BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

BLACKY HAS HIS SAY

It is a safety valve you'll find,
To sometimes freely speak your mind.
—Old Mother Nature

If you should see Blacky the Crow and Croaker the Raven together you would not need to be told that they are cousins. Excepting for size they look much alike. Croaker is much bigger than Blacky, but the family resemblance is very, very strong. For a long time Blacky had been the only bird wearing a black coat anywhere in the Green Forest. Now Cousin Croaker had come down from the Great Mountain. So now there were two black folks in the Green Forest.

For some time Blacky had managed not to meet his big cousin, but a day came when he had to meet him. It wasn't a friendly meeting. No, sir, it wasn't a friendly meeting. Blacky spoke his mind. This means that he said just what he thought. And the things he thought about his big cousin were not at all nice.

"Caw! Caw! Caw!" shrieked Blacky. "Caw! Caw! Caw Go back home where you belong. You have no business down here"

"Your mistake," croaked his big black cousin. "I have sujatrs-a black cousin. "I have just as much business here as you have. My business is keeping alive. I can't do it up on the Great Mountain this winter, so I am down here where I can do it."

"But, you don't belong here," protested Blacky.

"I belong wherever I can live," declared Croaker.

"There isn't enough food for folks who belong here in the Green Forest, so what right has any one from outside to come here?" asked Blacky

"But you don't belong here," protested Blacky

"The same right that you have to go south if you want to. Why don't you do that? Nobody wants you around here," croaked his big black cousin.

That was too much for Blacky. He lost his temper completely. He called Croaker names, and they were not nice names.

"Nobody in all the Green Forest wants you around," declared Blacky. "You haven't a single friend here. You're a robber! You are stealing the food that belongs to others."

Croaker made a funny noise in his throat. Perhaps it was a chuckle. "Food belongs to those who can get it, and you know it," said he.

Blacky did now it. That is one law of the Green Forest, the Green Meadows and everywhere that Mother Nature rules. Food belongs to those who can get it. That means every one has an equal right to such food as there may be in any place. Of course some get more because they are stronger than others. Some get more because they are stronger, or better fighters than others. But however they get it, it is theirs once they have possession of it. And only then.

"Thief! Robber! Rascal!" Go back where you belong and stay there!" screamed Blacky.

"Next spring and not before," croaked Croaker. "Where I am I belong. What I can get is mine I am not sure that I wouldn't find you good eating, Cousin Blacky". He made a sudden lunge at Blacky.

Blacky took to his wings. "Caw! Caw! Caw! he shreiked, and it was a shreik of fright

USEFUL MUD

REGINA (CP) —The Regina area's wel-known gumbo is being put to commercial use. Two plants now are mining the wet clay for manufacture of aggregates used in making lightweight concrete. A third plant will be built next spring.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By F. H. MacArthur

There are more covered bridges around than one would think. New Brunswick has 3, Maine 11, Ontario 2, New Hampshire 54, Pennsylvania 390, Indiana 374, Ohio 349, and West Virginia 52.

Driving to work in Edmonton, Alberta, Chas. Simms sneezed. His car struck a police car, causing $400 damage. The cops gave Simms a ticket for reckless driving.

Dogs require three times as much oxygen as human beings. Remember that when you shut up your dog in a closed car on a hot day.

The lovable Koala bear of Australia lives on gum leaves and never takes a drink of water. He is so unaccustomed to the nature of water that when some is put before him, he tries to chew it. There is only one place in the world — outside of Australia, where this bear has been able to survive — the zoo in San Diego. The land down under relaxed its prohibition against the export of koalas to San Diego because Eucalyptus trees, the only food these bears will eat, are now grown there.

The best way to kill time is to get busy and work it to death.

It wasn't just another wedding to Rabbi Morris Silverman, of Hartford, Conn., when he officiated at the nuptials of Ethel Flitt and William Frank. She was the 9th sister he had married in 21 years.

Its what a worker does, not what he is capable of doing, that shows in the record of achievment.

Every question may have more than two sides, but all sides are not necesarily of equal importance.

After dinner speaking is usually done by men because women won't wait that long.

A lot of today's prosperity is comparable with that of the fellow who acquired a $50,000 dog — by trading two $25,000 cats for it.

