

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

## THE HAPPY SURPRISE

Habit very often fools Most completely those it rules— Old Mother Nature.

Over in the Green Forest a young Grouse who had been shot in one wing so that he could not fly, had learned to take care of himself very well. While his brothers and sisters took to their stout wings at the least alarm, he had to trust to his legs and his ability to hide. He became very clever at hiding. For a long time he was over in a lonesome part of the Green Forest where there was less danger. There he learned to use his eyes and his wits. So after awhile he came back to the places he had known before he was hurt, the places that father and mother and brothers and sisters knew best.

In a way he was helped by the wings of the others. Does that sound odd? It was this way: In times of sudden danger the others took to the air. Doing so they took all the attention of the hunters. No one suspected that there might be one left on the ground. So it was that it was easier for the young Grouse to hide and remain hidden until all danger was past. He had become so used to being unable to fly that he had almost forgotten what wings were for. Running and hiding had become habit, so much that he didn't even think of flying. Then one day when he happened to see himself he was surprised to find that he was still a good hunter, not as good as Reddy Fox. This time he had discovered the young Grouse had become a bit careless. Anyway, Young Reddy crept up almost as near as he could to the young Grouse. He was just a bit careless. A little stick under one foot snapped. The

young Grouse heard it. He saw the young Fox just ready to spring. Without thinking he did what a Grouse always does under such circumstances. He forgot that he couldn't fly. With a roar of wings he shot up into the air, the most surprised young Grouse in all the Green Forest. That wing was healed; new feathers had grown. I was perhaps no quite as strong as the other wing, but it soon would be.

All the time he had been living over in that lonesome part of the Forest and keeping as quiet as possible. Old Mother Nature's it was Old Mother Nature's had been healing that wing, way. Most of the Green Forest and the Green Meadow people know it. So it is that when they are hurt, they seek some very quiet place and there they keep still. Often they do not even go looking for food until they actually have to. And Mother Nature quietly heals the injured part.

It had been just so with the hurt young Grouse. He had been so without the use of that wing that he had almost forgotten how to use it. Now he was the most happily surprised person in all the Green Forest. He whirred away in search of his brothers and sisters. When he joined them, they were as much surprised to see him as he had been when he had jumped into the air.

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Two normal-sized hearts were found side by side in a chicken dressed by Mrs. Walter Wysoczek, of Grand Rapids, Michigan. People often keep cows as a sign of prosperity in Southeast Pakistan, although they make no use of their meat, milk or hides. The kiwi bird of New Zealand had a unique way of drumming up his meals. He vibrates his feet in a sort of pattering dance. Worms, underground, think they're hearing the sound of rain, so they come up to the surface and go down the kiwi's throat.

Fourflusher: This word refers to persons who try to bluff others into thinking they have more than they actually have. The slang term came from poker when a player bluffs at having a five card flush, when he actually has four cards to the suit.

Now they're catching fish with an electrically baited net equipped with a radio beam!

A Japanese electronics professor, invented the net that has professional fishermen excited and amateur anglers worried. It's based on the theory that fish will follow an underwater radio beam to its source.

Experts believe that a girl from birth to 18 needs good parents, from 18 to 35, good looks; from 35 to 55, good personality; and from 55 on, plenty of cash.

After delivering a funeral sermon entitled, "The Unexpectedness of death," in Toledo, Ohio, The Rev. John T. Mitchell, 73, died from a heart attack.

"If you find any diamonds, be sure to phone me," said Mrs. George King of Montreal jokingly as an upstater took out her old sofa for repairs.

A short time later, the upholsterer-phononed. He had found a diamond ring which she remembered losing twelve years ago. It was her engagement ring.

**TIPED FEET** with MINARD'S LINIMENT

# CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

## THE CRUCIAL HAND

The following hand was the crucial one in a team-of-four contest. West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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

West Pass North Pass East Pass South Pass

This was the bidding at both tables:

West	North	East	South
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♦
4♣	4♣	(final bid)	

Both Wests elected to lead the Jack of diamonds. At Table 1, the declarer drew trumps, cashed his other diamond tricks, and then led the club toward the king. As he explained later, it had not appeared likely that West would have started with a shutout bid, holding an outside ace in his hand, but South said he could not see any other chance for the contract. Need less to say, he was disappointed when East smothered the club king and the contract became hopeless.

The declarer at the other table was equally skeptical about West's holding the club ace, but he did something about it. After drawing trumps he cashed the diamonds, discarding a club from dummy, and then casually led the

## BIRDS RETALIATE

SANDBACH, Cheshire, England (CP) — For two years a crow stole balls from a golf course here. Finally an irate club member, Bert Fear, shot it. Now another bird has taken over the job. And the first ball stolen — Bert Fear's.

It was not remarkable that West fell into the trap. Playing the heart king seemed the most natural thing in the world, so he did just that — only to see East overtake with the king and then search for a safe exit. There was none, of course. A club lead would set up the king, and a diamond lead would let South discard a loser while ruffing in dummy.

