

BURGESS BEAR STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

A SWEET REMINDER

A tiny drop, if it be heeded, To tell a lot is all that's needed. —Peter Rabbit.

Peter Rabbit had seen Mrs. Hooley, the Great Horned Owl, pick up a dead stick which she had dropped close to where Peter happened to be hiding. She had taken it up into a big tree close by. High up in that tree was a nest that had been built in the spring by Redtail the Hawk and Mrs. Redtail. Mrs. Hooley had taken that stick up to that nest. Peter had been told then that Mrs. Hooley had taken possession of that nest and were getting ready to begin housekeeping, even though everything was still covered with snow.

From that time on Peter kept away from that part of the Green Forest. But he didn't forget what he had seen, and he still thought that those big Owls were crazy to even think of nesting so early in the year. He thought of it often. He told Mrs. Peter about it. "Perhaps it is a sign," said Mrs. Peter. "A sign?" exclaimed Peter. "A sign of what?" "A sign that winter is almost over, and spring will soon be here," said Mrs. Peter.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A FOOLISH FINESSE

The finesse South took at Trick 1 in the following deal was nothing but an expensive luxury.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A 6
♥ K 10 8
♦ 10 8 6
♣ A 5 4 3 2

♠ K 5 2
♥ J 8 7 4 2
♦ 5 2
♣ Q J 10

North West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 3 NT Pass

When North answered the diamond opening with two clubs, South felt that his own hand was too good for a minimum diamond rebid and not good enough for a jump rebid, so he "compromised" by bidding two diamonds. This was an unfortunate decision. If South had simply rebid two diamonds, North would have been the one to mention notrump, and with East making the opening lead, North scarcely could have gone wrong.

South should have done just as well from his side, but West's lone spade opening gave him a fine chance to play South. He seized this opportunity. He played low from dummy—and from that moment on he was in trouble. East took the trick, and, reading the spade situation, shifted to the club queen. Declarer held up dummy's ace, but the defenders persisted, and when the vital diamond finesse lost, South was helpless.

South was very foolish at Trick 1 when he failed to put up the spade ace. The crux of this hand was to establish the diamonds as quickly as possible, and if the diamond finesse lost, it would lose to West. That defender, after winning with the diamond king, could not make a damaging return. North would still have protection in spades. In his Q-10, and would have plenty of tricks for the contract even if he never got a second spade trick.

Even with a five-card club suit in dummy, there was obvious danger to declarer in that direction, and since two spade tricks were not needed for the contract, South certainly should have put up the spade ace to prevent the club queen from winning.

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"Pooh!" said Peter again, and turned his back on Mrs. Peter. It was only a few days later that Peter was over in the Green Forest. It was a bright sunny day. Of course he should have been at home in the dear Old Briar-patch. Peter was sitting under a big tree. The tree was bare, as it had been all winter. Snow still covered the ground, but the air was not as cold as it had been. In fact, for a winter day, it was very comfortable, almost warm. Peter was beginning to be a little tired of winter. He tipped his



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head back to look up at jolly, round, bright Mr. Sun. Spang! Something hit him right on his wobbly little nose.

Peter looked up at the blue, blue, sky, and there wasn't a cloud to be seen. He ran his tongue out. That drop of water was sweet. How could a drop of sweet water fall from the blue, blue, sky. It couldn't. Of course it couldn't. Spang! Another drop hit him. This time he saw where it fell from. High over his head was what looked like a broken twig, and even as he looked a glistening drop fell from this.

When Peter knew what it was, that tree was maple tree, and those glistening drops were not water, but were sap. He guessed that Chatterer the Red Squirrel had been up in that tree, and had bitten off the end of that twig to get some sap. Even as he looked, Tommy Tit the Chickadee came flying out of nowhere, lighted on that twig, hung from it upside down and sipped a drop of that sap.

Peter Rabbit kicked up his heels joyously. When he got home to the dear Old Briar-patch, he told Mrs. Peter about it. "It is a sign!" he cried.

"I thought you don't believe in signs," said Mrs. Peter.

Peter pretended not to hear this. "It's a sign!" he repeated. "When the sap is running up in the trees, spring isn't very far away."

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Mid-term standing for St. Patrick's School, Fredericton.

Grade X — 1. Colleen McAdam; 2. Bertha Doyle.

Grade VIII — 1. Florence McAleer; 2. Earl McKenna.

