BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

A DIFFERENCE IN TONGUES

A tongue is useful, or may be
The cause when people disagree.
—Old Mother Nature.

Out on the Green Meadows, not far from the dear Old Briar-patch, grew some red clover. Peter Rabbit is very fond of clover, clover of any kind. So is Johnny Chuck. So are the Bee folk. Of course it is the leaves of which Peter and Johnny are so fond, but the Bee folk care nothing for these. It is the blossoms they want for the nectar, the sweetness, that is in them. Peter couldn't remember ever visiting a patch of sweet clover in bloom that he didn't find one or more Bees very busy on the blossoms.

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Presently another Bee came along and hummed right past Peter's nose. This Bee wasn't quite as big as the Bumble Bee. She was a Honey Bee, a worker, as are all Bees you find among the flowers. Presently another Honey Bee came along, but didn't stop.

"That's funny," thought Peter. "There are plenty of these nice big clover blossoms, yet those Bees didn't stop. I wonder why."

After that Peter kept watch. Not a single Honey Bee stopped at that lovely red clover. But Queen Bumble's children were going back and forth steadily. Finally Queen Bumble herself came bumbling along. She was big, and she certainly was handsome with her velvety cloak of rich black and yellow. Peter watched her sucking up the sweetness from the clover blossom.

"If you please, Queen Bumble, why is it none of your cousins, the Honey Bees, stop at this clover? Don't they like clover honey?"

"Of course they like clover honey. They would be crazy if they didn't. Haven't you seen them working on the blossoms of the white clover?" asked Queen Bumble.

"Of course I have," said he. "That is why I have wondered why they haven't stopped here at this clover."

"Short tongues," said Queen Bumble.

"Short what?" cried Peter, looking as if he thought he hadn't heard right.

"Short tongues," repeated Queen Bumble. "Their tongues are too short for them to reach the sweetness in this clover, so we Bumble Bees have it all to ourselves."

"Do you mean that you Bumble Bees have longer tongues than your cousins, the Honey Bees?" Peter wanted to know.

"That's just what I mean," replied Queen Bumble. "The more red clover there is, the better off we Bumble Bees are. We can feast, where our cousins would starve to death."

"What Queen Bumble herself didn't know was that she and her children were as good for the red clover as the red clover was for them. They carried the pollen from blossom to blossom, and that made seeds. Without their help there would be no clover seeds.

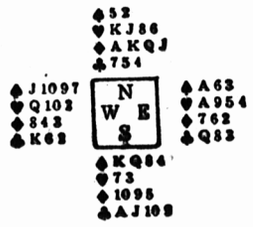
Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

TOO EASILY SIDE-TRACKED

South had one bit of bad luck in the following hand: the defensive play against him was much more skillful than "average." Nevertheless, he should have brought home the contract.

North had little to spare over his opening-bid requirements, but, with the solid diamond suit, he was right in refusing to hang a trick short of game at two no-trump.



The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1H	Pass	1S	Pass
2D	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West, despite the spade bid at his right, opened the spade jack. East put up the ace and led back the spade six. South won, then led a diamond to dummy and returned a club toward his own hand.

If East had ployed low at this point (as 99 out of every 100 defenders would do), he would have made things easy for declarer, who of course would have put on turn to dummy and pass another club, this collecting three tricks in the suti.

Actually, however, East foresaw this development and boldly put up the club queen. Declarer won and led the club jack, but West properly held up his king. Now declarer started to fear that he would be shut out of his own queen and then led a heart toward dummy, hoping to guess right. As it happened, however, he guessed wrong, putting up the king. East returned a club, and after West cashed his king, he threw dummy in with the diamond and waited for the two heart tricks that had to be given to him.

If South, after cashing two club tricks, had run the diamonds and then exited from dummy with the last club, the defenders would have been in a hopeless position.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

A strange insect is the cicada. It only digs itself out of mother earth every seventeen years, flirts about in the sunshine for a few months, sings its songs, and then burrows into the earth again for another long sleep. Science has not yet learned the real secret of this strange life cycle of the cicada.

