BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

PETER STAYS AT HOME

Some people are so very dense. They must be frightened into sense.
—Old Mother Nature.

The dear Old Briar Patch is the safest place in all The Great World for Peter Rabbit and Mrs. Peter. It is made up of bushes, young trees, briars and brambles all tangled together. It is such brambles that make it a safe place for Peter and Mrs. Rabbit. With their sharp teeth they have cut little paths this way and that through the brambles. In some places the brambles are so tangled that the little paths through them are really little tunnels. They are just big enough for those Rabbits to run along easily.

Once in a great while some hungry enemy tries to follow Peter or Mrs. Peter. They never get far. Their faces are scratched and their coats are torn by the brambles. They usually back out before they have gone very far.

Now wouldn't you think that Peter would be content and happy to stay at home in such a safe place? But he isn't. He has what is called the wandering foot. That means that he likes to go wandering about. This is because he is so full of curiosity.

Now Mrs. Peter is not at all like Peter in that respect. Mrs Peter is what is called a homebody. She dearly loves the dear Old Briar Patch and is content to stay in it. She does her best to keep Peter there. But every chance he gets when she isn't watching, he slips out and away he goes, lipperty, lipperty, lip over to the Big River. Mrs. Peter is always sure that something will happen to him and he will never come home again. But he always does.

This night the Black Shadows had crept out from the Purple Hills extra early. Anyway, it seemed that way to Peter.

"I think I'll run over to the Old Pasture and see if old Jed Thumper is still there," said Peter to Mrs. Peter. Old Jed Thumper was Mrs. Peter's father.

"You will do nothing of the kind," declared Mrs. Peter.

"Why not?" asked Peter.

"I just heard Reddy Fox bark over there," said Mrs. Peter.

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"I didn't hear him," said Peter.

"You would have if you had been using those long ears as it was intended they be used. What is more, I heard Mrs. Reddy answer him. So both of them are hunting over in the Old Pasture," declared Mrs. Peter.

"Then I'll go over to the Green Forest," said Peter.

No sooner were the words out of his mouth than they heard the hunting call of Hooty the Owl, biggest and fiercest member of the Owl family. Peter changed his mind.

He yawned. "I think I'll stay at home tonight," said he. He yawned again. He was pretending to be sleepy.

"I'm glad for once you have a little sense, Peter Rabbit," said Mrs. Peter. She said it rather tartly. Peter didn't mind.

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Warsaw Pact Members Issue Declaration

PRAGUE (Reuters)—The Communist countries of Europe Saturday night called on the West to join them in a series of European security agreements after enlisting East Germanys armed forces in their military network.

In a joint declaration signed and issued here, the eight nations of the Communist Warsaw pact said they are willing to co-operate with all other nations "for the strengthening of European security and the elimination of the threat of a new war in Europe."

Concretely, they suggested that both the Warsaw act nations and the members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization agree "to solve differences and conflicts arising between them only by peaceful means.'

They also proposed that the "interested countries" ban atomic weapons for forces stationed in both East and West Germany, including German troops, and called for establishment of a zone in Europe where the number and location of armed forces would be limited by special agreement.

Sentenced For Army Fraud

QUEBEC (CP)—Gerard Gagne, 48-year-old owner of Gagne Transport of Quebec City, was sentenced Friday to four months in jail and ordered to pay a $10,000 fine or serve another six months on conviction of defrauding the Canadian Army in connection with a furniture-moving racket.

Gagne pleaded guilty to 53 charges. He was sentenced to four months concurrent on each count. Twenty-two army men from Valcartier Camp were tried by a military court in connection with the frauds, dating back to 1954, and received sentences varying from a few weeks to two years.

About $9,000 was involved, obtained from the army for furniture moving never carried out. Defence counsel told the judge that Gagne had made restitution of all the money.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Hearing screams for help, Mrs. Jane Boyce found Charles Oliver confronted by an angry bull on a farm near London. Mrs. Boyce marched up to the bull, broke a walking stick over its head, and firmly told it to leave. The bull ambled away. Oliver was unhurt.

Fire broke out in the home of Sidney Fleming, near Schroon Lake, N. Y. Volunteer firemen and neighbors rallied around. They carried everything movable from every room in the house-even the kitchen sink.

Grocer George Jacob gave chase when a man armed with a knife robbed his store in Detroit, of $256. But when a gust of wind whipped about $80 in bills from the thief's hands, Jacob stopped to retrieve his money.

Happiness is no easy matter; it's very hard to find it within ourselves and impossible to find it elsewhere.