Grade VII — 1. Stella Gallant; 2. William Doyle; 3. Colin Gallant.

Grade VI — 1. Thelma Gallant; 2. Isabel McMillan; 3. Justin Gallant.

Grade V — 1. Grace Gallant; 2. Leonard Gallant.

Grade IV — 1. Marjorie Gallant; 2. Michael McMillan; 3. Gerard Gallant.

Grade III — 1. Eddy McKenna; 2. Bernard Gallant.

Grade II (a) — 1. James C. Gallant.

Grade II (b) — 1. Floyd Gallant; 2. Noel Gallant.

Grade I (a) — 1. Reggie Gallant; 2. Frances Gallant; 3. Dorothy A. Gallant.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the P. E. I. Plumbers' Association at the Auditorium of the Vocational School Thursday, Feb. 24th.

All persons interested please attend.



MRS. HOGGER, I CAN SEE THAT YOU AREN'T EXACTLY PRACTURED BY THE NEWS OF YOUR HUSBAND'S PASSING!

NO... HE NEVER REALLY TOLD ME HOW HE MADE A LIVING, BUT I HAD AN IDEA THAT HE WAS A FACT-BACK BAGGASER!

I WAS IN SHOW BUSINESS TILL THE CROW'S-FOOT PLAYED FOOTIE WITH MY EYES! SURE, I MARRIED FOR SECURITY, BUT I MADE A GOOD HOME FOR JOHNNY!

TROUBLE WAS, HE DIDN'T SPEND ENOUGH TIME IN THE PREFERRED COMPANY OF SHY, EYED STUMBLERS!

I'M SORRY! BUT I'D LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HIS FRIENDS — CONTACTS — MRS. HOGGER!

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Multiple Sclerosis is a disease of the myelin which surrounds the nerve pathways in the body destroying them in patches and leaving scar tissue. Result: nerve impulses do not pass properly from the brain to the muscles and other organs which they activate. If you were to capture a living sea urchin, and place it in a tub of clear sea-water, you would be amazed to see a number of tiny star-shaped animals poking their heads out of the port holes along the body of the sea urchin. This is strange enough to be branded as a tall tale, but the surprise ending almost bowls one over: all the heads have the same body and are joined together in such a wonderful way that the food which is eaten by any of the mouths nourishes all the others as well as it itself!

Burlesque patrons in the balcony of a Montreal theatre shouted excitedly "take it off" and off it came—the plaster from the ceiling, about a cart load of it.

What's in a name? Maybe there's nothing in a name, but Prof. Duck is the poultry editor of the Rural New Yorker.

Frank Sword is editor of the Toledo Blade.

Richard Westwood edits Nature Magazine, Edward Weeks turns out Atlantic Monthly, Malcolm Orchard edits Southern Agriculturalist and Journal makes films for cigarette lighters.

Gum drops and fish hooks still pass as currency among the Eskimos who live on the islands off the coast of Alaska.

Kill Devil Hill, in North Carolina, where the Wright Brothers made their first flight in 1903, moved 1/10 of a mile because of drifting sand before it was anchored in 1929, according to the National Geographic Society.

Go ahead and have a barrel of fun while you are a gay young blade, but save the barrel. You may need it to cover your nakedness when time has clipped your wings.

A dragonfly's eyes are each furnished with 28,000 polished lenses!

Tails have been called the tools of animals, and so they are in many instances.

They are used for grasping, balancing, swimming, feeling, or even as weapons, and in the case of the opossum, the tail can be curled around the limb of a tree while the animal hangs head down. And baby opossums wrap their little tails around the large tail of their mother when they wish to take a ride on Mamma's back.

Without the stabilizing effect of its long tufted tail, the kangaroo rat could never make such spectacular leaps, for the force exerted by its powerful hind legs when jumping would turn the animal in several somersaults.

The tail of the fish wags back and forth to give the fish propulsion. The fins are balancing flappers.

The tail of the pocket gopher is very sensitive to touch and serves as a feeler. It is used like a blind man's cane.

ST. FELIX SCHOOL

—January report St. Felix School.

Grade X — 1. Wendell Jeffrey.

Grade VIII — 1. Melvina Martin; 2. James Jeffrey; 3. Elva DesRoche.

Grade VII — 1. Ivan DesRoche; 2. Leo Chaisson.

Grade VI — 1. Shirley Winters; 2. Lorraine Martin; 3. Theresa Deuelte.

