

BEDTIME STORIES

Fable Of A Hidden Nut

By Thornton W. Burgess

A little work, a little play, Will help to make a happy day.

"Did you ever hear how it happens that the Squirrel family is so thrifty?" the Old Hermit asked Farmer Brown's Boy.

The latter shook his head and the old man continued. "Of course, it is a fable," said he, "but I like it. Mr. Squirrel, first of all the squirrel family, lived long ago. In some ways he was very like the Squirrel cousins of today. In other ways he was different. For one thing, he was lazy, very lazy. Do you ever hear of a lazy Squirrel these days?"

"Old Mr. Squirrel wasn't altogether to blame for being lazy. There was no real work for him to do. There was plenty of food easy to get. He didn't even have to hunt for it. Because food was so plentiful, he became fussy. He would only take the best. He became more and more selfish and choosy.

"One day he found two big nuts, the biggest he had ever seen. He picked one up and sat up to eat it. It was the sweetest best tasting nut he had ever eaten. When he had finished it he licked his lips and looked longingly at the other big nut. He wanted it, but he couldn't eat it. He hadn't room for it."



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"If I leave this one here, someone else will find it. I may never find another as big and good as this one, thought he sadly.

"What to do? An idea popped into his head. Sure that no one was watching him, he hastily dug a small hole in the earth. He pushed the big nut into it and covered it over. Then, sure that no one would ever find it, he went off about other affairs. It was several days before he thought of that nut again. When he did think of it he dug it up. It tasted even better than the first one.

"After this when he found more extra fine nuts than he could eat at one time, he buried them, each in a little hole by itself. Doing this became a habit. Some of these he never found again, because, having plenty, he didn't look for them. Then there came a time when food was scarce and everybody went hungry. It was then that Mr. Squirrel remembered the buried nuts and so he fared better than his neighbors. "The next season he buried still more. I'll never go hungry again," said he to himself as he worked. Some of the nuts he buried and some of them he hid in hollow trees or logs. He worked long and

hard, for that year the crop was poor. That winter all his neighbors went hungry, but Mr. Squirrel was fat, happy and carefree. When he was hungry all he had to do was dig up some of those buried nuts or get some from his hidden stores.

"So it was that long ago, old Mr. Squirrel, first of all the Squirrel family, learned the joy of useful work and the reward of thrift. His children and his children's children were just like him. They worked hard when there was work to do and enjoyed being lazy when there was no work to do. It is just so with all members of the Squirrel family to this day."

"I like that fable," said Farmer Brown's Boy.

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LOWER BEDEQUE SCHOOL

The following is the honor roll of Lower Bedeque School for month of April.

- Grade IX: 1. Kathryn Jeffery 2. Harry Waugh 3. Anne Leard Grade VIII: 1. Alan Wright 2. Ruby Arsenault 3. Bobby Arsenault Grade VII: 1. Janet Affleck 2. Joan Affleck 3. Bobby Arsenault Grade VI: 1. Percy Affleck 2. Nancy Arsenault 3. Marjorie Holland Grade V: 1. Jeanie Wright 2. Melvin Affleck 3. Douglas Arsenault Grade IV: 1. Dannie McLure 2. Stuart Affleck 3. John Wright Grade III: 1. John Wright 2. John Wright 3. John Wright Grade II: 1. Highest average in Junior Grades, John Wright, 95 per cent; Highest average in Senior Grades, Alan Wright, 88 per cent. Teacher: Jean Reeves.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER (Top record holder in Masters' Individual Championship Play)

Bridge hand analysis including East dealer, Both sides vulnerable, and a card layout showing a contract of 3NT. The layout shows East with 10, 9, 8, 5, 4, 3, 2 and West with 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2. The analysis discusses the play of the hand and the importance of the contract.

The proper play, adopted by South, was bound to yield eleven tricks. He won the opening lead with the ace of clubs, and drew two rounds of trump. The king and queen of spades were cashed one with the ace. The jack of spades was led, and a club discarded on it from dummy. Now the jack of clubs put West on lead and in a hopeless position. South had cleared all the black cards out of both North-South hands, and if West played a spade or club it would be trumped in dummy, declarer discarding the ten of hearts. If, instead, West led a heart, the king of hearts would become the eleventh trick. Cards avoided by South would have played all the complexities of a bid, but then look at all the fun North-South's hands, is by no means sure.

Red Army Paper Denounces Claims Unprepared For Nazis

MOSCOW (Reuters) - The Russian defence ministry newspaper Red Star Wednesday denied recent assertions here that Stalin was prepared when Germany attacked Russia in the Second World War. Nor was unpreparedness a cause of early Russian retreats, Red Star added. Such allegations, made in the Military Herald last month, were termed "incorrect and harmful." Stalin was not mentioned in the article, which filled half a page and was unsigned. Observers said this probably more authoritative view was an application of a new Communist party line designed to prevent carrying the denunciation of Stalin too far. Communist party chief Nikita Khrushchev was reported to have said in his speech to the 20th congress in February that Stalin ignored Prime Minister Churchill's warnings of the coming German attack, and that such was his faith in Hitler that he at first ordered the troops not to return the Germans' fire.

