BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

It is not just a case of might: It is the cause for which you fight. —Old Mother Nature.

Old Mother Nature knows whereof she speaks. Might does not always win. It makes a great difference what one is fighting for.

In the dusk of early evening a fully grown young Muskrat had left the Smiling Pool and gone over to Farmer Brown's cornfield where the corn was still in shocks. It wasn't a long distance, although it seemed a long distance, although young Muskrat, for Muskrats are not at home away from water. However, that corn was a temptation he could not resist. He had visited that cornfield two or three times before, and nothing had happened. This time something had happened. Young Reddy Fox had surprised him there.

Now Young Reddy was as surprised as was the young Muskrat. He never before had seen a Muskrat so close at hand, and so far from water. Now the Muskrat was daring him to fight. He had warned the young Fox not to touch him. In his surprise the latter had hesitated. He had expected the young Muskrat to run, and instead of this the latter had turned and faced him. Now the young Fox began to circle around trying to get behind the Muskrat. The latter kept turning so as to always face him. He didn't try to run. He showed his big, yellow, cutting teeth, and it was clear he intended to fight in a hurry. He wasn't a coward. He would get this young stranger yet. At least, that is what he thought So he once more began circling around. Once more, the young Muskrat turned always to face him. He had never had to fight for his life before, but he had no lack of courage now.

Instead of turning to run the young Muskrat made a sudden rush at him.

Now, the young Muskrat was only about half the size of the young Fox, and the latter wasn't really afraid. That is, he wasn't at first. Why should he be afraid of anyone so much smaller than himself? He growled his ugliest sounding growl, and he snarled his most unpleasant snarl, hoping thus to make the young Muskrat run.

It didn't work. You see there was a great difference in what the two were preparing to fight for Young Reddy would be fighting for a dinner. The Young Muskrat would be fighting for his life.

Just as Young Reddy had made up his mind to attack he got a startling surprise. Instead of turning to run the young Muskrat made a sudden rush at him. It was so unexpected, that Young Reddy jumped back in a hurry. The other didn't stop. He made another rush, and again Young Reddy was caught by surprise, and hastily backed away. This wasn't at all what he had expected. He began to feel a little bit foolish. He didn't like to think he was really afraid of one so much smaller than himself, but he didn't like the looks of those big cutting teeth. No, sir, he didn't like the looks of them at all.

Watching his chance, he sprang on the young Muskrat, but somehow he could not get hold of him, and he did feel those big teeth, and they hurt. He pulled himself away

LAKE VERDE W.I.

The monthly Meeting of the Lake Verde Women Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Redmond on Sept. 14th: Mrs. Owen Callaghan opened the meeting with the reading of the Creed in Unison; eight Members and two visitors were present. Sick committee reported no sick calls the bills were all paid up to date. It was decided t osend a donation to the Cancer fund. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Shea. Roll call to be answered with a grab bag. Collection was taken up. Meeting then adjourned. A delicious supper was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Puis Redmond. After which a social hour was spent.

Enjoy the delicious flavour even when both your hands are busy!

Enjoy chewing Wrigley's Spearmint every day!

Our Boarding House, Major Hoople

BACKACHE May be Warning

Backache is often caused by lazy kidney action. When kidneys get out of order, excess acids and wastes remain in the system. Then backache, disturbed rest or that tired-out and heavy-headed feeling may soon follow. That's the time to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. Dodd's stimulate the kidneys to normal action. Then you feel better—sleep better—work better. Get Dodd's Kidney Pills now. 51

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

Pioneer Days In P.E.I.

By F. H. MacArthur

School opened with prayer, then a passage of Scripture was read by the Master, followed by reading, writing, spelling and so on.

At eleven o'clock the bell rang for recess, and the youngsters, delighted to escape from their cramped quarters, bounded out in all directions to enjoy the two hours of freedom which made the recess period.

An oldtimer, recalling those days, tells this story:

"When I was seven years old, I went to our local school to a stern master, where I learned to read and write very badly. I was often made to stand upon a tall "dunce" stool, reserved for backward youth.

"The Master frequently tanned our hides with a cat-o'-nine-tails, sometimes he would pull our ears and then knock our heads together for good measure."

Once school was let out, children were supposed to hurry home where various chores awaited doing. The boys were assigned to carry in the wood and kindlings, fetch water from the spring as well as other odds and ends of work left to them by their fathers. The girls helped mother prepare the evening meal, wash the supper dishes, do a bit of mending and knitting. A boy who could not do such things was "not worth his salt," and the girl who could neither spin nor bake was considered "very stupid."

The brighter side of the picture, however, was the wonderful sleigh rides to some neighbor's farm after the chores were finished and the big moon shone across the endless stretches of forest. Then there would be old-fashioned games — lots of fun!

Come spring, the cry "Sap's running!" filled the air. Soon they'd be making delicious sugar and you may be sure the children had all they could eat of it.

Though it may seem that the life of pioneer children was not at all interesting, on the whole they were probably as happy, if not happier, than the children of today. They knew how to enjoy the simple things of life, and therein hangs a truism, namely, "simple pleasures are the sweetest pleasures."