Scientists list the praying mantis as the only insect that can turn its head.

Needles, pins, razor blades, and a few perfect leaves are enough to keep Adrian Lewis happy for many hours. For almost 40 years Lewis has found pleasure in his unusual leaf-etching hobby. Lewis, who lives near New York City, uses maple, horse chestnut, basswood, oak, linden, and ash leaves. Most of his etchings feature scenes from the Bible-Calvary, Daniel in the lion's den, Noah's Ark, and Holy Land scenes at the time of Christ's birth.

Using his few simple tools, Lewis simply penetrates the surface of the leaves to various depths. He uses no patterns or tracing guides of any kind. His finished leaves, most of which he gives to friends, are preserved by lacquer, or simply by pressing them between the pages of a heavy book. Of his hobby, Lewis says, "For almost 40 years leaf-etching has been providing some of the relaxation my body requires."

Is there a taller king? Maybe so, but we don't know where? King Charles Mutara Rudahigwa, ruler of Ruanda Urandi, in the Beglian Congo, is six feet, nine inches tall.

Marriage keeps Nezar Tewfik, a 28-year-old Arab prince, mighty busy. He has managed to marry 45 women in the last year. Tewfik says he marries every woman who strikes his fancy.

Only two of the 1955 wives have proved sufficiently winsome for Tewfik not to divorce them. The law allows him only four wives at one time, but does not limit the number he can divorce.

One of the most fantastic armies of all time was the Imperial Nosegays of Russia, for each soldier had an unusually big nose. You see, Emperor Nicholas 1 had heard there was a certain big-nosed tribe of fierce fighters in the northern reaches of his kingdom. They'd never quite been tamed and regimented.

If a man with a big nose was a good fighter in one part of the kingdom, why wouldn't a man with a big nose in another part also make an excellent combat soldier, the emperor reasoned. So he sent men out into the highways and byways to conscript Russian males with extra prominent beaks. In time, they found enough of these large-nosed individuals to form a regiment 1,000 strong.

Strangely enough, the czar's theory turned out to be correct. This legion of Cyranos actually fought with unusual distinction and valor. Their fame spread throughout the Crimean fighting front, and they were greeted with awe wherever they went.

Of course, in modern warfare a big nose might not do a man much good, but it still might be some consolation to him to know that there was a time when, by looks alone, he'd have been considered a first class fighting man.

Pretzels began in Rome, where they were given to children for saying their prayers properly, says the National Georgraphic Society. The shape of the pretzel is said to represent little arms folded.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

HE GOT WHAT HE ASKED FOR

The fact that a player has passed previously has no effect whatever on the safety of the overcall he then elects to make. Thus, there was neither rhyme nor reason in South's belated club bid in the following case:

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

	♠ Q J 8 7 6 3 ♥ 5 4 2 ♦ 10 6 5 ♣ K	
♠ 2 ♥ J 6 ♦ K 8 7 4 3 2 ♣ A Q 9 5	N W E S	♠ A K 9 4 ♥ A Q 10 7 3 ♦ 9 ♣ 8 3 2
	♠ 10 5 ♥ K 9 8 ♦ A Q J ♣ J 10 7 6 4	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
2 ♣	Dble.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

South almost escaped destruction when East gave long consideration to taking out his partner's double, but even though it is never wholly satisfactory to let a five-card major suit go unmentioned—as East would have to do here in respect to his hearts— East's singleton diamond and three trumps weighed heavily in favor of accepting the double.

The ensuing slaughter was even greater than West or East could have hoped for, let alone expected. West opened the singleton spade and East, after winning the trick, shifted to his singleton. South tried the finesse, and when West won he led a diamond for East to ruff. East then cashed the spade ace, letting West get rid of a heart, and East next cashed the heart ace and led the heart queen through declarer, West ruffing away South's king. East ruffed another diamond, cashed his heart ten and then led a spade. To sum up, South came out with exactly two tricks on his contract for eight tricks, and so suffered the not inconsiderable loss of 1700 points!

South moaned that the cards had been stacked against him, and indeed, that was true. Nevertheless, though the punishment was too severe for the offense, the fact remains that South had been "asking for it" when he put in the overcall. Aside from safety, there was nothing to be gained by that bid. It wasn't a lead-directing call—who wants partner to lead to a jack-high suit? It wasn't the groundwork for a "save"—surely, South didn't want to be pushed to five clubs against a game bid by the opponents. So the only supposition left is that South had an irresistible desire to bid and make two clubs!

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