

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess
GRAYING LEAVES

You are wise if always you profit by what others do. —Old Mother Nature.

Graywing the Gull was a long way from salt water. He likes to fish in fresh water, and he had followed the Big River up to where the water ran too fast to freeze. He had come day after day to fish there. There were others spending the winter there who felt that they had more right to fish there than Graywing had. Rattles the Kingfisher was one. Longlegs the Heron was another. Both of them had lived all summer not far from that open water. They didn't want another fisherman there. Sawbill the Merganser, who is also called Sheldrake, was a frequent visitor there. And almost daily King Eagle and Mrs. Eagle were visitors on the chance of finding a dead fish floating in

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

FOO CONFIDENT

The best defense against a certain type of declarer is to let him feel that the contract is safe and that he might as well go out for overtricks. For example:

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
South West North East
2NT Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass 3NT Pass
6♦ Pass Pass Pass

South should have opened with two notrump—not two diamonds. Even a slightly shaded three-notrump bid would have been better than the forcing two-bid in the suit.

West knew that North must have been counting on ruffing power when he took the three-notrump contract back to diamonds, so West shrewdly led a trump. This immediately gave South visions of an extra trick—he would discard two spades on the long club suit. Acting on that ruff idea, he won the first trick in dummy, led a heart to the ace and ruffed a heart. Then he led to the club ace and ruffed his last heart.

Now South drew the outstanding trumps, bringing his own hand down to one trump, and the original three spades, and the king-small of clubs. Only when he cashed the club king and saw West show out did South realize that everything was not so rosy.

For want of a better play, at this point, South led the spade queen. West won and ruffed South's last trump by returning a heart. Another spade went to West, and the latter's heart defeated the contract.

South should not have been so pleased over the fact that the opening lead was not a spade. He should have drawn trumps and cleared the clubs immediately, ruffing the fourth round of the suit to drive out East's stopper. Then the spade queen would lose to the king, and on a heart return declarer would have his ace as the stopper. Another spade lead would establish declarer's ten-spot, and now if West returned a heart, dummy's trump would stop the run of the suit.

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Strange-But True

By F. H. MacArthur

At the town of Bideford, in Devonshire, England, there is a bridge kept in place entirely by means of mussels. This is somewhat surprising when we learn that this particular bridge has 24 arches. The tide is so swift that its mortar won't stay put, so loads of mussels are brought to the bridge from time to time, and these anchor themselves so firmly by means of their threads that they actually hold the long bridge's stone-work together, strange but true.

Mrs. Hilson Hughes of Harrington, P. E. I., has given birth to seven children in less than three years: two sets of twins and five single births.

The peaceful life of the seven House brothers of Port Stanley, Ontario, came to an abrupt end last July when they were caught up in the spotlight of publicity.

going to stay?" said Graywing. "Why shouldn't we stay?" croaked Longlegs. "No reason at all if you think you can stand it," declared Graywing.

"Stand what?" asked Rattles. "Stand what's coming," replied Graywing. "How do you know what's coming?" croaked Longlegs. "I don't know what's coming, but I have a feeling. And whatever it is, I'm not going to be here when it gets here," retorted Graywing.

Without awaiting a reply Graywing took to his wings. He circled twice, then headed straight down the Big River. It was smaller and smaller until he disappeared altogether. He was on his way back to salt water where he would be more at home than up there on the Big River. Longlegs looked up at Rattles. "What do you think?" he asked.

"I think, probably, that fellow has good sense. I hate to go, but if we shall have such cold weather that most of this water would be frozen over, I don't want to here. Fishing is poor enough as it is," said Rattles.

Without another word he left his perch, flew out a little way over the water, and then went off down the Big River after Graywing, rattling as he flew. He was soon out of sight.

