

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

A MOTHER'S EARS

You will find a mother's ears
Always sharpen eyes and ears.
—Old Mother Nature.

What Old Mother Nature has said is true. There is nothing like fear to sharpen a mother's eyes and ears. Mothers are always looking for trouble and listening for trouble. It is so much a habit with them that when they neither see nor hear their children in trouble they are more worried than ever. Mothers are funny that way.

Mother Bear was out looking for something to eat. She didn't much care what it was as long as she could eat it. She even ate a mouthful or two of grass. She dug up some roots and ate those. She tried to tear open an old stump to get at some ants. Ants are very good eating if you like them. That is what Bears think, anyway. She tried to dig out a mouse from beneath some roots, but the mouse was too quick for her. A mouse wouldn't have been a mouthful, but it would have been a bite. When you are as hungry as Mother Bear was, a bite helps. But she didn't get the bite and went on looking for anything that would fill her stomach and let her get back to her cubs. A stomach is a great nuisance sometimes, but it seems to be a very necessary nuisance. The truth is, stomachs rule the world. Full stomachs, unless they are too full, mean peace, contentment and happiness. There are too many empty stomachs in the world.

All the time Mother Bear was wandering farther and farther from where she had left her two cubs. She had sent the little black imp up in a pine tree and told them to stay there until she returned. She told them that if they came down out of that tree she would spank them, and they knew she would. So they had scrambled up in the tree and Mother Bear went off to look for the food she so much needed. All the time she was looking she was listening, too. Even the need of an empty stomach couldn't put those mischievous imps out of her mind. So while her eyes looked for food, her ears listened for any unusual sounds back by that big pine tree.

Perhaps because she was listening she didn't use her eyes as well as usual. Anyway, she had found no more than half a breakfast when those listening ears caught a sound that caused her to throw up her head and listen more intently. She sat up the better to listen. A Merry Little Breeze, one of Old Mother West Wind's children, came hurrying from the direction of the big pine tree where she had left those precious cubs. Straight to those listening ears that Merry Little Breeze brought a sound that caused the hair on the back of Mother Bear's neck to begin to rise. Her lips drew back in just the faintest of snarls. "Baw, baw, baw, baw!" came the faintest of sounds.

Mother Bear growled. It was an ugly growl. Then she plunged in the direction of that sound. It had become a wail now. In fact it had become two wails, and there was fright in them. Something was happening to her babies!

Now Mother Bear is big and she looks clumsy. She doesn't look as if she can move fast. But if you think she can't, that is your mistake. Be sure not to make it when she is around. The way in which she tore through the Green Forest was something to see. Twice she stopped to listen. The sound of those bawling babies was louder now. She knew that those cubs had not been hurt. They were not bawling from pain, but were bawling from fright. Each time after listening for a moment Mother Bear snorted and then bounded ahead. She crashed through brush and jumped over fallen trees and logs that were in her way. Her eyes were red with rage.

Thunderer the Grouse and Mrs. Grouse took to the air with a



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roar of their stout wings. They flew up almost in her very face. She paid no attention to them. It is doubtful if she even saw or heard them.

Jumper the Hare bounded out from a little pile of brush and the way those long heels of his took him over the ground was something to see. She didn't even look at him. She bumped into an old stump of a small tree, and knocked it over. She didn't even feel the bump.

The sound of those two small voices stopped. She stopped, the better to listen. She heard nothing. What did that mean? Had something already happened, something dreadful, to still those small voices? She plunged ahead. Fear, not for herself but for those precious cubs, was giving her more speed than ever. She was running almost blindly, too anxious to watch her step.

Up in the very top of the tall pine tree clung two little black imps, now too frightened to cry. A little way below them was Buster Bear. He was their father, but he didn't know it. They didn't know it either. But it would have made no difference had all of them known it. Buster was trying to shake them out of that tree.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

MORE IMAGINATION REQUIRED

North's bidding could have been more imaginative in the following deal:

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

♠ A 6
♥ 8 4 2
♦ Q 9 7
♣ 5

♠ K J 10 9 7 5 2
♥ A
♦ A 8 3
♣ K 6

The bidding:

North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

The ace of trumps was of course the only trick South had to lose, and so a virtually iron-clad vulnerable slam was missed. Instead of collecting the bonus, North and South had only the pleasure of debating whether the slam could have been bid by any logical method, or whether it was "just one of those things." Their conclusions were not clear.

Actually, the slam could be reached, reasonably and logically, but only if North gave the proper weight to his queen of spades, singleton though it was.

