

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE TELLTALE STICK

Evidence is where you find it. If you know enough to mind it... —Old Mother Nature.

Peter Rabbit had been told by lammy Jay that Hooty, biggest of all the Owls, and Mrs. Hooty, were getting ready to begin house-keeping. That was hard to believe. Winter wasn't ended yet. The Smiling Pool was still locked in ice, and so was Laughing Brook. Snow covered the ground all through the Green Forest and all through the Green Meadows. Any of the feathered folk who would think of nesting now must be crazy. That is what Peter thought, and he said so to Mrs. Peter.



"That is funny," thought Peter. "Where did that stick come from?"

Sammy Jay had said that he suspected those big Owls had taken possession of the nest. Redtail had built the spring before and probably were planning to use in the coming spring. The two big Owls do not like to work any more than they must. It is much easier to use a nest already built than to build a new one. They probably feel that a nest that is not being used does not belong to anybody, and they have a perfect right to use it if they want to. Of course, Redtail's nest was not being used in winter. Perhaps that is why Mr. and Mrs. Hooty decided to begin housekeeping so early. Then they could claim that the nest was theirs; and when Redtail and Mrs.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

NOT TOO BAD A BREAK

The trump break in the following hand was pretty bad—there is no denying that fact—but it should not have been fatal to the contract.

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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

East-West were using weak two-bids, but the question is whether the East holding qualified for this approach. It was somewhat too good, considering the respective vulnerability.

South's immediate cue bid was legal but not illegal, and North might have answered in his four-card major rather than his longer club suit. A four-heart contract would have been ideal.

West considered doubling four spades, but refrained because he was afraid of a run-out to five clubs. He opened the diamond queen, and East overtook to continue the suit. South ruffed and laid down the two high trumps, then, when he saw the trump break, shifted to clubs. West covered the club queen, and dummy's ace won. The jack and nine of clubs followed, South discarding a heart. At this point South was really on safe ground—but he slipped. He led another club from dummy, and discarded his other low heart. West ruffed this trick, and he still had two trump tricks in reserve.

South should not have given up so easily. The play of the fourth club was futile; at this stage South had to hope that the heart queen was held by East, not singly guarded. If South had played for that condition, cashing the ace and king of hearts, then leading a third round, he would have made the contract. After these three rounds of hearts, South could simply ruff any one of dummy's aces with a low trump, and when West over-ruffed he would be end-played in trumps.

Secret Agent X9

Drive out ACHES

JUST IN MINARD'S

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

A mallard Duck owned by Mrs. W. C. Lamontaine, of Vancouver, B.C., changed sex and lived the life of a drake for 16 years! Everyone is a bit taller in the morning than at bedtime. The difference in height is due to relaxation in the fibro-cartilage pads between the vertebrae of the spinal column.

The 36-year-old Glaswegian twins of Los Angeles, California, partners in a business maintenance firm, started to turn gray the same year, their spectacles are identical and each twin has the same number of teeth extracted and filled. Recently Eugene underwent an appendectomy. Later that same day Victor had pains and his appendix also was removed!

Mordecai Brown was the first major league pitcher to hurl four consecutive shutouts. An Irish veterinarian owned by Don Rice dropped a piece of chewed paper at its owner's feet. It was a \$100 ticket on a winning horse, worth \$600 at the paying window at Hialeah racetrack.

The loss of a penny was responsible for the death of the first invitation conveyed by Mrs. Fraser from the ladies of the Orwell Head Auxiliary to join in the World Day of Prayer Services with them on February 25.

Squares for an Afghan were passed in Mr. John N. MacPherson, in charge of the Study Book had as her theme, "The Growing Together of The Church in India." And was assisted by Mrs. Alexander MacPherson, Mrs. Max Cooper and Mrs. Arthur MacKinnon. The chapter dealt with the difficulties met in establishing a denominational Church in India and the writer felt that the solution lay in an ecumenical Church embracing all denominations. Mrs. Arthur MacKinnon will prepare the seventh chapter of the Study Book for the next meeting.

Mrs. W. A. Bruce was organist for the evening. Mrs. Bruce reported having sent a relief parcel to Korea. Mrs. Roddie MacPherson will be the devotional leader at the next meeting. The meeting concluded with the Lord's prayer in unison. Lunch was served by the committee in charge.

Cross-Channel Swimmer Dies

DARTMOUTH, England, (CP)—Tom Blower, 39-year-old cross-channel swimmer, died Thursday.

Blower, 250-pound former policeman, set a world's record for the swim from England to France six years ago but lost it to Abdel Latif Abu Helf of Egypt in 1953.

In 1951 he was the first man to attempt a non-stop double crossing, but had to give up on the return swim after being in the water for 24 hours.

