

BEDTIME STORIES

Reddy Fox On Watch

By Thornton W. Burgess

Watchful waiting often pays. In most unexpected ways.

Everyone knows that Reddy Fox is one of the smartest of all the folks who wear fur. The proof of his smartness is in the fact that he manages to live close to mankind, despite the fact that man is forever trying to shoot or trap him.

Reddy had surprised Peter Rabbit over in Farmer Brown's maple grove in the Green Forest. It was when Farmer Brown and Farmer Brown's boy were busy making maple syrup. They were out collecting sap from the trees when Reddy surprised Peter. They had left the door of the little sugar house ajar. Peter had darted in there. There had been no other place for him to go. Reddy didn't follow him in. He might get the chance that he would be trapped in there. Had he gone in after Peter he would have been trapped. A Merry Little Breeze came dancing along and slammed that door shut just after Peter had gone in.

Reddy knew that Peter had no business to be there and that he would run out the first chance he got.

"All I have to do is keep out of sight and wait," thought Reddy. "Sooner or later that door is going to be opened and sooner or later Peter is going to come out."

So Reddy found a good hiding place. He saw Farmer Brown and Farmer Brown's boy go home to dinner. He saw Prickly Porky the Porcupine try to get into that garage and fail. He saw Brown and Brown's boy would return sooner or later. He heard a sound that made him sit up quickly and look off among the trees. Some one was coming. Some one was sniffing and snuffing. It was a young bear. Reddy grinned as he watched him. "He smells something that he likes and at the same time he's uneasy," thought Reddy.

The young bear would come a little way and then stop. He would hold his head high and sniff and sniff. You see the Merry Little Breezes were tickling his nose with the mingled smell of smoke and maple syrup. It didn't take long for Reddy to discover that that sugar house. Perhaps if he goes over there he'll get in. He's big enough to get in," thought Reddy.

THERE'S A REASON

Day by day, as we wander on And life brings its joys and its cares: And wonderful nature expresses herself In so many different ways. There's a reason for all the beauty and joy That greets us day by day. We wonder, and scan, what it's all about! And no answer comes our way. The heavens so blue, and the sun gives out, The glare of a diamond white. The trees so green—the buds so young. As spring opens up, so right, The little blades of grass perk up. In spite of frost and ice, And trailing arbutus, spring's first flower. Is so fragrant, and deliciously nice. There's a reason for all the wonders of life. That we live and enjoy day by day. The greatest and only reason of all Is God's in His Heaven Always.—Mary R. Gavin.

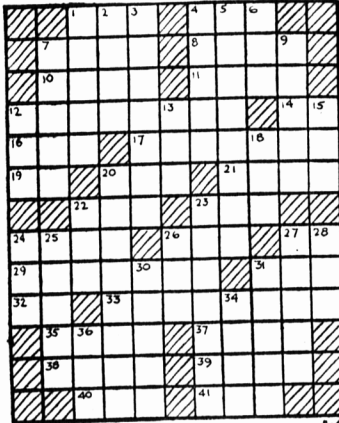
MORE TILES

Canadians produced 2,256,000 square feet of floor tiles in January, 1956, against 1,417,000 in the same month of 1955.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS: 1. Kettle, 2. Capital of the Balearic Islands, 3. Capital (Nor.), 4. Expressed gratitude, 5. Wide-mouthed jar, 6. Prickling sensation on skin, 7. Reprove mildly, 8. Eaker, 9. Marash meadow, 10. The patella, 11. Hewing tool, 12. Lair, 13. Bristle-like organ, 14. Exclamation of disgust, 15. Filmy covering on top of liquid, 16. Fuel, 17. From (prefix), 18. A statistical book, 19. Misfigure, 20. Note of the scale, 21. Substituting, 22. Length of walking step, 23. French river, 24. Ornamental knob, 25. Decays, 26. Large worm, 27. Upward curving of a ship's planking.

