sammy.

"Would you think of nesting with snow and ice everywhere?" demanded Peter.

"No," replied Sammy Jay, "but I'm not an Owl." He chuckled again.

Peter chuckled too. "I'm glad you're not," said he. "I wouldn't be sitting here if you were."

"I always feel glad when I know those Owls are nesting," said Sammy Jay.

Peter pricked up his long ears. "Why are you glad?" he asked.

"Because it is a sure sign that winter will soon be over," replied Sammy.

"Do you know where their nest is?" asked Peter.

"No, but I can guess," said Sammy. "Those Owls are probably using the same nest they used last year. They wouldn't take the trouble to build a new nest. They didn't take the trouble to build one in the first place."

"Then what nest did they use?" cried Peter.

"One that Redtail the Hawk and Mrs. Redtail built. When they came back from the Sunny South last year Hooty and Mrs. Hooty already had it, and they kept it," said Sammy.

"Oh," said Peter. "I remember now. I have heard that they fix up other nests to suit themselves."

South was right in thinking that it would do him no good to discard a diamond on the second round, but after he ruffed he should have looked around for a safety play. One was there in the using South should have led the trump eight from the AK-Q-8. This would leave dummy with one trump, which would fully protect South against another force in spades. Now South could control a diamond or a club return (while dummy controlled a possible third lead of spades) and draw trumps, then run the entire club suit.

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THROAT SORE? MUST RUB ON MINARD'S

## Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

In the Texas Memorial Cave, workers came upon the remains of a huge cat and her kittens, the first skeletons ever found of this type of animal, as big as an African Lion. And nearby were the bones of a baby elephant, perhaps dragged home by the hunting cat to feed her young.

George Watterson, of Philadelphia, while fishing near North Bay, Ontario, early last May saw a strange bird with two sets of wings. He said it was black and flew on lightning wings. What a bird!

Licking postage stamps may not be the choicest occupation — but it is good for you says the National Geographic Society. The gooey stuff on the back of stamps is made from a gum, a hybrid corn and cassava.

If you were to melt a lot of this gum, add a bit of sugar and milk you wouldn't be able to tell the stuff from tapicoca.

Prince Edward Island is nothing if it consists of each of us. It is something only when it consists of all of us.

The peoples of the world would not have to resort to arms if they would use their heads.

It costs 6 per cent more to run an automobile today, than it did in 1951.

The Fiji navy consists of Lieutenant Commander Woods, 20 officers and 200 men. That's the little island's contribution to the South Pacific defence.

Descendants of the goats tamed by Robinson Crusoe, while he was marooned on an island 300 miles off the coast of Chile, are now so numerous they have just about eaten all the island's vegetation.

Without grass to hold down the earth, the island is dropping off into the Pacific ocean and may soon disappear.

The largest number of feminine workers in any one type of job in this country are the girls who pound our words on typewriters.

and there's nothing the real owners of the nests can do about it. Of course if they haven't got to build a nest, they can nest early. Still, it seems too early now. "Not for Hooty and Mrs. Hooty," replied Sammy.

## MEETING

The Spring Park Parent and Teacher meeting, Spring Park Tall, Wednesday, February 16th, at 7:30 p.m.