Hardly had Rattles disappeared when King Eagle and Mrs. Eagle came down from the Great Mountain. King Eagle flew low above Longlegs. "We are going South before it is too late. You'd better do the same thing," said he.

that took them to New York on an all-expense trip. Not one of the brothers ever flirted with Lady Botine—nor have they ever rubbed shoulders with old Johnny Barleycorn, and strange but true the seven are bachelors. That's why they have been selected after a nation-wide search, by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer to appear at the premier showing of the film "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." Names: Vern, 52; Clarence, 50; Bill, 49; George, 48; Earl, 38; Lee, 34, and Raymond 32.

The Seven House brothers have three unmarried sisters and they and their brothers all live together on a farm near St. Thomas, Ontario.

M.G.M. gave them a gala time but no dates with the fair sex. However, that didn't bother the House brothers as they already have three women to do their cooking, mending and what have you.

Birds have as many kinds of bills as there are colors in a rainbow. The heron has a beak shaped like a sickle, the bill of the avocet is much like an awl.

There are birds with bills of such an odd shape that they give the birds their names—wrybill, cross-bill, span bill, curve-bill, shoebill, swordbill, longbill and so on. Each type is a specialized tool for getting certain kinds of food. Of all the bills or beaks attached to birds that of the mandible is the most unusual. The lower mandible is longer than the upper, and so compressed laterally

that it resembles a knife blade. incidentally, the mandible is the only one of the feathered tribe that has the ability to move the upper part of its bill. Another odd thing about this strange looking beak is that the tips are twisted in opposite directions.

The tiny wings of a hummingbird vibrate at the speed of from fifty to seventy-five beats per second. It can fly backwards, forward, straight up or straight down and can hover in one spot as though suspended from an invisible wire.

Here, too, you will find quite a variety of bills. Some are straight, some curved, some short, and some seven inches long, all depending on their place of residence and the kind of flowers grown in the vicinity.

Indeed, there seems to be no limit to the fantastic shapes of birds' bills, yet they are all equally useful to their owners as eating tools.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1. Van
 2. Pierce with a knife
 3. A horse who runs a mile
 4. Musical instrument
 5. Pungent plant
 6. Musical instrument
 7. Single unit
 8. Irons (plur.)
 9. A radio set
 10. Frigates
 11. Part of shoe
 12. Place of worship
 13. Skin disease
 14. City
 15. City, noted as high
 16. Living times
 17. Inhabitants
 18. Narrow inlet (plur.)
 19. English river (plur.)
 20. Merits
 21. Scope
 22. Robbers
 23. For fear that
 24. — Christian Anderson
- DOWN
1. Lofty peak
 2. Estrange
 3. Sign of the sodas

34. Sea eagle

35. Derrision

36. Making tubs

37. Seaweed

38. Cry, as a sheep

39. Cry, as a cow

40. Three old Pagan Indian

41. Half one of covering

42. A house

43. Deer (plur.)

44. Cutting tool

45. To run under

46. Mealy (colloq)

47. Crease

48. A shade of brown

49. Group of cattle

50. To not agree

51. Vehicle

52. Elliptical

53. Crustacean

54. Beast of burden

55. 20 Angles

56. Whistle

57. English nation

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it: A X Y Z L R A A B B in LONG FELLOW

One can simply stand 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
TD SUG UVV BTL BRVFLDUALDO.
WVY GCGTSD QUVORDVALDO...Y-
BLYDLE.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: HOW RUDE ARE THE BOYS THAT THROW PEBBLES AND MIRE—WATTS.

By Fran Striker

By L'il Abner

By Mel Graff

By Joe Palooka

By Mel Graff

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Henry

Grandma

Mickey Mouse

Bringing Up Father

Mugs and Skooter

Etha Kett

Tilly the Toiler

L'il Abner

Joe Palooka

Ray—Believe It or Not!

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THEY DID THAT MAN TELL YOU WHERE HE GOT THE CASH HE'S SPENDIN' SO FREE!

NO! BUT HIS NEW MONEY, THE SAME AS WE TOOK FROM THE BANK!

D'YA THINK HE FOUND WHERE WE BURIED THE CASH?

I WONDER! I STRIKE IT RICH! IT IS MY DAY TO CELEBRATE!

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