- DOWN: 1. Letter of the alphabet, 2. Capital (Syria), 3. Drunkard's loafer ( slang), 4. Agents, 5. Man's nickname, 6. Paper fasteners, 7. Gun ( slang), 8. People of Denmark, 9. Wing hog, 10. A young tavern, 11. Wayside, 12. Mineral spring, 13. Unit of work, 14. Foggy, 15. King of beasts, 16. Devoured.



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it: AX YDLBAAXR M LONGFELLOW. 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: Y AS XSG WXPZ FQVC Y FUG KTVHYXJ. ZL FQVC Y FVO ALRVI. YXJ QQRX-KLEPRL. Yesterday's Cryptoquote: NOT GOOD IT IS TO HARP ON THE FRAYED STRING—MORRIS.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER

(Top record holder in Masters' Individual Championship Play)

You are the dealer, both sides vulnerable, and have opened with one diamond. Partner has responded with one spade. What do you now bid with each of the following four hands?

- 1. ♠A Q 6 3 ♥K 5 ♦A K J 8 7 2 ♣9
2. ♠7 4 ♥A Q 6 ♦A Q 9 2 ♣K J 8 4
3. ♠9 ♥A 7 2 ♦K Q J 8 6 4 ♣A J 3
4. ♠A Q 4 2 ♥— ♦K Q 9 8 5 ♣A Q 5 3

Q1. Four spades. This is a powerful rebid by the opening bidder, and alerts partner to the possibility of a slam. It is not, as is sometimes stated, a close-bid. The responding hand may have had only six points for the spade response, and we want to impress upon him that that little is enough to produce a game. There is therefore the intimation that the opening bidder has at least 20 points, most of which will consist of high cards, with the balance being made up of distributional values. There is a vast difference between the responding hand jumping directly to game in the opening bidder's suit, and the opening bidder jumping to game over partner's response. The former is strictly a slam, but the latter identifies a strong hand including a good trump fit. Q2. Two clubs. The hand is not good enough to jump to two no trump, which usually guarantees

between 17 and 19 points, and is too promising to rebid no trump, which is a sign-off bid denoting from 12 to 15 points. The neutral bid of two clubs has the advantage of delaying a decision on how far to go until more is learned about partner's hand, at which time the high card values and distribution may be correctly shown. Q3. Two diamonds. Although the full values of the minimum rebid, there is not much hope of a game unless partner voluntarily bids again. It must be remembered that the spade response has detracted from the original evaluation of the hand. If responder had bid one heart or two clubs, thereby adding new values to our hand and confirming previous ones, it would be in order. Of course, if partner is able to find another bid over the two diamond rebid, we will have to make a constructive bid to balance out our previous underbid. Q4. Three clubs. It is urgent to inform partner of the promising slam possibilities. By bidding diamonds, clubs, and ultimately spades, the responder is indirectly made aware of the heart control. The rebid in the form of a jump shift is forcing on the responder, and tells him that a slam may be in the offing. If the responder has only six spades, two black kings, six spades becomes a feasible contract.