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- ### STRATHCONA SCHOOL
- The half-yearly report of Strathcona School is as follows:
- Grade X-1. Marjorie Garrett; Grade VII-1. Roger MacKinnon and Stewart Hunter, equal.
  - Grade VI-1. Doris Hunter; 2. Ernest MacLeod; 3. Lloyd MacKay.
  - Grade V-1. Dianne Hunter; 2. Merrill Garrett; 3. Gerald Gillis.
  - Grade IV-1. Charlotte MacLeod and Jean MacKay, equal; 2. Raymond MacLeod.
  - Grade III-1. Gary MacKinnon.
  - Grade II Sr.-1. Claude MacLeod.
  - Grade II Jr.-1. Gloria Hunter; 2. Gail MacKay; 3. Irving Stewart.
  - Grade I Sr.-1. Phyllis MacLeod.
  - Grade I Jr.-1. Basil Hunter.
- Highest average in Senior Grades—Marjorie Garrett 91.2%  
Highest average in Junior Grades—Gloria Hunter 92.5%  
Best attendance—Charlotte MacLeod.
- ### BROOKVALE SCHOOL
- January report of Brookvale School:
- Grade X — 1. Eugene Curley.
  - Grade VIII — 1. Hilda McManus; 2. Muriel Smith; 3. Bernice Curley.
  - Grade VII — 1. Helen Curley; 2. Pauline McManus.
  - Grade VI — 1. Eileen Cusack; 2. Wilfred Cafrager.
  - Grade V — 1. Damien McManus.
  - Grade IV — 1. Damien Curley; 2. Barbara McManus.
  - Grade II (a) — 1. David Cusack; 2. Rose Mary Curley; 3. Jackie Kelly.
  - Grade I (a) — 1. Bernard Curley.
  - Grade I (b) — 1. Inez Curley; 2. Donna Kelly.
- Teacher, Agnes Trainor.

## DAILY CROSSWORD

- ### ACROSS
- 1. Card game (poss.)
  - 6. A gorge
  - 11. A phoebe
  - 12. Morning reception
  - 13. Mexican fruit-bearing tree
  - 14. Arabian chiefs
  - 15. Pig pen
  - 16. Music note
  - 17. Southeast by south (abbr.)
  - 18. Greek letter
  - 19. Merit
  - 22. Expresed juice of apples
  - 24. Biblical name
  - 28. City (Ohio)
  - 29. Turkish city
  - 30. One who dyes fabrics
  - 31. A numb...
  - 32. Illustrious
  - 34. Type measur
  - 36. Fuel
  - 39. Jewish month
  - 40. Fria's title
  - 41. Poker stake
  - 43. With force
  - 45. Gaze
  - 46. Light boat
  - 47. Knight's attendants
  - 48. Pitchers with lid
  - DOWN
  - 1. Involuntary muscular contraction
- ### 23. Anger
- 25. Exclamation
  - 26. Inside
  - 27. Music note
  - 28. Public notice
  - 29. Trouble
  - 31. Subside
  - 33. Fertile spots
  - 37. Pilaster
- ### 38. Male deer
- 40. A temple (poet.)
  - 42. Before
  - 43. One-spot card
  - 44. Crawl of a fowl

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## DAVLY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it.

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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  
D... YWA HWA CNWC NVH JVG  
HWGERLH WC CNL LIZSLH DF  
NVH YLYDGA-RL HWML

Yesterday's Cryptogram: NOTHING WEIGHS SO HEAVILY AS A SECRET—LA FONTAINE.

## Believe It or Not!

WE FLATTERING TOMBS  
SIR JOHN OGLANDER  
(1505-1655)  
IS BURIED IN BRADING CHURCH  
ISLE OF WIGHT  
BENEATH A MARITAL STATUE  
OF A STRANGE KNIGHT  
—SO HIS FRIENDS WOULD  
REMEMBER HIM AS HE WOULD  
HAVE LIKED TO LOOK!

THE OLDEST CHURCH IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE!  
THE CATHEDRAL OF SANTO DOMINGO  
Dominican Republic  
WAS BUILT IN 1511 — ONLY 19 YEARS AFTER  
COLUMBUS DISCOVERED AMERICA—  
AND IS STILL IN USE 444 YEARS LATER

SEE FIVE  
UNDER THE EAVES OF A HOUSE  
YIELDED IN ONE SEASON  
200 POUNDS OF HONEY  
Submitted by GEORGE GARR  
Alexandria, Natick

