

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

### WHERE WAS JOHNNY CHUCK?

What seems an easy thing to do, may be impossible for you.  
—Old Mother Nature.

Ever since he was a very small fox and ventured out into the Green Meadows for the first time, Young Reddy had known of Johnny Chuck. Johnny's home was on the Green Meadows, and Young Reddy had seen him almost every day sitting on his doorstep. He knew that both his father and mother, Reddy Fox, and Mrs. Reddy, had tried more than once to catch Johnny Chuck. Johnny had been too smart for them. More than once he had himself been over to Johnny Chuck's house, and he felt that he knew all about it. Of course he didn't, because he had never been down inside it.

Now it was fall, and Young Reddy was no longer living with his father and mother, his brothers and sisters. He was out in the Great World to make a place for himself. Being smart, a true son of Reddy Fox, he had so far gotten along nicely. During warm weather when Grasshoppers were plentiful, and there were many new families of Meadow Mice and certain fresh fruits of which he was fond, there had been no trouble in getting plenty to eat. Now it was late fall, and matters were very different. He had to hunt longer and harder to get enough food.

It happened very early one morning, just after daylight, that he saw Peter Rabbit over near Johnny Chuck's house. He had tried many times in vain to catch Peter, but that didn't discourage him. He had already learned that the failure of today may be the success of tomorrow. So he tried once more to steal up on Peter. Before he got near enough to even give chase Peter saw him. Away he went for the dear Old Briar-patch, lipperty, lipperty, lip.

"This is queer," thought the young fox.

The young fox grinned. He was disappointed, but not too much so. He always did like to see Peter's white tail bob up and down as he ran. So he grinned. He already had found out that a grin is the best way to meet a disappointment.

As he turned to go back to the Old Pasture he noticed Johnny Chuck's house close at hand. It reminded him that he hadn't seen Johnny Chuck lately. In fact, he hadn't seen Johnny for some time. He walked over to Johnny's doorstep. Peter Rabbit's footprints were in the sand on that doorstep but there were none of Johnny Chuck's footprints.

"This is queer," thought the young fox. "Where can Johnny Chuck be? I wonder if someone had caught him. This doorstep doesn't look as if he has been around for some time." He poked his inquisitive nose in the doorway and sniffed, but he could not smell Johnny Chuck.

From then on every day he looked for Johnny. One day he had once did get a glimpse of him. He was more and more sure that someone must have caught Johnny and carried him off. But he had not seen anyone in the neighborhood who could have done such a thing unless it was Reddy Fox himself. The next time he met

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Reddy he asked him. "No," said he. "I haven't caught him, and I don't believe anybody else has. That fellow has been too smart to be caught."  
"If he hasn't been caught, where is he?" said the young fox.  
"Probably he's asleep," replied Reddy carelessly, as he turned and trotted away.

### EVEN CLIMATE

Johannesburg in South Africa has an annual temperature range between 40 and 77 degrees.

### DAILY CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**  
1. Fernian coin  
5. Branch of learning  
9. Compassionate  
10. Cheeps, as a chicken  
12. Hautboys  
13. Conscious  
14. Compete for office  
15. Part of "to be"  
17. Cutting tool  
18. Sloth  
19. Scent bags  
22. Vehicle with runners  
23. Gaselle (Zulu)  
24. Minute groove  
25. Suetown  
26. Penne  
28. Rage  
29. Pathway  
30. Wine receptacle  
41. Excitement  
42. Distant  
43. Groves white  
44. On size  
45. Ship-like  
46. Group  
48. Seat  
49. Root of the tree  
50. Short again  
51. Males  
52. Onset card

**DOWN**  
4. Cell destruction (Biochem.)  
5. The wallaba (Braz.)  
6. Variant of "row," a score  
7. Annoy  
8. Fish  
9. Bog  
10. Stitches  
11. Droop in the middle  
12. Gear  
13. Tooth  
21. Filament from the skin  
23. Erbium (sym.)  
24. Prescribed regimen  
27. Malt beverage  
29. Norse god  
30. Spanish grass  
31. Gases fixedly  
32. Back  
33. Bark cloth  
36. Astonish  
37. Rock debris at foot of a cliff  
38. Form  
42. Discover  
44. Sea eagle  
45. Diocesan center  
47. Crater

**Saturday's Answer**  
10-31

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

**AXYBLEAAXE 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 Question

SVPNA XVA MLVJENR, CMATKV  
XVA JVDTOVVS—JPLMVDVJVJ.

Saturday's Cryptogram: PARTY HONESTY IS PARTY EXPEDIENCY—CLEVELAND.

