

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

## WHAT WAS MOTHER THINKING OF?

Fear all reason casts aside; From itself it seeks to hide... Old Mother Nature.

In the darkest, most lonesome part of the Green Forest a young Grouse crowded close to his mother or part way up in a big hemlock tree with spreading branches. Never had he been more frightened in all his short life. In a neighboring tree sat Hooty the Great Horned Owl and Mrs. Hooty.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By F. H. MacArthur

More than 20,000,000 goldfish are raised every year at goldfish farms or hatcheries in America, and other millions are imported from Japan to supply the ever-growing demand in this country. This means a goldfish for nearly every family in the U.S. and Canada.

The only way to get air out of water is to boil the water. In order to breathe all fishes must draw water through their open mouths and pass it over the tiny blood vessels inside their heads called gills and which look like rows of red fringe. The gills take oxygen from the air dissolved in water, and it becomes part of the creature's blood. It is carried by the blood through the arteries to the different parts of the fish's body. The water from which the oxygen has been extracted passes out through the slits at the side of the head called the gill samms.

Certain water plants help to supply part of the oxygen so necessary for the life of fishes. Incidentally, all growing plants which receive light produce oxygen. That is one reason why plants are used in aquariums. If an aquarium is located where it gets a couple of hours of morning sunshine each day, the fish and plants will both flourish.

In some rural areas of China girls of marriageable age are considered dangerous to the peace of a family so they are commanded to direct their gaze modestly to the ground when a strange man appears on the scene. In other places, young girls, carrying kettles of warm water, soap, and towels, wash their faces for a penny. Barbers set up their portable barber shops in nearly all small villages and at country fairs. They cut hair, clean out ones ears, and jerk out with the tweezers the stray hairs that sprout on the faces of their beardless countrymen.

Too, nearly every small village has one or more letter writers for those who have no time to write for themselves. Just in case you think most Chinese eat only rats and rice, let me give the menu of a middle-class group: chicken and walnuts with deep brown gravy. Shrimps, mushrooms, and green onions. Cabbage pork and bean curd. Noodles, celery and pigeon eggs. Fish and bamboo soup. Rice wine, served in tiny cups. Add to this salted radishes and red hot jelly and you have a real Chinese meal. Five 80 cents. Think of it! Such a meal (if you could get it in one of Charlotte's best restaurants) would cost several dollars.

A girl never pins up her hair in China until she is married. In China people regulate their watches by a crude time called a "time stick". The 12 carved divisions on the spiral of the time stick represent the hours. There are twelve in one day. Two hours of foreign time correspond to one of Chinese time. The hours are named: rat, ox, tiger, hare, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, cock, dog, and pig.

Idleness brings ruin to a family like water removing a sandbank. Strange as it may seem to us all waste land in China belongs to the nearest village, in common, until such time as someone will bring it into cultivation. There are no enclosures acts in China, and no lords of the manor with special rights in the wild game or in wild growth. There can be no private possession without annual sowing and reaping. Anyone can pasture livestock, trap, hunt, on any unbroken ground.

The farmer's calendar is a sun calendar. It traces the sun's path

here in this tree and don't move.

"Are you going to leave me?"

whispered the young Grouse.

"Yes," replied Mother Grouse,

"but I'll be back."

"I don't want to stay here Let me go with you," whimpered the young Grouse.

"Have you forgotten that you cannot fly?" replied his mother.

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With this Mother Grouse hopped down from branch to branch until she reached the ground. Cautiously she moved away. A moment or two later the young Grouse heard the roar of her wings as she took to the air.

In all the Green Forest there was no happier bird, more frightened bird than was the young Grouse hidden in that hemlock tree. Every time he peeped out he could see Hooty the Owl in a neighboring tree. Some of the time Hooty's eyes were closed. When they were open they looked so big and fierce and hungry that they made the frightened young Grouse shiver and shake. He was sure that Hooty saw him, which of course Hooty didn't at all for he would have caught him.