Grade V — 1. Ilma Martin; 2. Doreen Christopher; 3. Howard DesRoche and Edwin DesRoche, equal.

Grade IV — 1. Frank Martin; 2. Judy DesRoche; 3. Paul Doucette and Shirley Perry, equal.

Grade III — 1. Anne Marie Christopher; 2. Shiela Martin; 3. Andrew Chaisson.

Grade II — 1. Linda Martin; 2. Stephen DesRoche; 3. Shirley DesRoche.

Grade I. A. — 1. Thelma Chaisson; 2. Patricia Doucette; 3. Jimmie Gillis.

Grade I. B. — 1. Rose Marie Handrahan; 2. Roy Perry; 3. Alyre Arsenault.

Teachers—Senior Department — Miss Irene Buote; Primary Department—Mrs. Eleanor DesRoche.

MORELL REAR SCHOOL

Mid-term report of Morell Rear School:

Grade X — 1. Bernadette Kennefic; 2. Joan McDonald.

Grade IX — 1. Carol McCarthy.

Grade VIII — 1. Rachel Kennefic; 2. Owen Connolly.

Grade VII — 1. Johnnie Weir; 2. Genevieve Kennefic; 3. Louis Murphy.

Grade VI — 1. Jerome Connolly; 2. Ja Ann Phelan; 3. Carl Baird; 4. Geraldine Fitzgerald; 5. Betty McInnis; 6. Francis McInnis; 7. Tommy Tierney.

Grade IV — 1. Blair Weir and Lester Jarvis (equal).

Grade III — 1. Vernon Keefe.

Grade II — 1. Anne Wilson; 2. Virginia Phelan and Eugene Kennefic (equal); 3. Sharon Fitzgerald; 4. Bernadette McInnis and Billy McCormac (equal).

Grade I (a) — 1. Helen McGuire.

Grade I (b) — 1. Emmett Keefe, Ivan Keefe.

Grade I (c) — 1. Charles Sharkey; 2. Shirley Keefe; 3. Cleus Phelan; 4. Emmett McInnis.

Highest average in the Senior Grades: Jerome Connolly, 92.3 per cent.

Highest average in the Junior Grades: Anne Wilson, 92 per cent.

LOWER FREETOWN SCHOOL

—Half yearly report, January, of Lower Freetown School.

Grade X — 1. Carmen Paynter; 2. Thayne Bernard; 3. Douglas Profit.

Grade IX — 1. Marlene Paynter; 2. Sheila Simmons; 3. A. F. L. e. Reeves; 4. Marion Hammill (equal).

Grade VIII — 1. Faye Reeves; 2. Wendall Bernard.

Grade VII — 1. Donald Burns; 2. Wilton Gardiner; 3. Colbourne Clow.

Grade VI — 1. Nancy Simmons; 2. Lorna Reeves; 3. Arlene Gardiner.

Grade V — 1. Bernadette Hammill.

Grade IV — 1. Mildred Bernard; 2. Carol Reeves; 3. Doreen Hammill.

Grade III — 1. Carla Gardiner; 2. Dianne Hammill; 3. Denton Clow.

Grade II — 1. Shirley Burns; 2. Karolyn Burns.

Grade I — (Alphabetical) Alan Burns, Marion Cairns, Corinne Hammill.

Highest average in the Senior Grades: Marlene Paynter, 83.3 per cent.

Highest average in the Intermediate Grades: Mildred Bernard, 85.6.

PILOTS LEARN JUDO

OTTAWA (CP)—Pilots with the RCAF in France are squeezing judo into their daily program. The air force said Thursday pilots of Squadron, part of No. 2 Fighter Wing at Grootenquere, France, discovered a judo expert in Georges Lukomski, their bar steward. Those not slated for flying duties take judo training right in the pilots' room.

PIMPLES

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1. Wash with soap and hot water.
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DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Arrived
5. Jargon
9. Night
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14. Belge
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32. Underworld god
33. Little child from negatives
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38. Volcano on Martinique
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DOWN

1. Interest
2. Adjudged
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28. Sloths
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

—Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAXR 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

LJ UR VWRVPRK YJW BPW MF
JTR JY LOR DJFL RYRSLIPH
DRPTF JY VWRFRWNMTE VRPSR—
BPFOMELJTT.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: O WHAT A FACE, AND OF WHAT A PICTURE WOULD IT BE A WORTHY SUBJECT! — JUVENAL.