The last invasion of the shining cloaked insects with the letter "W" as their coat of arms took place in this country in 1953. The life cycle of the strange orange and black-colored bugs will not begin again until 1970. What new pages of history will have been written by then!

No living person is able to say what events may crop up to change the entire mold of civilization during the next 16 years when the cicada await nature's mysterious call from its subterranean darkness. Depressions and wars may come and go, towns and cities spring up in places now as barren as the Sahara desert, but no matter what changes take place in this world the men of science are sure of one thing. Namely: In exactly 16 years or in 1970, some mysterious announcement will sent the mightly army of cicadians scurrying aloft to take part in the swift cycle of courtship, propagation and death.

What strange telepathy must govern these little insects! Each individual, though completely isolated for 16 years, knows the exact time of "resurrection day" and at the mysterious call millions of them come to life and take their brief spell in the world of things.

Once out of his prison house his first act is to climb a tree and shed his suit after the manner of all insects.

In this stage the bug is completely defenseless. But before 24 hours have passed the soft shell hardens.

And strange but true, few insects live as long as cicadas. Most live a year or less and many exist only a few days.

By comparison the periodical cicada is a methuselah.

Besides living long lives they have the distinction of being the noisiest and loudest creatures of the insect world. Indeed, their sound apparatus is one of the wonders of nature.

Fortunately, for human ears, only males possess this equipment, or as the poet says:

Happy are cicada's lives,
For they all have silent wives.

LEAD FORMOSA SERVICES

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — President and Mme Chiang Kai-shek led Chinese Christians in observance of Good Friday. Both spoke at a broadcast service at their Methodist church in Scholar's Forest in the suburbs of Taipei. Chiang exhorted Chinese Christians to help in the fight against the "satanic forces of communism."

KINGSTON SCHOOL

March report of Kingston School.

Senior Dept.

Grade X — 1. Willard Green; 2. Elwyn Willis.

Grade IX — 1. Margaret Campbell.

Grade VIII — 1. Rena Yeo; 2. Arnold Green; 3. Milton Docherty.

Grade VII — 1. Reta Green; 2. Donna Yeo; 3. Bernice MacGregor.

Grade VI — 1. Ruth Hansen; 2. Arnold Stone; 3. Orville Green.

Grade V — 1. Ann Hansen; 2. Joan Hansen; 3. Marion Ann Newson.

Principal, Shirley Gamester

Primary Dept.

Grade IV— 1. Allan MacRae; 2. Elaine MacCann; 3. Rose Mac Cann.

Grade III— 1. Lillian Willis; 2. Gage Dixon, Evelyn MacGregor, Helen MacGregor (equal); 3. Byron Willis.

Grade II — 1. Wayne Newson; 2. Miriam Holmes, Elsie MacRae (equal); 3. Donnie Holmes.

Grade I — 1. Wilma Stone; 2. Mervin Holmes, Kenny Cahill (equal); 3. Arlene Docherty.

Teacher, Margaret Macdonald.

Highest average in the Senior Dept., Ann Hansen, 93.7 per cent.

Highest average in the Primary Dept., Wayne Newson, 98 per cent.

GREAT DOCTOR

Edward Jenner, English originator of vaccination, was brought up by an older brother after being orphaned at six years old.

STANHOPE SCHOOL

Reports of Stanhope School for the month of March:

Grade IX — 1. Hilda Chappell; 2. Barbara McMillan; 3. Laura Misener.

Grade VII — 1. Gladys Chappell and Linus Misener (equal).

Grade VI — 1. Audrey Douglas.

Grade V — 1. Doris Chappell; 2. Archie Chappell.

Grade IV — 1. Barry Ross; 2. Irene Ellis and Ronnie Johnston (equal).

Grade III — 1. Donnie Johnston; 2. Calvin Chappell.

