

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess
SAMMY JAY DENIES IT
Even what you see and hear you must
At times regard with some distrust.

—Old Mother Nature.
Most folks believe their eyes and believe their ears. Yet it is true that eyes and ears alone are not to be fully trusted; even eyes and ears together are not to be wholly trusted sometimes. Peter Rabbit found this out long ago.
Right now, Peter was over in the Green Forest. There is a place there where the cedar trees grow very close together. Peter was spending the day there. He had come over to the Green Forest the night before, and he had stayed so late in the morning that he hadn't dared to cross the snow-covered Green Meadows to the dear Old Briar-patch. He really didn't mind. In fact, he was glad of an excuse to stay over in the Green Forest.

The low, snow-covered woods of these cedar trees were boughful to creep under. They offered many hiding places. Having been out all night, Peter had been taking a nap. He had been awakened by a familiar voice. At least, he thought he had heard a familiar voice. But when he was fully awake and realized where he was, he doubted that he had heard that voice. "I must have dreamed it," thought Peter.

Then he heard it again, or thought he did. But how could he have heard it? You see, it had sounded like the voice of Welcome Robin, and of course Welcome Robin couldn't possibly be around in the middle of winter. Then he saw Sammy Jay. He knew that Sammy is sometimes very clever in imitating the voices of other feathered folk. He decided that it must have been Sammy he had heard. Just

Contract Bridge
By Josephine Culbertson
COUNTER-COMPENSATION

In the deal below, the bad break in one suit was completely offset by the good break in another suit. — had declarer but known it.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
Q 10 8
J 10
7 6 4 3
A 5 3 2
N W
S E
A K J 9 7
A K Q
A J 6
West: 2NT
East: 4S
Declarer: 4S

North's six-spade jump bid was peculiar, but it put it mildly — the five-diamond call had not improved his holding. As it happened, however, the slam contract was completely sound.
West opened the ace of hearts and South ruffed. The ace and king of trumps were then cashed — and South did not later complain about that 2-2 break. He was bitter, however, when the lead of two top diamonds disclosed East's stopper. South decided that it would now be necessary to throw his own losing diamond on a long club in dummy, and to that end he cashed the club ace and led the jack. East won and returned the king of hearts. Declarer ruffed and led his club six to the queen. The non-break of clubs was the final straw and there was no way to avoid the loss of a diamond to East.

South did not even get off on the right foot. After ruffing the heart opening he should have cashed only one top trump in his own hand, then led to a trump in dummy and ruffed away dummy's other heart. Next, upon discovering the diamond break, his best chance was to continue with diamonds, throwing East in with the fourth round in hope that East would bid the club king. Playing West for the club king involved the hope that the club suit would also break 3-3, whereas the throw-in of East with a diamond would work if East had the club king, no matter how well guarded.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur
Face powder and paint may attract a man but it takes baking powder and garnish to hold him.

The only American city that can boast a man-sized lake within its limits is Barberton, Ohio. Not only is Lake Anna quite large, but it is at least half a mile long. Scientists believe this curious lake was created during the ice age. Its water level remains fairly constant. It has no inlet or outlet. Geologists think it may be fed from underground streams and that evaporation takes care of excess water.
The lake was named in honor of Anna Barber, daughter of the city's founder, O. C. Barber. In 1890 Barber began building Barberton around the so-called bottomless blue water lake which today reflects the downtown skyline.
The city acquired title to the lake from its owners for \$50,000 in 1915.
Remember that, while a match has a head, it is not capable of thinking, so never let it go out alone.
Residents in Tangiers Island in Chesapeake Bay, still bury their dead in their front yards. This is an old custom dating back to colonial days.
To this day the island does not allow cars on its streets. And you can rent a room or apartment here for a mere song.
A telephone equipped with a dial that lights when you lift the receiver has been tested by the Western Electric Company Lab in New York City and has been given the green light.
A small flashlight bulb is set into the dial part of the phone. It is powered by a six-volt transformer that plugs into an electric outlet. These will soon be available in colors of ivory, green, red, gray, beige, brown, yellow and blue.
The modern motor car contains more light bulbs than an average five-room. Current models have an average of 20 lights, and some have as many as 38.
Professional truck drivers are the safest men behind the wheel, with an accident rate of only 1.96 per 100,000 vehicle miles.