DARNLEY SCHOOL

—January report of Darnley School:

Grade X — 1. Paul Hickey.

Grade IX — 1. Darroll Dickson, 2. Sheila MacKay; 3. Marjorie Mountain.

Grade VIII — 1. Dale Pickering; 2. Dorothy Connick; 3. Bertha Adams.

Grade VII — 1. Doris Connick; 2. Donnie Whitlock; 3. Robert Cousins.

Grade VI — 1. Mildred Thompson; 2. Margaret Pickering; 3. Marion Pickering.

Highest average, Mildred Thompson, 93 per cent.

Teacher: Olive G. Green.

Primary Department:

Grade V — 1. Mary Campbell; 2. George Mountain; 3. Wendall Mountain.

Grade IV — 1. Boyd Crozier; 2. Phyllis Crozier; 3. Faye Bearston.

Grade III — 1. Wayne Crozier; 2. Marjorie Campbell; 3. Kathleen MacKay.

Grade II — 1. Earith Adams; 2. Anne Campbell; 3. Gordon Crozier.

Grade I (a) — 1. Paul Harding; 2. James Bearston; 3. Garth Wall.

Grade I (b) — 1. Noreen Campbell; 2. Carol Hickey; 3. Eddy Campbell.

Grade I (c) — 1. Dorothy Mountain; 2. Edith Hickey.

Perfect attendance for January — Donnie MacKay, William MacKay.

Highest average, Earith Adams with an average of 92.4 per cent.

Teacher, Helen Stevenson.

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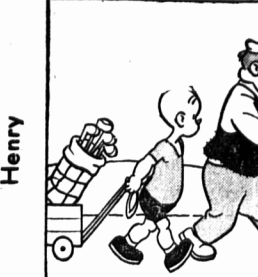
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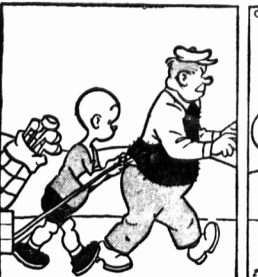
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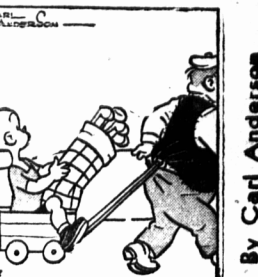
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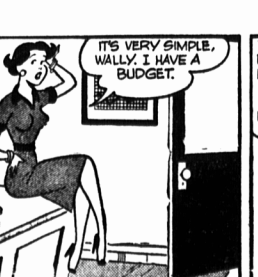
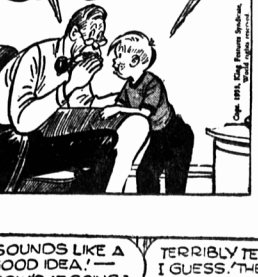
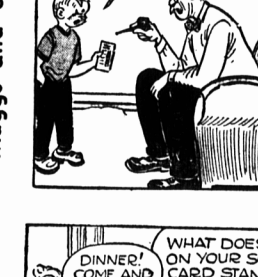
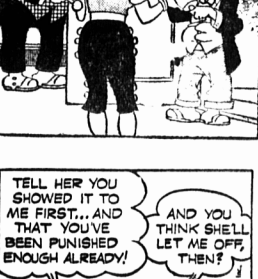
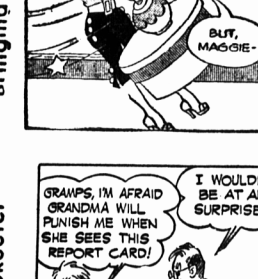
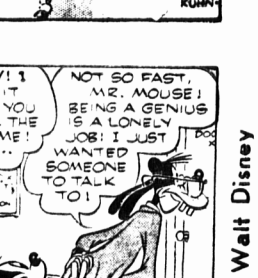
CLARA, WOULD YOU MIND KEEPING MY PANTRY DOOR KEY TILL TOMORROW?



ALL O' MY SHELVES ARE FULL O' GOOD THINGS FOR MY PARTY TOMORROW!



AN' IF I SHOULD GET A BIT HUNGRY IN TH' NIGHT...



By Carl Anderson
By Charles Kuhns
By Walt Disney
By George McManus
By Wally Bishop
By Paul Robinson
By Bob Gustafson
By Al Cepp
By Mel Graff
By Ham Fisher