It probably rains more on the just than the unjust, since the latter is likely to own an umbrella.

One of the most unusual societies in the world is one in the state of Louisiana in which all the officers and members are trees!

To be eligible for membership in this unique Live Oak Society, a tree must be at least 100 years old and a genuine live oak. A branch junior league admits younger trees.

The society's whimsical constitution and by-laws require members to pay annual dues (25 acorns, each) any time before New Year's Day. The Acorns are planted in the live oak nursery of the state. Seedlings are distributed before each years end to interested persons without cost.

Bcause of its distinction as the world's largest live oak, the Locke Breaux oak in St. Charles Parish, La., has served as Society president since the group began in 1935. It is 75 feet tall, has a waist measurement of 35 feet and a limb spread of 166 feet.

It overlooks the Mississippi river.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Husband of Jezebel (Bib.)
5. Ordinary
10. Ventured
12. Cleanse of soap
13. City in Turkey
14. Short and to the point
15. Property (L.)
16. Body of water
18. To make lace edging
19. Glistened
21. Inclined troughs
24. Joyous
26. Chief gods (Norse Myth.)
29. Ancient capital of Japan
30. One who dyes things
31. Occur
32. Restrict
34. Habitual drunkard
37. Affirmative reply
38. Question
41. Holding device
43. City (Ohio)
45. Seaweed (pl.)
46. River (Fr.)
47. Inner bark of linden (pl.)
48. Salary

DOWN
1. Jewish month
2. Angle made by a fault
vein (geol.)
3. Macawa
4. Man's nickname
5. Of a city
6. Title of respect
7. The least whole number (math.)
8. On the ocean
9. Remaining
11. One of Santa Claus' reindeer
17. Goddess of dawn
19. Mixes
20. The country of the pyramids
21. A bounder
22. Exclamation (slang)
23. Employ
25. Cut off, as the tops
26. Consumed
27. Put on, as clothes
29. The Sunflower state
31. Hasten
33. Particular kinds
34. Crust on a wound
35. Bulging jar
36. Labels
38. Melody
39. A mere trifle (colloq.)
40. Leg joint
42. Cushion
44. A suburb of London

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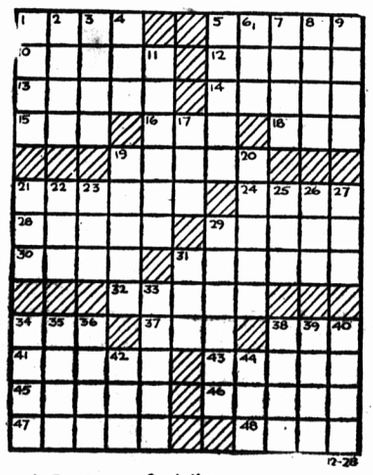
Yesterday's Answer



A Cryptogram Quotation

SO ADMONS KQH ESK ADMOL ESTH'L KQH BOQVLOR—WBTLSTE.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: AGAINST HER FOES RELIGION WELL DEFENDS HER SACRED TRUTHS—CRABBE.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

HE LOST HIS WAY

Almost any method of suit-establishment would have succeeded in the following case—that is, any but the method declarer actually used

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Many experts do not approve of the particular series of responses that South used in this case, but the hard fact is that the repeated notrump responses pictured South's holding graphically. The final contract was excellent.

West opened the heart seven, and South held up his ace for two rounds. After winning the third heart, he led a spade and played dummy's nine. East won and returned the club ten. Declarer played the jack and was pleased when it held the trick. Now he West followed with a low card, he thought for a long time and finally went up with the king. Then he led his remaining spade and, when cashed the spade ace.

When the jack of spades refused to fall, South was in trouble. He could not win nine tricks except by establishing dummy's fifth spade, and if he did that, West could cash his last heart to defeat the contract.

There are two sound methods of establishing a suit such as the spade suit in this deal. The best "percentage" is to cash the ace and king, then to lead the ten. Success is assured if the out-standing spades are divided 3-3, or if they are 4-2 with one of the honors only singly guarded (the actual case here).