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**FEARLESS FOSDICK**  
BY ALICAPP  
YOU SENT MY SWEET OLD GRANDMOTHER TO PRISON, FOSDICK!!  
TRUE, MAM!!  
BUT I CAN'T DECIDE WHETHER TO SHOOT THEM—OR SHOVE—OR SHOVE THEN SHOOT!!  
NO MATTER WHICH—I LOOK MY BEST!

**THE LONE RANGER**  
THAT BEARD IS FROM THAT BROTHER HE'S NOT THE DOG!  
THEY WHO CY HE BE, FLINT?  
I DON'T KNOW, UNTIL HE!  
WHEN THAT GENT COMES TO WE'LL FIND OUT WHO HE IS!

**L'W Abner**  
HOLD IT BASTY BROTHER!!  
THE BASEBALL SEASON IS OVER. YOU GOTTA GIT READY FOR TRACK!!  
BUT, AH IS ONLY 18 YRS OLD! AH DON'T WANTA GIT MARRIED!  
NAME YOUR DAY!  
NATCHERLY, NO BOY IN DOGRATCH EVER DOES! THASS WHY SASSIE HAVEN'D DAY BIN INVENTED!  
TH-THEY IS ALL PRACTIC' HOW T' KETCH ME?—OH SASSIE ME, BIG BROTHER!!

### STRANGE BUT TRUE

## Pioneer Days In P.E.I.

By F. H. MacArthur.

Five score and thirty-two years ago New Glasgow was founded by W. E. Cormack. Most of the settlers arriving in the district, came from the land of the heather, or to be more exact, from the vicinity of Glasgow, Scotland. Therefore, it was only natural that the new settlement be given a Scottish name.

Like other pioneers, the settlers possessed little of this world's goods. What they lacked in material things was offset by faith in the Island and their determination to make new homes for themselves.

The first winter was passed under very trying circumstances, and a number of their livestock died of hunger. To make matters worse, an epidemic of mumps and scarlet fever kept many indoors, leaving those who were well, saddled with a lot of extra care and work.

When their supply of salt ran out, one of the young men Henry Scott, travelled through the track-

less forest for a distance of ten miles, where he borrowed 40 pounds, returning the same day with the precious salt tied up in a sack and borne on his shoulders.

By the time March was ushered in, food stocks were getting scarce. Something would have to be done. To meet this new emergency, Henry again offered himself as a willing candidate — if only they could raise a little money. "I'll go to Charlottetown," he said, after a bit of silver had been gathered up. "I'll spend the night at Uncle Ben's and pick up some seeds, sugar and tea, and return the following day."

"Better take your gun and an axe," advised his father. "Here they are, son, now good-bye and lots of luck."

Henry left New Glasgow at approximately 8 a.m. A light snow was falling but the day was quite mild for the time of year. However, the whole setting changed by around the north and a biting breeze, accompanied by drift snow, swept through the woods and descended upon the traveler in great angry waves of whiteness.

The young man was too wise to be caught in such a trap, so he decided to camp where he was. "Lucky I brought the gun and the axe," he muttered half aloud. "There's no telling when some new obstacle will pop up." Then he fell to cutting branches to build a shelter.

Henry knew he would be safe enough in the forest if he kept his head. The persons who got lost and later perished from the cold were always the ones who took a long chance with the weather.

The 1,422-mile Alaska highway, built as a war measure in 1942, cost an estimated \$140,000,000.

The Yukon Territory had more than 46,000 tourist visitors in 1954.

### CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

### BAD KEY BID

South made an astonishingly bad bid in the following hand—but he also made a lucky guess in the play.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

AKQ85  
K78  
J842  
6

762  
A109  
43  
J92

N  
W  
S  
E

104  
QJ82  
K95  
AQ107  
3

95  
6  
AQ763  
AK854

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♣(!)	Pass	6♣	Pass

There might have been some excuse for North-South's reaching the diamond slam via other bidding sequences, but there was no excuse for the key bid in this auction, namely South's jump raise in spades. That was an incomprehensible action, no matter how much "respect" South wanted

to pay to his partner's jump-rebid. Certainly, all South could afford was to "go along" by raising three spades to four.

By the same token, North also might have shown a little more self-restraint (although that five-spade bid by South was highly provocative). North had already bid his own hand up to the hill, so he might well have passed to five spades.

West, on lead against the actual six-diamond contract, laid down the heart ace and continued the suit. Tye king was put up, and, after much pondering declarer decided to lead the diamond jack through East. The latter covered (correctly of course) and the ace won.

West, however, created a new problem for South. Was the ten a false-card or was it really a singleton? Perhaps South knew that his left-hand opponent was the "honest-type"; at any rate, he re-entered dummy with a spade, led the diamond eight and, when East played low, finessed again, this time against the nine. When that second finesse succeeded the contract was home, because South could now draw the diamond nine with the queen and establish dummy's spade suit by ruffing one round.

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