

LESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess
A RAY OF HOPE
Hope is like a ray of light cutting through the dark of night. —Old Mother Nature.

Two little prisoners in a hollow in a tree in the Green Forest were filled with hope. They were Timmy the Flying Squirrel and his dainty little mate. The doorway to their home was closed with ice. A great snowstorm had filled the forest. Then Jack Frost had frozen it solid. For a long time the two little prisoners had been in despair. Then they heard a tapping on the outside of the tree. They guessed that that tapping was made by December the Woodpecker, and their guess was right. Perhaps with that stout bill of his he could melt the ice and get them out. Oh, how they hoped he would!



For a long moment he stared up at that little ray of light.

When Timmy saw that little ray of light his heart gave a bound. Yes, sir, his heart gave a bound. He forgot all about Drummer and his disappointment. He couldn't quite believe his eyes. For a long moment he stared up at that little ray of light. Could it be real? He scrambled to the closed doorway. Mrs. Timmy was right at his heels. She was as excited and full of hope as he was.

"Perhaps we can get out now," squeaked Timmy.
"I'll help all I can," said Mrs. Timmy.
The two went to work again with teeth and claws. They scratched and gnawed, but the ice was as hard as ever. At last they had to give up again. Their claws and their teeth ached.

TELEVISION

- CKCW — Moncton
Television Programme Channel 2
- TUESDAY
- 8:00 p.m. — Concert Hall
- 8:30 p.m. — At Home with Helen Crocker
- 9:00 p.m. — Today with Ariene Hoiler
- 9:30 p.m. — Uncle Jack at the Piano
- 10:00 p.m. — Music of Music
- 10:30 p.m. — Barbies' Scrapbook
- 11:00 p.m. — Weather
- 11:15 p.m. — Sports
- 11:30 p.m. — News
- 12:00 p.m. — People Are Funny
- 12:30 p.m. — Adventures of Robin Hood
- 1:00 p.m. — GM Theatre
- 1:30 p.m. — Dragnet
- 2:00 p.m. — Pick the Stars
- 2:30 p.m. — Citizens Forum
- 3:00 p.m. — Jimmy Durante
- 3:30 p.m. — CKCW-TV News
- 4:00 p.m. — Weather
- 4:15 p.m. — Feature Film — "I Wouldn't Be In Your Shoes"
- 12:15 a.m. — Sign Off

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By F. H. MacArthur
Guy Franz, of Trotwood, Ohio, sent me his designs of a new world calendar. "A Christian world calendar," Franz calls it, in which every year would be the same and every week the same. This calendar features four equal quarters of 13 weeks each; all weeks and months start on Monday and end on Sunday. Under the Franz Calendar the 1st and 3rd months of each quarter would have 28 days, the middle month 35 days. New Year's Day would be an extra holiday, as would leap year day, every four years. This calendar would simplify bookkeeping and the keeping of business records. Adjustments can be made for Easter and Christmas which might be acceptable to all religious denominations.

Any of my readers want to make a date for next April, 35? The biggest autograph album in the world is "Inscription Rock" at El Mario, N. M. Scrawled across the face of the huge rock are countless names and messages that reflect the history of the white man in the West for 300 years. Spanish explorers were the first Europeans to pass the high rock in 1531. They left some records for future study. But before the advent of the Spaniards, Indians had started decorating the rock with carved pictures. The white man who began the historic chain of autographs and messages had made a trip from the Rio Grand River to the Gulf of California without finding the mineral wealth he sought. Proud of the trip, however, he scratched this message in the 200-foot-high rock.

Here passed the Governor Don Juan De Oñate from the discovery of the Sea of the South in the 16th of April 1605. A glance at the deal discloses that 12 tricks were trumped at either hearts or diamonds, and if North-South had not had the "advantage" of a part-score, they doubtless would have reached at least a small slam. As it was, North promptly passed to South's bid of three diamonds, and said later: "My opening bid was so light that I didn't dare go on and jeopardize the rubber. North and South were too conservative. True, South showed a big hand when he cue-bid the opposing spade suit, and although his following three-diamond bid was not an absolute force, North should have responded voluntarily because of his excellent diamond support and because his minor honors in spades did not constitute real duplication of values. But South was also at fault because he timed his cue bid badly. His first duty was to show his own suits. Thus, the correct procedure was to overcall one spade with diamonds, and, if necessary, also to show the hearts before cue-bidding the spade suit. Then if North failed to respond, the fault would be exclusively his."

