BEDTIME STORIES

The Friendly Rain

By Thornton W. Burgess

The one disliked may in the end
In truth become a trusted friend.
—Old Mother Nature

They remained at home and did a lot of sleeping.

The legs of Danny and Nanny Meadow Mouse are short. When you see one of them running along one of their private little paths through the grass, you do not see their legs at all. Their cousin, Nimbleheels the Jumping Mouse, can make long ten-foot jumps when he is in a hurry. You see, he has long jumping hind legs such as a Kangaroo has. Danny and Nanny can't jump at all; they just run.

They had found out that over in Farmer Brown's dooryard on a big flat rock Farmer Brown's boy kept a supply of seeds, sunflower seeds, especially for his feathered friends Now those sunflower seeds seemed to Danny the finest seeds he ever had eaten. He had found two or three that the birds had dropped. Also he had found out where they were getting those seeds. A little tunnel in the ground made by Miner the Mole led almost over to that flat rock, but not quite near enough. There was an open space where Danny and Nanny would be in plain sight if they tried to run across it to the big rock. They didn't dare do it. That is, they didn't dare do it in daylight. They did go over there after dark, but then there were no seeds there. The birds had taken them all before jolly, round, Mr. Sun went to bed behind the Purple Hills.

Finding that there were no seeds there was a dreadful disappointment. They went over there again the next night. There were no seeds They guessed then that if they were to get any of those seeds it would have to be in the daytime and that meant somehow getting over there without being seen. The grass wasn't long enough to hide them. There were many leaves, but these blew about. Anyway they would rustle if one tried to move about under them. They just didn't dare try to get over to that big rock under cover of the leaves. Finally they gave up trying. The birds would get all those seeds.

Then one day it began to rain. It rained and it rained and it rained. Danny and Nanny had their home under Farmer Brown's henhouse. It was dry under there and very comfortable. At first they didn't mind the rain. They remained at home and did a lot of sleeping. By and by they had to go out to get something to eat. At first they didn't mind it. They were used to wet grass, but when it rained so hard and kept on raining and raining and raining they began to dislike the rain. They said hateful things about the rain. Of course that, was foolish because the rain wouldn't mind what they said. Then too, it is always foolish to say hateful things about anybody or anything.

When at long last the clouds broke apart and drifted away, and jolly, round, bright Mr. Sun smiled down on a wet, wet world, Danny went over to see if his feathered friends were still getting those delicious seeds on the flat rock. When he peeped out from under the long grass at the end of the tunnel of Miner the Mole, which he now used more than did Miner, he thought at first that all the leaves had been blown away. Then he made a wonderful discovery. The rain had proved to be a friendly rain. It had soaked and beaten flat all those loose leaves so that now they made a sort of carpet or blanket all the way to the flat rock. Could he creep under them all the way to the big rock and those delicious seeds?

ANCIENT INSTRUMENT

An ancestor of the violin, the rebec was a pear-shaped Arab instrument with two or three strings played with a bow.

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Channel 2

MONDAY

2:00 p.m.—FM Concert Hour
3:00 p.m.—Liberace
3:30 p.m.—At Home with Helen Crocker
4:15 p.m.—Uncle Jack
4:30 p.m.—Fur & Feathers
4:45 p.m.—Aubrey & Gus
5:00 p.m.—Barbie's Scrapbook
5:30 p.m.—Howdy Doody
6:00 p.m.—Puppet Theatre
6:15 p.m.—Melody Roundup
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.—Fury
7:30 p.m.—Westmorland Singers
7:45 p.m.—Teenage Forum
8:00 p.m.—Caesar's Hour
9:00 p.m.—Medic
9:30 p.m.—Denny Vaughan Show
10:00 p.m.—Studio One
11:00 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
11:10 p.m.—Weather
11:15 p.m.—Boxing
12:15 a.m.—Sign Off

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

... WHO WAS TO BLAME

A correspondent writes: "the hand herewith cost us the top score in a match-point duplicate game, since we were considerably under average on this board. Please discuss the bidding and fix the blame [between] East and West."