This declarer's play was not hazardous. West had bid three hearts, yet had not opened the suit. What was more likely, then, that his suit was headed by ace-queen, and that since he must have great heart length, East held the blank king? If West failed to jump in with the ace, East would be end-played.

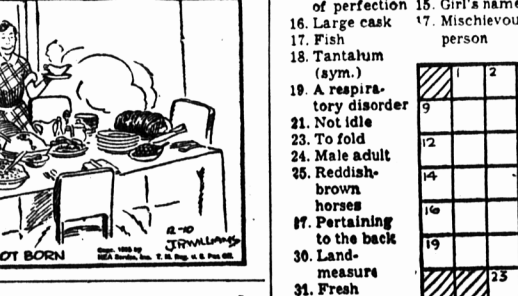
Observe that leading a heart from dummy would have revealed the situation to West and permitted him to overtake East's king with the ace.

## Keep plenty of Wrigley's Spearmint on hand for the Holidays

You'll hear lots of "Thank You's" when you pass this pure, tasty treat around to friends — serve it after party meals — give it to the children. Everybody appreciates delicious Wrigley's Spearmint Gum — and it costs so little. Get a supply today.

## Out Our Way

By J R Williams



## Our Boarding House Major Hoople

HELLO, MORRISSEY! GOT ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DONE? HOPE YOU DON'T SPEND A LOT ON ME!

AH, THERE, OLD CHAP! TWIGGS AND I JUST HAD A MOST SUCCESSFUL SALES TRIP! WE'RE IN PARTNERSHIP NOW, YOU KNOW, SELLING THREE-PLY WELCOME MATS — VERY POPULAR NUMBER — THE LETTERING IS COPIED FROM THE ITALIC TYPE ON AN ANCIENT ROMAN BATH, DESIGNED BY DA VINCI!

HI, BOSS! GLAD YOU'RE BACK!

HM! THEY'RE FOXING ME! I CAN'T READ THEIR MINDS BECAUSE OF THAT GAS THE MAJOR IS BLOWING!

NICE BREEZE, MAJOR!

## TELEVISION

CKCW — Moncton

Television Programme Channel 2

SATURDAY.

- 2:00 p.m. — F. M. Pops
- 3:00 p.m. — Hopalong Cassidy
- 4:00 p.m. — Junior Playhouse
- 4:30 p.m. — Marven's Matinee
- 5:00 p.m. — Wild Bill Hickock
- 5:30 p.m. — Disneyland
- 6:30 p.m. — CKCW-TV News
- 6:40 p.m. — Weather
- 6:45 p.m. — Sports
- 6:50 p.m. — CBC News
- 7:00 p.m. — Navy Log
- 7:30 p.m. — Holiday Ranch
- 8:00 p.m. — Stage Show
- 8:30 p.m. — The Honeyymooners
- 9:00 p.m. — On Camera
- 9:30 p.m. — Life of Riley
- 10:00 p.m. — Mr. Fixit
- 10:15 p.m. — Killer Shark
- 11:00 p.m. — CKCW-TV News
- 11:10 p.m. — Weather
- 11:15 p.m. — Billy O'Connor Show
- 11:35 p.m. — Charlie Chan's Secret
- 12:35 p.m. — Sign Off.

## Tired Feet

with MINARD'S LINIMENT

## DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1. A stage in insect development.
  5. Places.
  9. Moderately feeble-minded person.
  10. Home base (baseball).
  12. A gaseous element.
  13. Hillside.
  14. Christmas song.
  15. Standards of perfection.
  16. Large cask.
  17. Fish.
  18. Tantalum (sym.).
  19. A respiratory disorder.
  21. Not idle.
  23. To fold.
  24. Male adult.
  25. Reddish-brown horses.
  27. Pertaining to the back.
  30. Land-measure.
  31. Fresh.
  32. Falsehood.
  33. European willow.
  36. Coin (It.).
  37. A game (Tunisia).
  38. Capital.
  39. Valuable fur.
  40. A fireplace (Scot.).
  41. Narrated.
  42. Not difficult.

DOWN

1. Permeable by liquids.
2. Imperatively.
3. To swim.
4. Girl's name.
5. Garden tool.
6. German river.
7. The book palm.
8. Walking pole.
9. A mule blanket.
11. Literary composition.
15. Girl's name.
17. Mischivous person.
20. Owns.
21. The legal profession.
22. Releases from slings.
24. Cut. as grass.
25. Inner bark of the linden (pl.).
26. Famous Biblical mount.
27. Morning moisture.
28. Breezily.
29. To rent under contract.
31. Famed wolf.
34. Timber wolf.
35. To soothe.
26. A large American moth.
38. Cravat.

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

AXYDLBAAXR  
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.

FTOTWN. KING. BOB ATAWIEN  
ANBYZD. NTEUY XFDNDTO KNDR-  
DYR QDO FBSD TJRDYR XNDEUDP  
—QZIRTO.