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

PART-SCORE LIABILITY
It is a ridiculous state of affairs when the possession of a part-score—which is supposed to be highly advantageous—is permitted to become a liability. There are innumerable cases in which so little "jeopardy" is involved, that failure to conduct slam investigation—at any state of the score—is inexcusable. Here, for example, is just such a case:

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
North-South 60 on score.
♠ Q 4 3
♥ K 9 8
♦ K Q 4
♣ A 8 5 3
S 10 5
N 8 6
W 7 3
E 4 2
A 8
K J 9 7 6
3 2
8 6
K J 10

The bidding
North East South West
2 NT Pass 3 ♣ Pass
3 NT Pass 3 ♣ Pass
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Labor rids us of three great evils - irksomeness, vice, and poverty. The only kind of money that goes as far as it did ten years ago is the dime that rolls under the table. "There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight!" sang a group of prisoners in the jail at Logansport, Ind. Sheriff O. R. Carson, investigating. He found three men trying to dig a tunnel under the jail wall.

Good to your taste... yet kind to your waist because never rich or filling!

Wrigley's SPEARMINT CHEWING GUM
Enjoy chewing Wrigley's Spearmint every day!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. A slant
6. Coach
11. Port
12. Custom
13. Level
14. Joins
15. Storage place
16. Portions of curved lines
17. Niton (abbr.)
18. Roman pound
19. Immense
20. Poem together
21. Royal seat
23. Fish
24. A worthless scrap
25. Greek letter
26. Scrutinize
28. Select
31. An old weight for wool
38. A ridge on fingerboard of a stringed instrument
39. Exclamation of pleasure
36. Sharp nail
35. Black, viscous substance
37. A tone for examination
40. Eat away as land
41. Reluctant
42. Conduit
43. Alleviate

DOWN
1. Jewish month
2. Very abundant
3. Baking chamber
4. Writing implement
5. Half an em
6. Simpleton
7. Egyptian goddess
8. Catern
9. Things to be done together
10. Fitted together, as bowis
14. Incite
16. One's father's sister
19. Cornucopia
20. Tribulation
22. Highway
23. An injection
25. Exclamation
26. Give over
28. Kind of duel
27. Stick together
28. Stuff
29. Kind of daisy
32. Worldly
32. Scoff
35. Give over
36. Kind of duel
38. To be able (Scott.)
39. A Sanskrit school (Ind.)
41. Music note

TEAMS
S M I D
A M B I L A N C E
R E L L A I N Q U I R
S O U L E F F I T E
D O W L D R O N E S
A D I O S S U I T E
R I N G M A T T R A Y
L A D O R I V E S O L
L A G R O U R I V E
L A R E N I G A T E S
S I E D S E M E R S

Saturday's Answer
30. Worldly
32. Scoff
35. Give over
36. Kind of duel
38. To be able (Scott.)
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it:
A X Y Z B L A A X X
L O N G F E L L O W
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, length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.
A Cryptogram Quotation
J V L Y K L B V F K N F L Y S U L P Y
N L R B V F W S S P, S V L P Q A D V L
K S W L P - Q V L E F Q O F L K P.
Saturday's Cryptogram: FORBIDDEN WARES SELL TWICE AS DEAR—DENHAM.

Grandma

NEAR GRANDMA THEY'RE LOTS OF FUN?
PLAY THINGS
DO THEY MAKE THESE BIG AN' STRONG ENOUGH...
...FOR GROWN-UP KIDS?

Mickey Mouse

SHAME ON YOU, MORTY...
DRAWING YOUR MUSIC TEACHER'S PICTURE ON THE FENCE...
SEE WHIZ, UNCA MICKEY...
IT'S NOT EVEN A GOOD LIKENESS! YOU NEED MORE EXPRESSION AROUND THE EYES...
A STRIKE HERE... AND A TOWN THERE... AND THEN... GOIN' TO A GOOD MORNING RISS MORNING!