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

North: ♠ J 8 6 5 2 ♥ K 10 8 2 ♦ 4 ♣ K J 6

West: ♠ K ♥ 7 5 ♦ A Q J 9 7 6 ♣ Q 10 4 3

East: ♠ A Q 7 ♥ J 6 4 3 ♦ 8 ♣ A 9 8 7 5

South: ♠ 10 9 4 3 ♥ A Q 9 ♦ K 10 5 3 2 ♣ 2

The bidding at this table went:

East	South	West	North
1 ♣	1 ♦	Dble.	1 N T
Pass	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass.		

Still quoting: "West argued that East should have doubled North's one notrump, while East insisted that West should have doubled instead of bidding three diamonds. East also stated that West's actual three-diamond bid was not forcing Who was right if either?"

An unbiased observer can scarcely fail to point a finger at West as the guilty party. His penalty double of one diamond (which incidentally was a rash bid on South's part was obviously correct, particularly in view of the vulnerability but West was not correct in his assertion that East should have doubled North's one notrump, nor was he remotely correct in bidding three diamonds at his, West's next turn. True, West could not double the one notrump with a guarantee of success-it was barely conceivable that North might be able to to run a long heart or spade suit but if West himself did not want to risk a penalty double of one notrump, then he certainly should have jump-raised to his partner's club suit instead of implying that his hand was good for nothing but a diamond contract.

If West had bid three clubs instead of three diamonds, East could have taken a chance on bidding three notrump, but as it was, East was helpless — and blameless.

3,000 Tunisian Nationalists Riot

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — About 3,000 Tunisian nationalists rioted here Thursday to emphasize demands for quick, complete independence. French security forces broke up the demonstration with fire hoses and tear gas after a 45 minute fight.

Other thousands of Tunisians cheered the moderate nationalist leader, Habib Bourgiba, on his return from Paris with a French pledge of autonomy in which some ties between France and Tunisia will be retained. They gave Bourgiba ovations at the airport and at the palace of the bey of Tunis, Sidi Mohammed al Amin, to whom he reported.

The French Army, meanwhile, continued its aggressive attack on dissident tribesmen in the desert area of southern Tunisia and sent back reports to headquarters Thursday that another 70 rebels had been killed. Some 50 rifles and 7,500 rifle cartridges were found. French losses were three dead and four wounded.

Cutter Ends 500-Mile Tow

HALIFAX (CP) —The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter castle Rock ended an eventful 500 - mile ocean tow Friday when it arrived here with the Disabled Swedish freighter Sunannvik.

The cutter was dispatched from Argentia, Nfld., Tuesday to aid the 368-foot freighter whose main engines broke down while en route to Wilmington, Del., from St. Lawrence, Nfld., with a load of flourspar. A tow line was put aboard the crippled ship Wednesday about 500 miles southeast of Halifax.

The line was dropped Thursday when the Castle Rock made a forced dash toward Halifax with a seriously ill seaman, James F. Reed, 20, of Paragon, Ind. A naval helicopter met the cutter 30 miles beyond the harbor mouth and raced Reed to a naval hospital where he underwent a successful appendectomy.

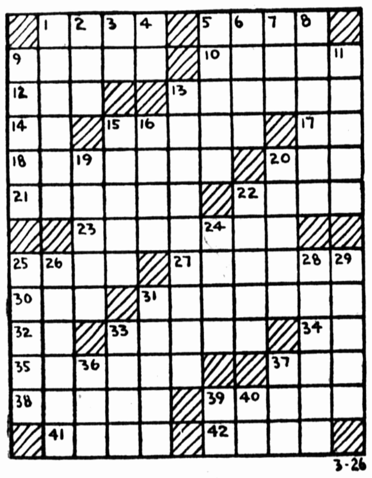
The cutter then turned back, picked up the 1,999-ton Sunnanvik 90 miles off Halifax and completed the tow. The merchantman will be repaired here.