Grade II — 1. Blair McLauchlan; 2. Carol Horgan; 3. Betty Warren.

Grade I — 1. Catherine Martin and Shirley Warren (equal); 2. Heather Marshall; 3. Joe Lannon.

Perfect attendance: Hilda Chappell, Linus Misener, Gladys Chappell, Audrey Douglas, Doris Chappell, Irene Ellis, Ronnie Johnston, Donnie Johnston, Calvin Chappell, Carol Horgan, Blair McLauchlan, Donnie Ellis, Gordon Ellis, Jean McLauchlan.

Mrs. Mary Martin, Teacher.

TIME ZONES

Canada has seven time zones, Newfoundland's time being 5½ hours ahead of the Yukon.

Skin Itch

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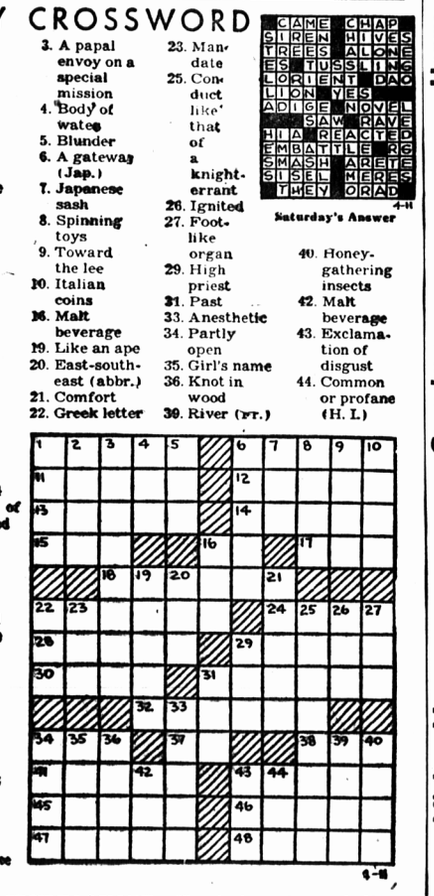
DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Stop
6. Whole amount
14. Dark reddish brown
12. Attic weights
16. Of a tissue (anat.)
14. More mature
15. Girl's nickname
16. Sloth
17. Observe
18. Celtic language
22. To slip by
24. Assist
28. Potato (dial.)
29. Weird
30. Fills with solemn wonder
34. Warns of an air raid
32. The flight of Mohammed
34. Chest
37. Toward
38. The head (slang)
41. He was swallowed by a whale (Bib.)
43. Unbind
45. For or on sale
46. Furze (Chiefly Brit.)
48. More infrequent
49. A U. S. president

DOWN

1. Slices
2. Ostrich-like bird
3. A papal envoy on a special mission
4. Body of water
5. Blunder
6. A gateway (Jap.)
7. Japanese sash
8. Spinning toys
9. Toward the lee
10. Italian coins
11. Malt beverage
19. Like an ape
20. East-south-east (abbr.)
21. Comfort
22. Greek letter
23. Mandate
25. Conduct like that of a knight-errant
26. Ignited
27. Foot-like organ
29. High priest
31. Past
33. Anesthetic
34. Partly open
35. Girl's name
36. Knot in wood
39. River (Fr.)
40. Honey-gathering insects
42. Malt beverage
43. Exclamation of disgust
44. Common or profane (H. L.)



Saturday's Answer

CAME CHAP
SIREN HIVES
TREES ALONE
ES TUSSLING
LORIENT DAO
LION YES
ADIGE NOVEL
SAW RAVE
HIA REACTED
EMBATTLE RO
SMASH ARETS
SISEL MERES
THEY ORAD