Beyond doubt, North felt that the fact he held a singleton of partner's suit "let him out" so far as any spade raise was con-

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cerned, but wasn't this a hasty conclusion? An expert North, partnered with another expert, would reason somewhat differently!

When he heard South's jump response, this expert North would know that one of two conditions existed: either South had a strong hand with a heart fit, or he had a strong hand with an excellent spade suit. The former hypothesis would be knocked out when, over North's rebid of hearts, South still refused to support that suit, and now only the second hypothesis would remain.

The next link in this chain of reasoning would be forged when, over North's four-club call, South did not (a) support hearts; (b) support clubs; (c) investigate North's high cards by bidding four notrump. Now North could round out his sound hypothesis with the only qualification that made sense: South's long and strong suit "had a hole in it." Only under that condition would South have to mark time as he did. Thus, North should have re-

alized that his spade queen was the key card, and he should have given a raise to five spades on the strength of it.

BONN, May 29 — (AP) — An official West German report said today approximately 300,000 persons are mining uranium for the Russians in East Germany. The report said the Russians have sunk 250 shafts in Saxony in their search for uranium, used in manufacture of the atom bomb.

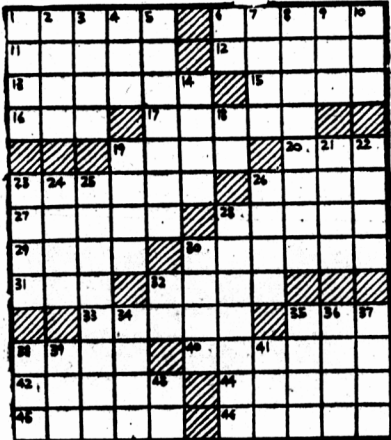
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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. Walk
 2. A network
 3. Ireland
 4. River (Fr.)
 5. Deprive of honor
 6. Behold!
 7. Operatic melody
 8. Capital of (Maita)
 9. Diminish as color
 10. Small salamander
 11. Mountain nymphs
 12. Postage (Gr. arch.)
 13. Glossy silk fabric
 14. Contest of speed
 15. Part of the calyx
 16. Old measure of length
 17. Trouble-like processes
 18. Egg-shaped
 19. Body of salt water
 20. Mislaid
 21. Describable by a number
 22. Rugged mountain crest
 23. Came up
 24. Extinct, clumsy birds
 25. Wise men
- DOWN**
1. Russian news agency
 2. A long, slender fencing weapon
 3. Convert into leather
 4. Monster
 5. Surrounded, as by a fence
 6. Weakens
 7. American Indians
 8. Perches
 9. Music note (L)
 10. Prohibit
 11. A hard blow
 12. Comfort
 13. God of war (Gr.)
 14. Youth
 15. Mouth comb
 16. Constellation
 17. East by south (abbr.)



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

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IS LONG FELLOW

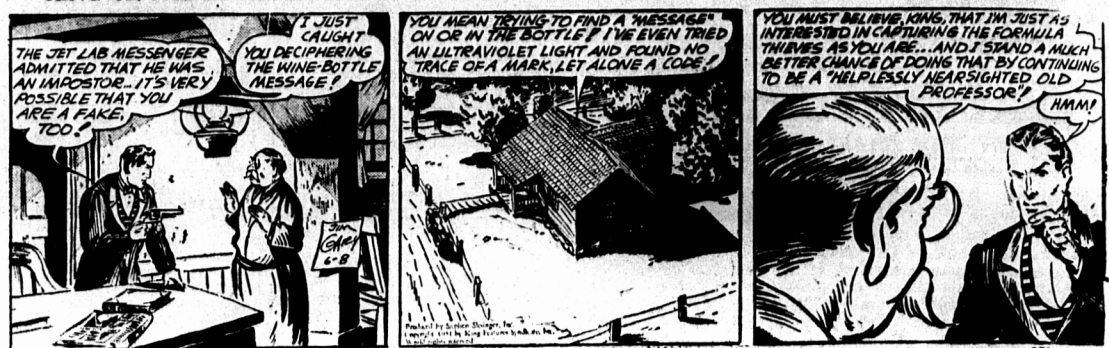
One letter simply stands for another! In this example 'A' is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day, the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation
BNBNV: MSDC NJD VG CCL...
QDNLMTLB—QCJGA

Yesterday's Cryptogram: MY EAR...
SICK WITH EVERY DAY'S REPORT OF WRONG-CONFER...