MARKS GERMAN DEFEAT

Red Star's article, one of many in the Soviet press commemorating Tuesday's anniversary of Germany's defeat, said it was intolerable that in exposing the "cult of personality" the role of the party, government and people should be played down. The military Herald's article "crudely" distorts the question of mobilization and the capabilities of our industry," Red Star said. The party and government had calculated long before the war that fascist Germany would sooner or later attack Russia, and took the necessary steps to repulse aggression. "Our army and fleet on the eve of the war were provided with types of equipment and arms excellent for that time." Red Star's article apparently was aimed at justifying the Soviet Union's 1939 pact with Hitler. The official Soviet reason for concluding the pact always has been that it gave Russia two years to prepare for the attack.

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Our Boarding House Major Hoopie Out Our Way

Comic strip panels featuring a boarding house scene. Characters include a man in a suit and a woman. Dialogue includes: "LIP AND AT AN SOLDIER! THAT'S NOT VERY MELODIOUS, BUT IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE REVOLVING... THE GENERAL SENDS YOU THIS SWORD WITH HIS COMPLIMENTS, AND ORDERS A CHARGE ON THE ENEMY'S DIRTY RUGS!" and "AWPFF! MY WORD, MARTHA! WHY THE GABRIEL BLAST? YOU KNOW I AWAKEN AT A GENTLY SPOKEN WORD!"

Comic strip panels featuring a man and a woman. Dialogue includes: "JIGGS, I HAVE BAD NEWS! THE OPERA HAS BEEN CANCELLED - HERTA TONGIL THE PRIMA DONNA HAS LARYNGITIS!" and "THAT ISN'T IDEAS OF BAD NEWS! A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR OPERA!"

Comic strip panels featuring a man and a woman. Dialogue includes: "YOU LUCKY RASCAL! YOU HAVE A 'MISSING LINK' SKULL! - WHAT SPLENDID THICKNESS! WHAT REMARKABLY SMALL BRAIN CAPACITY!" and "YOU'RE A MAGNIFICENT THROBBACK, BOY!"

Comic strip panels featuring Grandpa. Dialogue includes: "AH, WHAT AN INSPIRING BOOK!!" and "IT SAYS 'CHEERFUL SMILE... KEEP TH' HEAD HIGH... CHIN UP... EYES LOOKIN' FAR AHEAD, AN...'"

Comic strip panels featuring Mickey Mouse. Dialogue includes: "SO, YOU SEE, I'LL DAVY, LIGHTNINGS AND ELECTRICITY ARE REALLY NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF..." and "YEAH, I KNOW..."

Comic strip panels featuring Henry. Dialogue includes: "POSITIVE!" and "NO!"

Comic strip panels featuring Muggs and Skeeter. Dialogue includes: "HEY, MUGGS, THE TELEPHONE'S RINGING!" and "WELL, ANSWER IT, STUPID!"

Comic strip panels featuring Tilly the Toiler. Dialogue includes: "THIS BUSINESS TOP SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN A LOT OUT OF YOU, MISTER 'TEX'" and "BEEN SHOPPING FOR A PRESENT TO TAKE MY WIFE - MY FEET ARE KILLING ME!"

Comic strip panels featuring Etha Kety. Dialogue includes: "NEVER MIND ANSWERING THE PHONE, LET IT RING!" and "BUT, DAD? EAT YOUR BREAKFAST!"

Comic strip panels featuring Joe Palooka. Dialogue includes: "JOE, I DON'T EXPECT YOU HOME SO SOON, WHAT'S HAPPENED?" and "I TRIED TO HELP STEVE, ANN... BUT EVERYTHING WENT WRONG..."

Comic strip panels featuring The Lone Ranger. Dialogue includes: "WE'RE IN A HURRY, GET ON WITH THE BLASTING." and "IT'S A THOMIAN JOB THAT'S WHY I HIRED THE INDIAN TO HELP ME."

Comic strip panels featuring Secret Agent X9. Dialogue includes: "ABOUT THIS YOU GOT HERE! YOU'RE WAITING FOR A PLEASANT DAY TO RIDE ACROSS TOWN?" and "I'M LUCKY TO BE HERE! THE POLICE HAVE BEEN BREATHING INTO MY ORANGE JUICE EACH MORNING!"

Comic strip panels featuring POGO. Dialogue includes: "MERRY YOU IS RIGHT, OWL... TURTLE'S GOT THE WIDE-EYED LOOK OF THE GRIBBY CITIZEN..." and "I GOT A POLS... WHAT I NEEDS IS BAIT."