Henry

FOR HOMEWORK I WANT YOU TO STUDY THE BARK OF A TREE!
WOOF
?

POGO

THIS YEAR AN' ONLY FEB WHEN WE CHOOSE A PRESIDENT IT'S FEB WHEN WE CHOOSE THE TWO GENTS WHAT GONE RUN.
HOT DOG! THAT'S RIGHT! ALL YEAR WE'VE GONE HAVE HOOTIN' AN' HOLLERIN' AN' ROOPIN' AROUND... PARADES AN' SCREAMIN' AN' FIGHTIN' AN' SAM WICHES AN' BLOODS.
YEP... TWO BIG CONVENTIONS AN' LOTS OF SPEECHES AN' ROLL CALLS AN' NAME CALLIN'... THEN WHEN WE GETS THE TWO FELLAS PICKED OUT, OFF ALLUS GETS ELECTED FINELY... SHAME TOO, BUT I GOTTA HANG IN THERE.
YESSIR! IT MAKE YOU PROUD TO BE A CITIZEN... 'CEPTIN' OF COURSE THE FUN GOTTA END SOMETIME—ONE OF 'EM ALLUS GETS ELECTED FINELY... SHAME TOO, BUT I GOTTA HANG IN THERE.

Mugs and Skeeter

THIS IS THE CHAIR MY GRANDPA SITS IN EVERY NIGHT, WARCOLD!
GRANDMA ALWAYS PUTS THIS HASSOCK IN FRONT OF IT FOR HIM TO REST HIS FEET ON!
SHE CALLS IT HER FAVORITE CHAIR!
BUT I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOUR GRANDPA ALWAYS SITS IN IT!
HE DOES... THAT'S WHY GRANDMA CALLS IT HER FAVORITE CHAIR!!

Tilly the Toiler

WELL, HELLO, FUNDSOME! HOWS THAT NEW CAR YOU BOUGHT?
I'M HAVING TROUBLE WITH IT. I NEED A CARPENTER!
A CARPENTER?? YOU MEAN A MECHANIC, DON'T YOU?
I MEAN A CARPENTER!

Bringing Up Father

NO-YOU CAN'T GO OUT!—AND I'LL BE HOME AT DAY TO SEE THAT YOU DON'T!
IT'S SO BAD ENOUGH TO HAVE TO STAY HOME—BUT NOW THAT PEST HAS TO START DRILLIN'!
MY GOODNESS! THAT REMINDS ME—I HAVE A DATE WITH THE DENTIST! I'LL HAVE TO HURRY!
HERE, HAVE A CIGAR, MY FRIENDY! IN FACT, TAKE A MARIJUANA!

Eira Kent

MOM, WHERE'S A NEEDLE AND THREAD? I WANT TO DO SOME SEWING!
DO MY EARS DECEIVE ME? DID SHE SAY SEWING??
SHE DID.
THERE'S A WHOLE PILE OF THINGS IN HER ROOM, BUTTONS OFF, DRESSES TO SHORTEN!
I SIMPLY HAD TO SEW! HOLD STILL SO I DON'T STICK YOU!

L'il Abner

CHILLUV! LOOKIT ME!
IT'S MAMMY'S VOICE!
WHAT IS YOU MAMMY?
I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING! I WAS JUST HIRED TO FLY AN AIRPLANE!

Secret Agent X9

KEEP 'EM UP!
WHERE'S LUNKER?
IN A HOSPITAL! HOW'S IT HAPPEN YOURS CLEANZ?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT! WHO ARE YOU?
CORRIDOR, F.B.I.!

Throat Sore?

For common ordinary sore throat JUST RUB ON MINARD'S LINIMENT

By Charles Schulz
By Walt Disney
By Carl Anderson
By Walt Kelly
By Wally Bishop
By Bob Gustafson
By George McManus
By Paul Robinson
By Al Capp