At first he hadn't seen Mrs. Hooty. She had kept so still that even though he looked straight at her she looked so much like part of the tree that he didn't see her. It wasn't until she had lifted a big wing to stretch it that he saw her. He had thought he was as frightened as he could be, but now he was doubly frightened. Why had mother brought him there? Why had she left him there? What was she thinking of? It was bad enough to be hurt and unable to fly, but it was much, much worse to have such frightening neighbors so close

to him.

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# CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

## EXCELLENT PLAY

South deserved extra credit in the following deal because he overcame a formidable combination: bad breaks and good defense.

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K64 ♠ Q753 ♠ J852 ♠ A943 ♠ J852 ♠ A943 ♠ J852 ♠ A943

♣ 10 ♣ 984 ♣ Q1073 ♣ 2 ♣ J852 ♣ A943 ♣ J852 ♣ A943

♦ 3 ♦ Q76 ♦ A943 ♦ 102 ♦ J852 ♦ A943 ♦ J852 ♦ A943

♥ 5 ♥ K62 ♥ 5 ♥ KJ85 ♥ J852 ♥ A943 ♥ J852 ♥ A943

The bidding: East 1♣ South 2♣ West 2♣ North 2♣ Pass 4♣ Pass Pass

South was not the sort of player (of which there are too many) to ask his partner for a second "vote of confidence." Since North had given a free spade raise over

Mrs. Hooty stretched first wing, then the other. She repeated this, then she flew over to a neighboring tree. When those great wings of hers were spread, she looked so big that it quite took the breath away from the young Grouse. More than ever he wondered what mother was thinking of to bring him over there and leave him along with such strange neighbors.

West opened his fourth-highest diamond; East won and led a second round of the suit. South ruffed and cashed the trump ace, taking due notice of the ten-spot played by West. A trump led to the king revealed the true situation, and now of course South had a trump tenace over East's jack-eight. Declarer had other work to do, however, before East's trumps could be more explicitly, before South could afford to give up the last trump in dummy.

South led a low heart from the table and, when East ducked, won with the king. Now a heart return was ducked in dummy, and, fortunately for declarer, East had to play the ace.

East realized that a club return might help South; he chose the much more embarrassing lead of another diamond, despite the fact that dummy, as well as South, was now out of that suit. South could not afford to shorten his own trumps, so he ruffed in dummy while he discarded his own last heart. Then, on the heart queen lead, East ruffed and South over-ruffed. Declarer drew the last trump, went to the club ace in dummy and returned the remaining heart, passing it to West.

West had been obliged to give up every diamond to guard hearts and clubs, and now he was forced to lead from the club queen to declarer's tenace.

## across the sky by twelve stars.

It divides the sun's journey into four sections. These are the four seasons. And the seasons are further divided into periods, each with an indicative name.

Go and see the world if you like. You will soon come home again. I've seen a bit of it myself, and I know that the best place in the world is right here in the beautiful and peaceful garden of the gulf, surrounded by a wall of sea.

## Out Our Way

By J R Williams



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

## Our Boarding House Major Hoople



ONCE UPON A TIME

## The Lone Ranger



CHARLES FANTNER

## By Fran Striker



TILLY THE TOILER

## By Mel Graff



JOE PALOKA

## By Al Capp



BRINGING UP FATHER

## DAILY CROSSWORD

- 1. Bands of color
- 2. Sea foam
- 3. Terminal part of arm
- 4. Arabian chieftain
- 5. Pieces of skeleton
- 6. Savage
- 7. Adam allworm
- 8. Italian river
- 9. A shield
- 10. Judge
- 11. Part of the mouth
- 12. For example (abbr.)
- 13. A plant
- 14. A flower
- 15. Afternoon reception
- 16. Evenings (poet.)
- 17. Land-measures
- 18. Public notice
- 19. Openings
- 20. Cook in an oven
- 21. Eaten with eggs
- 22. Adhesive mixture
- 23. A poem
- 24. Finely notched
- 25. Commanders of merchant vessels
- 26. DOWN
- 27. A kind of dog
- 28. A fir tree
- 29. Remnants
- 30. Shore birds
- 31. Rowing implement
- 32. These are found in lily