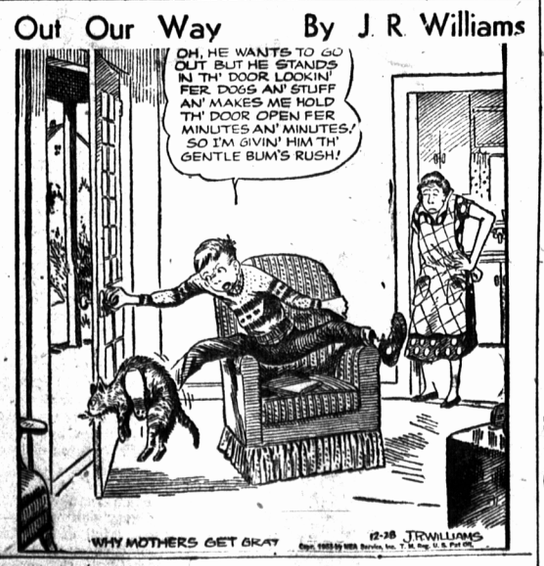
The second method, almost equally good, is to take successive finesses, first to the nine, later to the ten. This method also would have worked in the above deal.

The declarer lost out because he unwisely tried to combine two plans, each of which is effective individually, but which, in a manner of speaking, are mutually exclusive.

Ripley's Believe It or Not!

Our Boarding House — Major Hoople

Out Our Way — By J. R. Williams



Secret Agent X9

By Al Capp

The Lone Ranger

TELEVISION

CKCW — Moncton
Television Programme
Channel 2

WEDNESDAY

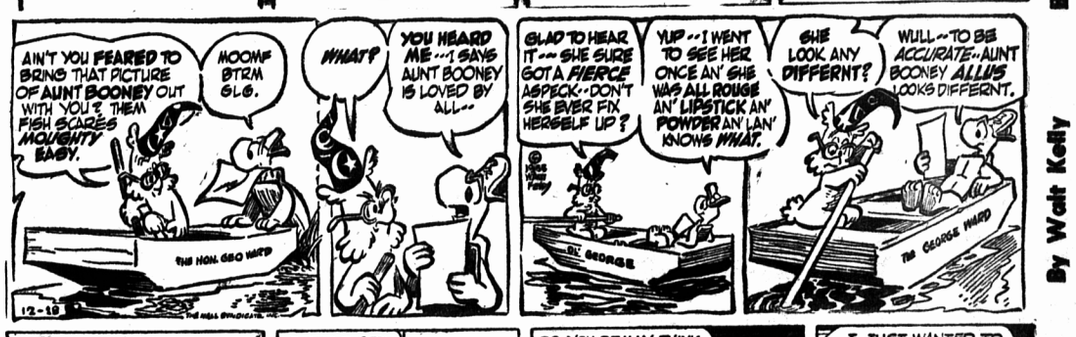
2:00 p.m.—F. M. Concert Hour
3:00 p.m.—Frankie Laine
3:30 p.m.—At Home with Helen Crocker
4:30 p.m.—Today with Arlene Holder
4:45 p.m.—Uncle Jack at the Piano
5:00 p.m.—Take A Look
5:15 p.m.—Folk Songs
5:30 p.m.—Howdy Doody
6:00 p.m.—Puppet Theatre
6:15 p.m.—Melody Roundup
6:30 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
6:40 p.m.—Weather
6:45 p.m.—Sports
6:50 p.m.—CBC News
7:00 p.m.—Jungle Jim
7:30 p.m.—Bunkhouse Boys
8:00 p.m.—Vic Obeck Show
8:30 p.m.—I Love Lucy
9:00 p.m.—Cross-Canada Hit Parade
9:30 p.m.—Jackie Rae Show
10:00 p.m.—Big Town
10:30 p.m.—Press Conference
11:00 p.m.—CKCW—TV News
11:10 p.m.—Weather
11:15 p.m.—You Only Live Once
2:15 a.m.—Sign Off.

Grandma — By Charles Kuhn

Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney

Henry — By Carl Anderson

POGO — By Walt Kelly



Muggs and Skeeter — By Wally Bishop

Tilly The Toiler — By Bob Gustafson

Joe Paloka — By Ham Fisher

Etta Kett — By Paul Robinson

Bringing Up Father — By George McManus

L'il Abner — By Mel Graff