PRE-LENTEN DANCE

PARKDALE HALL

Monday, Feb. 21

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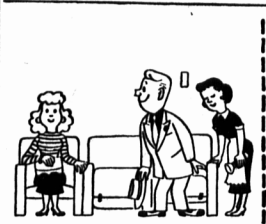
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Catholic chaplain killed in the Korean war. He and a Baptist minister tossed to see who would stay and minister to the dying at the battle of Bloody Kum River. Captain Herman Felhoeter lost and the Baptist clergyman left with the retreating allied troops. Under international law, the territorial waters of a country extend three miles out from shore as measured from mean low tide or from the seaward limit of a bay or mouth of a river. While ploughing last spring Milton Younker, of Irma, Alberta, found two hares joined together. Residents of Tangiers Island in Chesapeake Bay, used to bury their dead in the front lawns of their homes, an old custom dating back to colonial days. A healthy person may lose as much as one-third of his blood without fatal results. African plovers walk right into the mouths of sleeping crocodiles and pick the food from between their teeth. On November 12, 1953, the United Grain Grower's agent at Rathwell, Manitoba, loaded C. P. cars 170591 and 222984. One week later the same two cars arrived back at Fort William, their starting point, on the same date. The odds against such an occurrence are said to be one in a hundred thousand.



He should have used

Chlorodont

for a clean, fresh mouth!

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Nobleman
 - At a distance
 - Mother-of-pearl
 - Proof-reader's mark
 - Island in New York harbor
 - Anything worthless (slang)
 - Animals
 - Man's nickname (nickname)
 - A worthless leaving
 - Sloping roadway
 - Close to
 - Mountains in Asia
 - Nobleman
 - Swear
 - Those who take vengeance
 - Depart
 - Biblical name
 - Man's nickname
 - Excavate
 - Merchant
 - Unburnt brick
 - An ear shell
 - A strong cotton cloth
 - Groups of things
 - Leirs

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64

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.

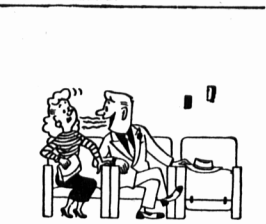
A Cryptogram Quotation

V LRGE G NGJS, GYB UN LRGM
G KCJEPDS LUPIB CE WS G LUDERT
MPWVSJET—VPOSYGI.

Saturday's Cryptoquote: IF YOU SPEAK WHAT IS ASSIGNED TO YOU BADLY, I SHALL EITHER SLEEP OR I SHALL LAUGH—HORACE.

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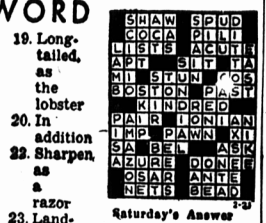
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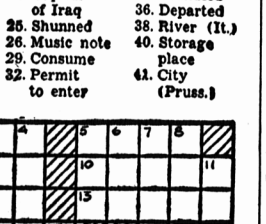
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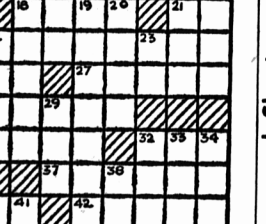
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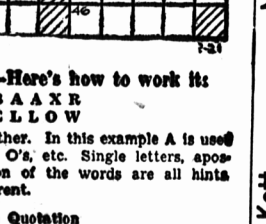
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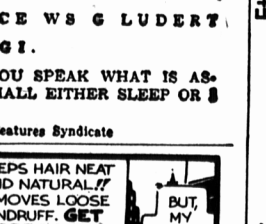
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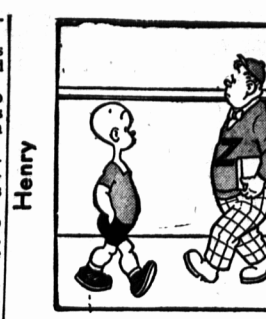
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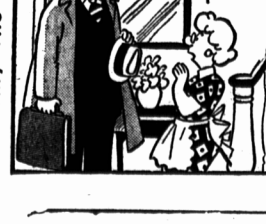
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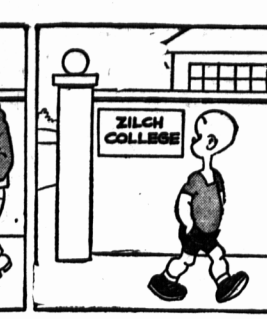
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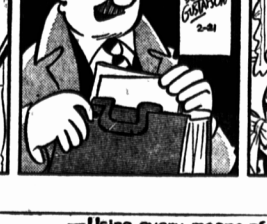
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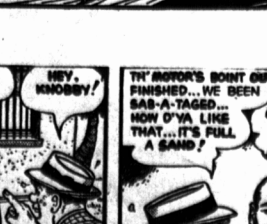
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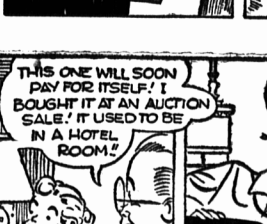
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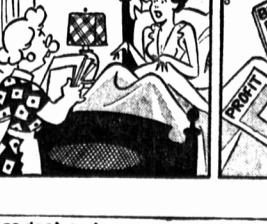
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