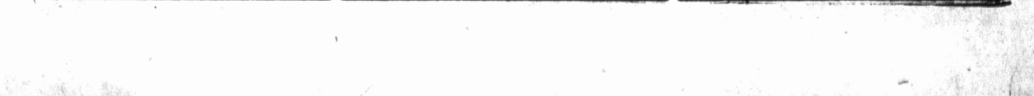
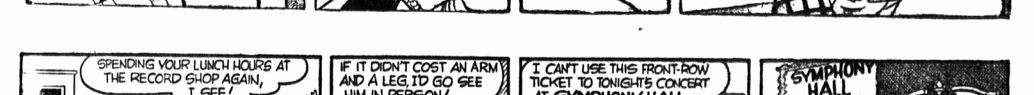
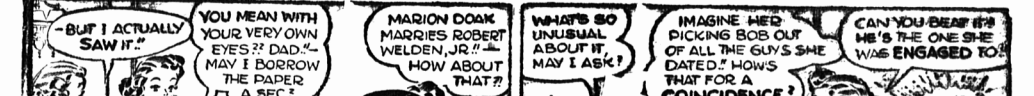
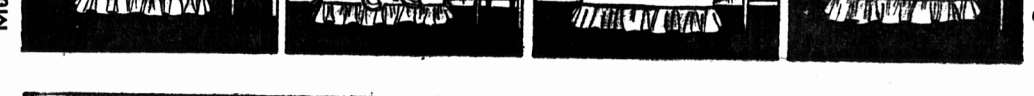
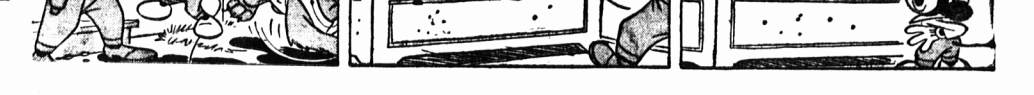
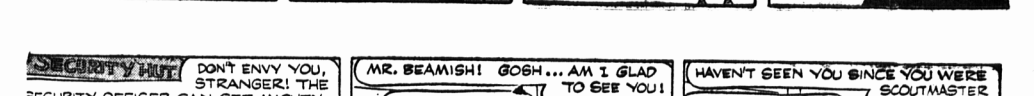
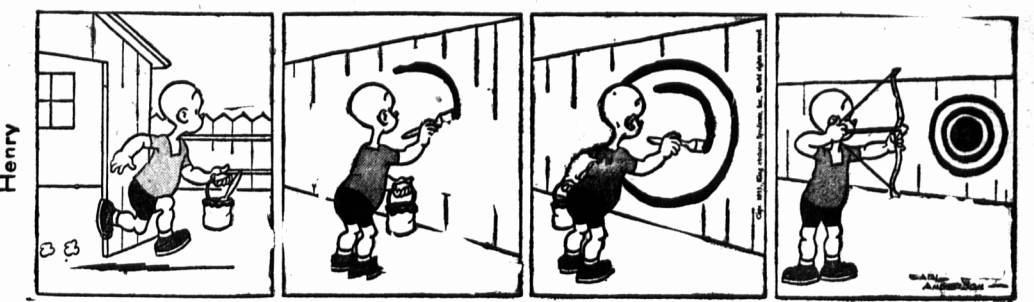
RIGHT, THAT'S WHY  
I DISGUISED  
MYSELF AS A  
MEXICAN—  
AND FLASHED THE MONEY IN  
THE CASE TO GIVE THE IDEA  
THAT I FOUND IT.

AN HOUR LATER  
SERGEANT FOX, CORRIGAN!  
LICENSE PLATE C-17899 WAS  
ISSUED TO A JOHN HOSGER  
FOR A BLACK PANEL TRUCK—  
IT CHECKS, SERGEANT! I'LL  
BE DOWN IN A  
FEW HOURS!

WHY ALSO  
SHOW WHICH  
OF THE  
NUMBERS  
WERE  
CORRECT!

...THIS WAS  
THE ORIGINAL  
NUMBER  
6-17958

SECRET AGENT X-9



By Carl Anderson

By Charles Kuhs

By Walt Disney

By George McManus

By Wally Bishop

By Paul Robinson

By Bob Gustafson

By Al Capp

By Ham Fisher