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

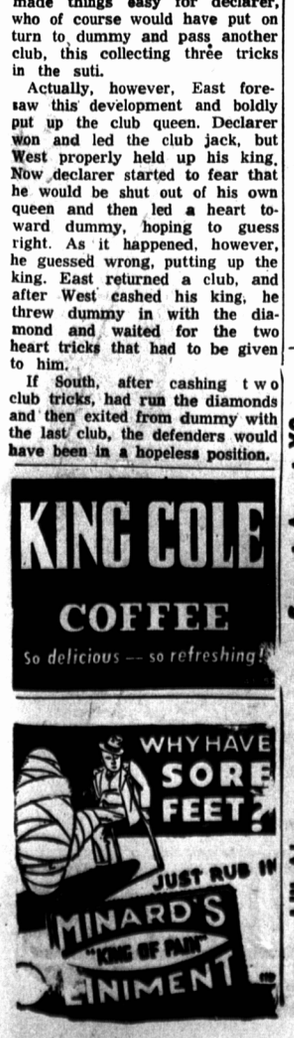
A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

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, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

KJ! AKB XK WVFG F YKORKC OC AKBG LOCX SJFS TKBNX CKS NVs AKB GVRS OC YFGFXORV—TVNNR.

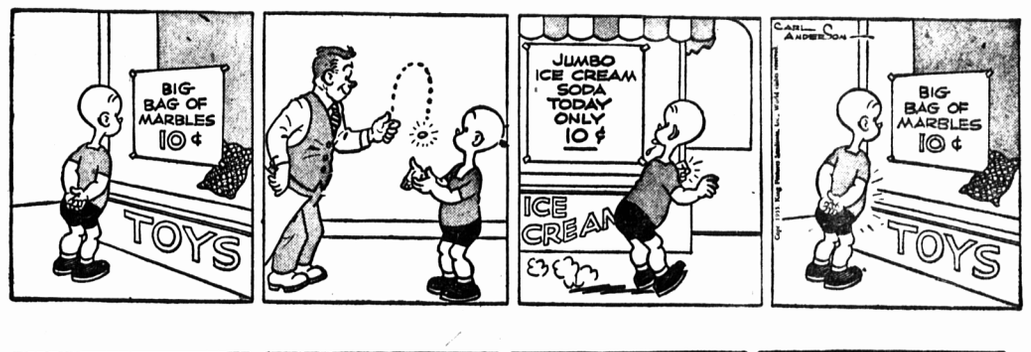
Saturday's Cryptoquote: COME, CHILDREN, LET US SHUT UP THE BOX AND THE PUPPETS, FOR OUR PLAY IS PLAYED OUT—THACKERAY.



The Lone Ranger — By Fran Striker

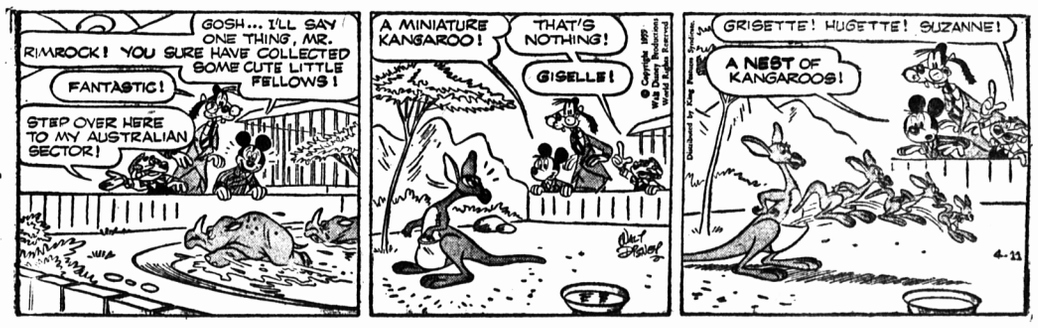
Joe Paloka — By Ham Fisher

Henry — By Carl Anderson



Grandma — By Charles Kuhn

Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney



Bringing Up Father — By George McManus

Muggs and Skeeter — By Wally Bishop

Etta Kent — By Paul Robinson

Secret Agent X9 — By Mel Graff

Tilly The Toiler — By Al Capp

Li'l Abner — By Bob Gustafson