By Al Capp

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



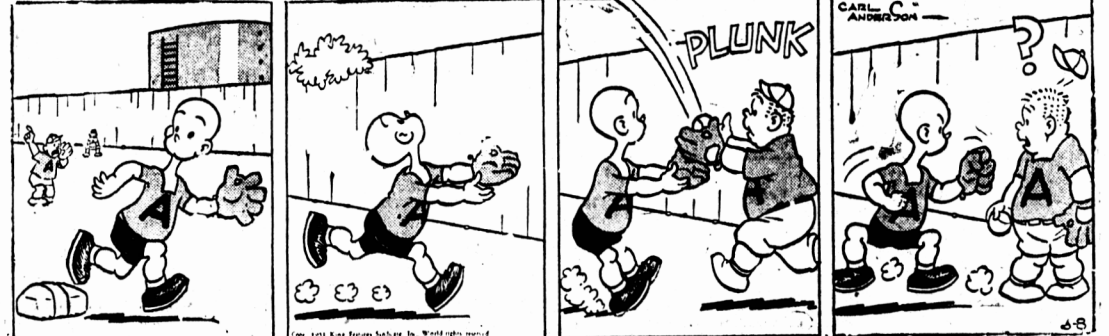
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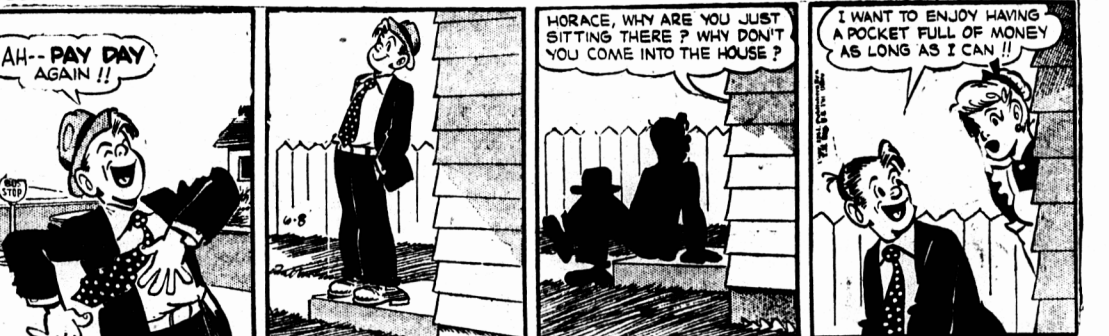
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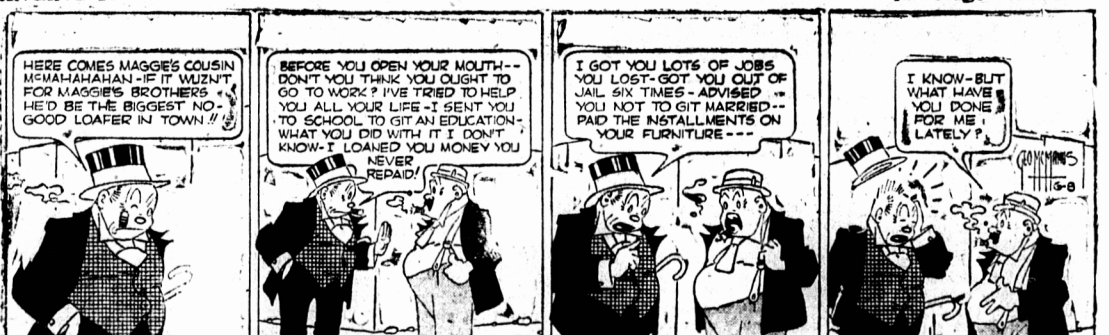
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BRINGING UP FATHER



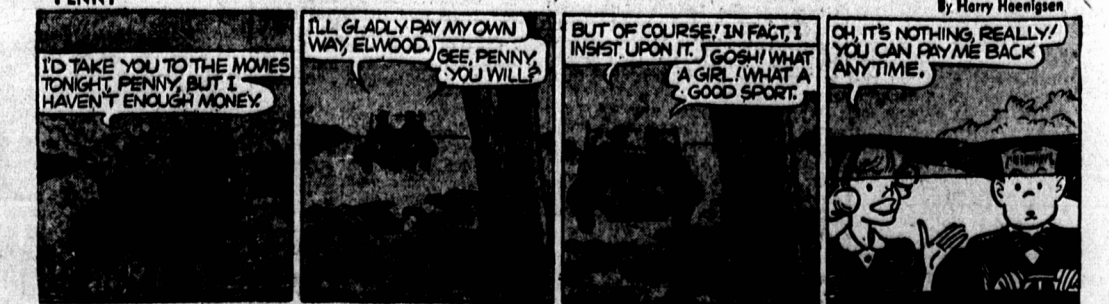
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