Yesterday's Cryptquote: MANY A GREEN ISLE NEEDS MUST BE IN THE DEEP WIDE SEA OF MISERY—SHELLEY.

OH, FASTER, FELLOWS! WE'VE GOT TO FIND THAT TREASURE CHEST AND GET SANTAS MONEY BACK!

RIGHT (PUFF) (PUFF)

LOOK! WE'VE FOUND IT!

HURRAY!

HA-HA! THESE PRATES ARE IN FOR A SURPRISE WHEN THEY FIND THEIR TREASURE!

BUT ARE THEY—?

WHAT SAY, BLOW-UP-DOWN! LET'S GIVE THOSE LANDLUBBERS A SURPRISE PARTY OF THEIR OWN!

HOT ZIGGY! SUCH BEAUTIFUL SNOW!

I'LL GIVE YOU MY SPECIAL, SUPER-DOOPER JOB O' CLEARIN' YOUR WALKS FOR ONLY ONE DOLLAR!

OH, BOY! ABOUT THREE MORE JOBS O' SNOW SHOVELIN'! THAT BEAUTY IS MINE!!

OKAY, ANNIE... IF YOU INSIST I'LL GET IT FOR YOU!

MIND IF I BORROW YOUR CATCHER'S STUFF FOR A WHILE?

HOW COME, UNCA MICKEY? THE SEASON'S BEEN OVER FOR A LONG TIME!

ERRING THAT'LL BE FRANKIE FOR A DATE!

ID UTTERLY ADORE IT! I'D HOLD THE PHONE A SEC, I'LL CHECK!

SEE?—NOT FOR TWO WHOLE WEEKS!

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE DATED UP THAT FAR IN ADVANCE!

OH, DAD—BUT REALLY? THAT'S THE FIRST NIGHT THERE'S A FULL MOON!

JEWELER

LEARN TO TELL TIME BY OUR EXCLUSIVE METHOD ENTIRE COURSE 2 1/2

TO THE HUMAN CLOCK

BY JING, ME GOON IF I TANT ONE THING IT'S TONER—THIS HERE CHAIR OF MINE BEEN BROKE A SPEW!

WELL, YOU CAN'T EXPECT A MAN KIN FIX IT IF HE'S GETTIN' IN IT—S'IDES NOW'S YOU KNOW IT BEEN BROKE!

WHEN I AN' L'N' RACKETY PLAYS DAN'S BOONIE I'LL FIX A FOOT, MISTER GOON.

THAT'S THE LIMIT, AN' ANOTHER LIMIT IS RACKETY WHIN YELL'S HOBBOGGER.

HE AN'Y NEITHER—HE'S REAS'GIN' THER THESE CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

HM—IN THAT CASE I WON'T BEN 'EM FROM HOME 'TIL AFTER CHRISTMAS—THE BOY GOT A MIGHTY BIRD'S NEST 'EM 'EM TAKES AFTER UNCLE STEAMBOAT.

YOU CAN'T BEN 'EM LEGON YOU TAKES US ALL—AN' 'SPECIALLY NOT IN THEM PANTS.

HELLO, MR. MAGNINI! HOW ARE YOU TODAY?

...TIIRED! STOPPED BY THE SCHOOL ON THE WAY...

...GAVE THE KIDS A FEW POINTERS ON... TUGGLE-FOOTBALL... WHAT'LL I'M BUSHED!

I DON'T WONDER! ...WHAT'LL I'M BUSHED!

HAIRCUT!

IN THAT CASE, YOU'LL HAVS TO GET UP A BIF.

IN THAT CASE, MAKE IT A SHAVE!

OH, OH! MY PHONES RINGIN'! HERE, MAC! PUT THESE ON TULLIE'S DECK!

NEVER MIND I'LL DO IT MYSELF!

YES, MAX... I UNDERSTAND... TWO MEN...

...THEY TOOK YOU TO THE SHACK ON THE BEACH... GO ON...

THANK GOODNESS HE UNDERSTANDS... OH, SERGEANT.

DADDY, MOTHER'S COUSIN DANNY JUST CALLED HER UP AND SAID HE'S COMING OVER. SHE'S EXPECTING HIM ANY MINUTE!

IF HE'S COMIN' I'M GON!

I HAVE NOTHIN' ELSE TO DO—SO I MIGHT AS WELL KILL A LITTLE TIME AROUND THE RAILROAD STATION.

WHAT'S GOIN ON HERE?—IT LOOKS LIKE THE POLICE FORCE IS ALSO EXPECTIN' ONE OF MAGGIE'S RELATIVES!

Grandma

Mickey Mouse

Erta Kent

Henry

POGO

Muggs and Streeter

Tilly The Toiler

Joe Palooka

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus

By Charles Kuhn

By Walt Disney

By Paul Robinson

By Carl Anderson

By Walt Kelly

By Wally Bishop

By Bob Gustafson

By Ham Fisher

By George McManus