That is what I thought at first," replied Peter. "But the next time I heard you, I was wide awake. Then I saw you, and I knew who it was I had heard."
"So you don't believe your own ears," said Sammy. "Your ears told you that you heard Welcome Robin, but you don't believe it. It is too bad when any one cannot believe his own ears. You may not have heard Welcome Robin, but you didn't hear me, either. No, sir, you didn't hear me."
"Says you!" replied Peter. "You can't fool me, Sammy Jay. I've heard you before pretending you were some one else. I couldn't have heard Welcome Robin, because Welcome Robin is not here."
"How do you know he isn't?" replied Sammy Jay.

BUSY HOBBIYST
HANOVER, Ont. (CP) — Mrs. Elizabeth Gateman, 77, has added another hobby to her knitting, hooking of mats and crochet work. She makes ornaments, flower-pots and smoking stands from putty and broken glass.

COLDS
CUT FROM DAYS TO HOURS — For 35¢
BUCKLEY'S CAPSULES

Believe It or Not!
3 APPLES GROWING ON ONE STEM
Substantiated by EDWARD LEHMAN, WESTLAKE, Ohio
THE PIAZZA DELLA SIGNORELLA
A square in Florence, Italy, was condemned never to grow grass because it was once the home of a traitor.
THE SENTENCE IS STILL OBSERVED 600 YEARS LATER

PEARLESS BOSDICK
NOW THAT I'VE RESTORED LAW AND ORDER, I WILL DEVOTE TONIGHT TO ROMANCE!
I CAN'T LET YOU IN, BOSDICK, DEAR, AS LONG AS YOU HAVE MESSY HAIR!
GURRY I MUST ATONE AT JOE'S (GREASE SCOTCH!)
WAIT! — USE MY WILDROOT CREAM-OIL, WHICH KEEPS HAIR NEAT AND NATURAL!
SHOCK! YOU'RE RIGHT! GET WILDROOT CREAM-OIL, CHARLIE!
GOSH! I'VE FORGOTTEN THAT MY NAME IS MISS (LAWLITON!)
WILDROOT CREAM-OIL
SOFTENS THE HAIR
RELIEVES ITCHES
REMOVES SCALP DANDRUFF!
GOT MESSY HAIR? DON'T GET MAD — GET WILDROOT CREAM-OIL, CHARLIE!

WHILE THE DISGUISED LONE RANGER ESCAPES FROM THE TOWNSMEN...
AFTER YOU'RE LOCKED UP, WE'LL GO BACK AND WAIT FOR THE MASKED MAN!
LAWMEN BRING TONTO TO TOWN AS A PRISONER.

Secret Agent X9
FBI agent Joe Owl has found a clue that leads to the hideout of the wood smoke trailing from a hummock in a pine tree.
HE MUST HAVE A SNAKE HOLE INSIDE THAT MOUND —
HEY! REAL SNEAKY — GOT HIMSELF A TIN CANNEY HIDDEN IN THIS CLUMP OF BRUSH! MAYBE A SNAKE-OUT IS IN ORDER!
INSIDE THE 'HOLE' —
S-SOMEONE PLUS CANNIEY! I'LL UN TOM GOT! SURPRISE! SHOULD DO POLICE!

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DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Land measure
2. Charles
3. Sovereign
4. Mountain nymph
5. Manila hemp
6. A twin crystal
7. A Gorgon snake
8. Persius
9. American living in Utah
10. Ekers
11. Lead
12. Worries
13. Arranges in a line (var.)
14. Mistakes
15. Walk slowly
16. Often (poet.)
17. Enlarge, as the pupil
18. Blase
19. Weather-cocks
20. Deadly
21. Spirit lamps
22. Become animated
23. Quantity of paper
DOWN
1. French river
2. Deceased

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
= 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
F T Q W C P I V N H T Q V S H B A T C J B A T J
O C P B Q A A J B M F W W J H F W M
I S C S E F B A S — K P S T E

Saturday's Cryptquote: WITH WHAT DEEP WORSHIP I HAVE STILL ADORED THE SPIRIT OF DIVINEST LIBERTY — COLERIDGE.

The rate for passenger cars in the same period was 3.45, records show.
Deer are kept as sacred animals in the old city of Nara in South Japan. Waters to feed the animals are sold on the shrine grounds.
Flower lovers will be pleased to know that a new colored rose has been developed. It is called the Queen Elizabeth rose. The new rose will be sold by leading nurserymen in the spring of 1935.

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