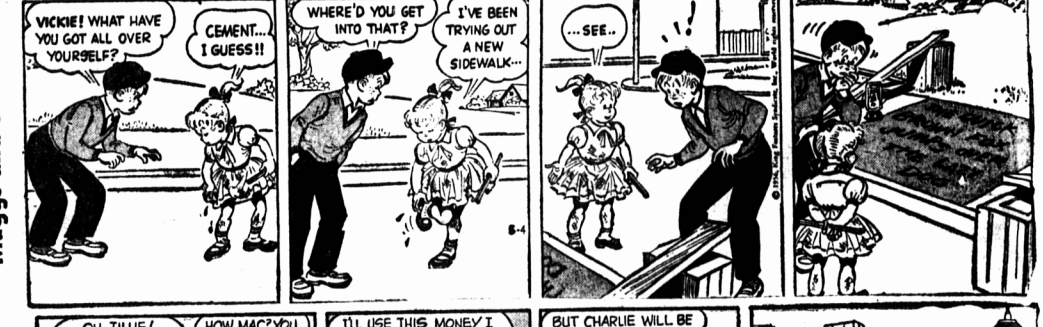
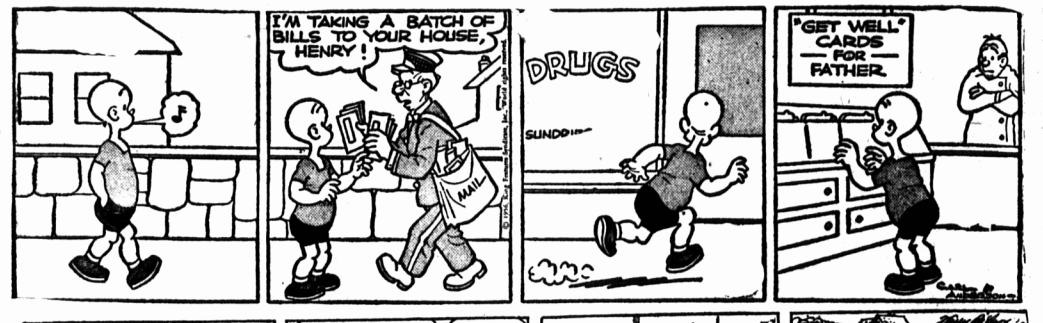
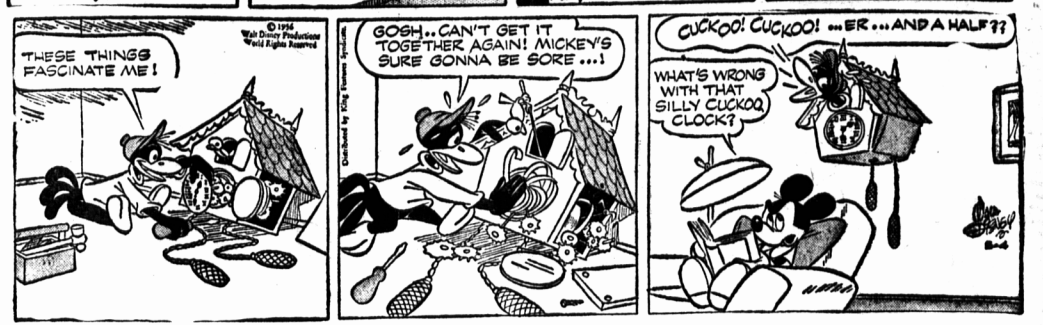
PLUNGE BEFORE TRAIN TOURS AIR BASES

PATNA, India (Reuters)—Four persons were killed when they threw themselves before a train in a demonstration at Birhee railway station, 112 miles from here, Tuesday night. They were in a crowd of 400 collected to demonstrate for "certain passenger amenities" at the station.

METZ, France (UPI)—A. H. Zimmerman, head of Canada's defence board, arrived Wednesday on his visit to the RCAF air division in Europe. He will inspect the four Canadian fighter bases in France and Germany, starting with No. 4 fighter wing at Baden-Soellingen.

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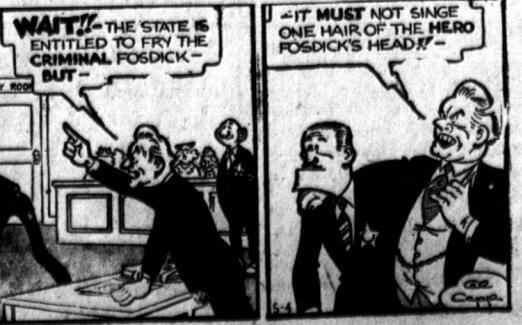
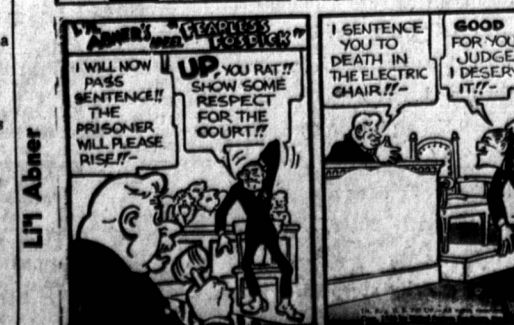
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