DAILY CROSSWORD

Saturday's Answer

ACROSS
1. Excellent
5. Rough, matted wool
9. Island group (Pac. Ocean)
10. Shells
12. Viper
13. Of the teeth.
14. Neuter pronoun
15. Falls short
17. American moth
18. Prevalent
20. Land-measure
21. Beast
22. Fellows
23. A condiment
25. Antlered animal
27. American Indian
30. Type measures
31. Mended, as a bone
32. Jewish month
33. Nipperlike claw
34. Music note
35. Morning receptions
37. Drone
38. Tendency
39. Ensigns
41. A stiff hair (Bot.)
42. French river

DOWN
1. Bind
2. Mischievous person
3. Negative reply
4. Water god (Babyl.)
5. Husk
6. Vandals
7. High (mus.)
8. Viscous
9. Antelope (Russ.)
11. Astringent fruits
13. Steady humming sounds in a telephone (two words)
15. The thigh bone
16. Macaws (Braz.)
19. City in France
20. Examine, as accounts
22. Girl's name
24. Indigo
25. Apportioned, as cards
26. Live coals
28. Inundation
29. Second U. S. President
31. Enclosure to ensnare elephants (India)
33. Penny
36. Letter of the alphabet
37. Owns
39. Buddha (Chin.)
40. Chinese measure



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is 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, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

P T Y S P Y U P C E C A Y J U V Z P T
J T P C E Y A 'M E Y Y Q, M P O J M C C E Y X
O P Q Q P S — M E J N Y M Z Y J A Y

Saturday's Cryptoquote: RING IN THE LOVE OF TRUTH AND RIGHT, RING IN THE COMMON LOVE OF GOOD—TENNYSON.

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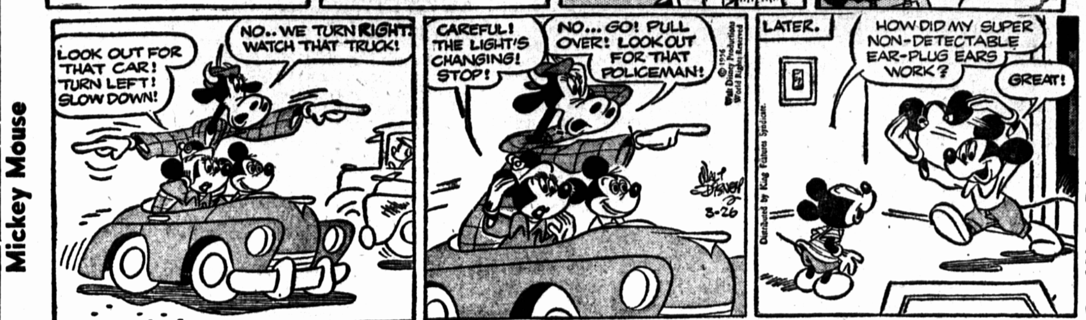
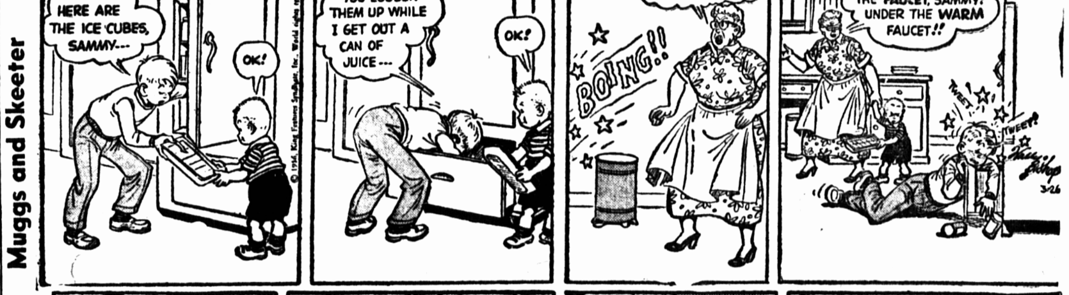
Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney



Henry — By Carl Anderson

Muggs and Skeeter — By Wally Bishop



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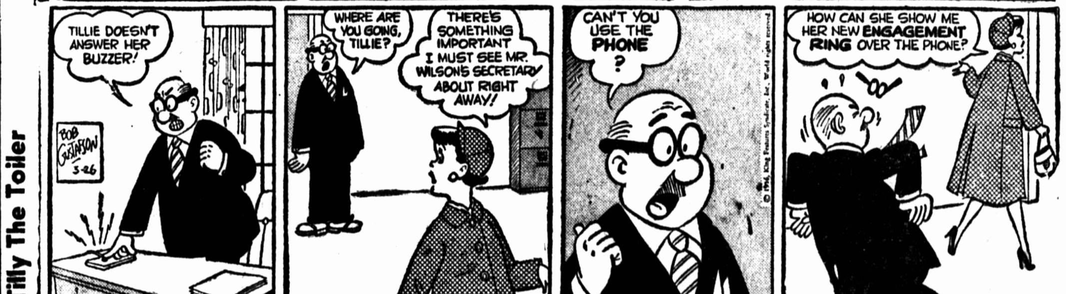

Etta Kett — By Paul Robinson

Joe Palooka — By Ham Fisher

The Lone Ranger — By Fran Striker

Out Our Way — By J. R. Williams

Our Boarding House — Major Hoople

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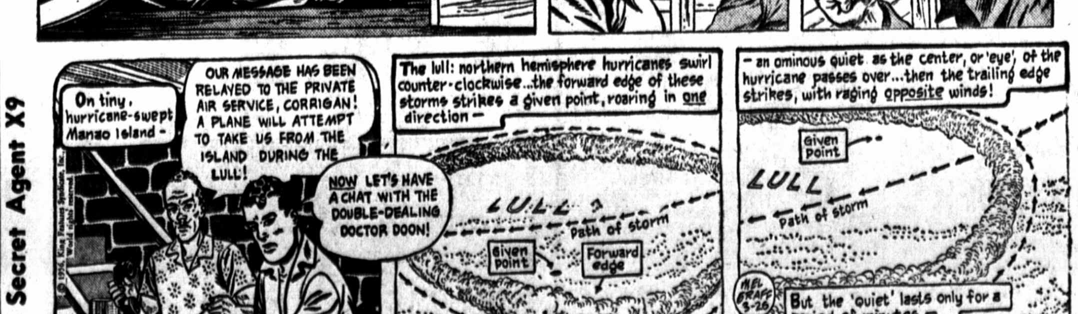
Secret Agent X9 — By Mel Graff



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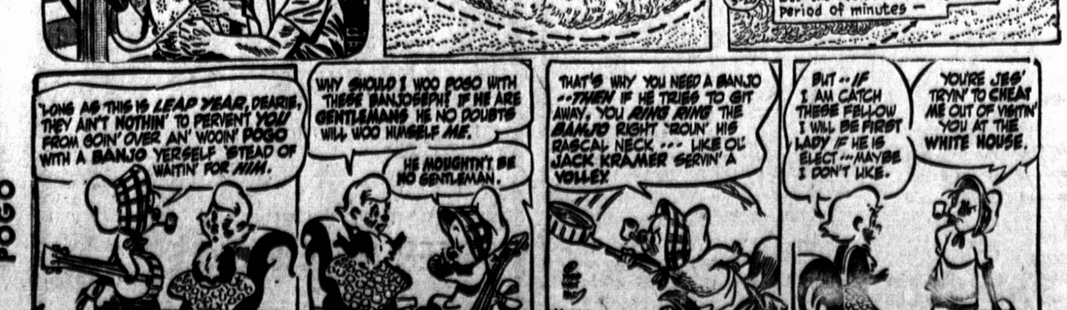
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