CALGARY (CP)—Wheat production in Alberta this crop year will total 131,000,000 bushels, the Alberta Wheat Pool said Wednesday in its final crop report for the year. The wheat pool estimates average yield at nearly 23 bushels an acre. The oat crop is estimated at 108,000,000 bushels.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

CONCERNING DEFENSE

SOMETIMES a brilliant defense consists of ferretting t a virtual double-dummy play to beat the contract, *whatever* declarer does, and at other times the best a defender can do is to give declarer a hard guess. The deal below illustrates the guessing principle

South, dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the ten of spades—his natural lead but an unfortunate one for his side since it went up to South's A-K-J holding.

Declarer, after winning with the spade jack, studied the dummy carefully, then led the ten of clubs. No matter how well the missing club honors were located he would have to lose at least two tricks in the suit, and so there was no advantage in making the first club lead from dummy.

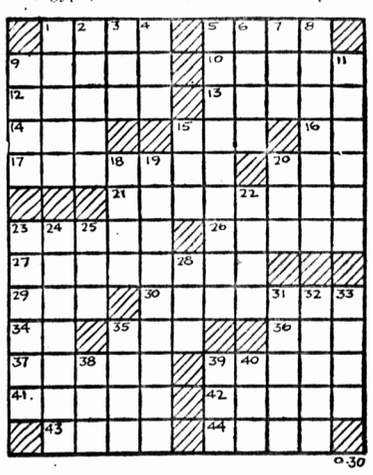
West, seeing the chance for a "cheap" trick, took the club ten with his jack—just as 98% of all players would do—and led another high spade. Now South was on solid ground. He entered dummy with a diamond and returned a club. East, holding the A-Q blank at this point, was of course helpless, and when declarer eventually took the heart finesse successfully he had nine tricks.

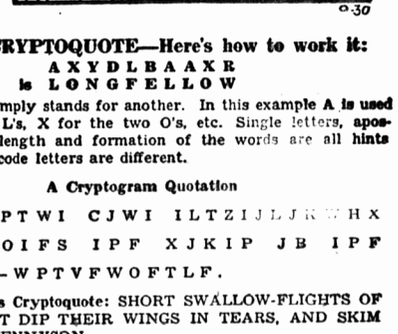
Now observe the guess South would have to make if West ducked the ten of clubs. East would win with the queen and return a spade. South would win, go to the board and lead another club—but when East unhesitatingly played low (as of course he should) South would have quite a problem. (The fact that East had taken the first club with the queen, not the jack, would mean nothing, since East would likely as not false-card from Q-J-3.) Of course if South played the king on the second club lead he would be safe, but, to repeat, he would have to make the decision on a pure guessing basis.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. A crust on a wound
5. Across
9. By oneself
10. Valleys (poet.)
12. The song thrush (Eur.)
13. Muse of lyric poetry
14. Single unit
15. Abounding in ore
16. Land-measure
17. Exerts to the utmost
20. Coin (Swed.)
21. Makes believe
23. One step in an ascending series
26. A commune in Belgium
27. Cuts into three parts
29. Free
30. Saluted
34. Adjective suffix
35. Purchase
36. Hewing tool
37. A resin from tropical trees
39. Room on a boat (naut.)
41. Girl's nickname
42. Coins (Gr.)
43. Never (poet.)
44. Caliber

DOWN
1. Tilt
2. Lid
3. Keel-billed cuckoo
4. God of pleasure (Egypt.)
5. Exaggerate
6. Change
7. Guido's highest note
8. Delays
9. Biblical name
11. Most painful
15. Single unit
18. Sacred bull (Egypt.)
19. Not uniform
20. Biblical name
22. Otherwise
23. Stern
24. Three-cornered hat
25. Help
28. Weep
34. A small drum
32. Banishment
33. Lairs
35. Poison
38. A pastry dessert
39. Male swan
40. Finnish seaport





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

I P J K P T W I C J W I I L T Z I J L J K W H X

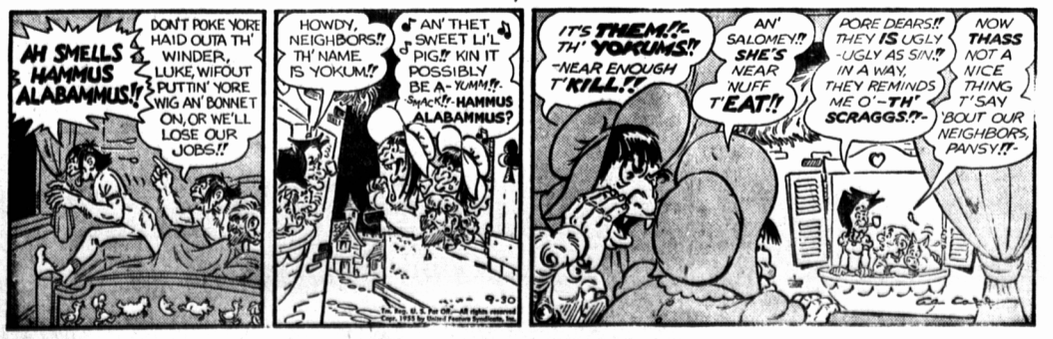
A J L L K O I F S I P F X J K I P J B I P F

L F T H C — W P T V F W O F T L F.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: SHORT SWALLOW-FLIGHTS OF SONG, THAT DIP THEIR WINGS IN TEARS, AND SKIM AWAY — TENNYSON.

Bringing Up Father — By George

L'il Abner — By Al Capp

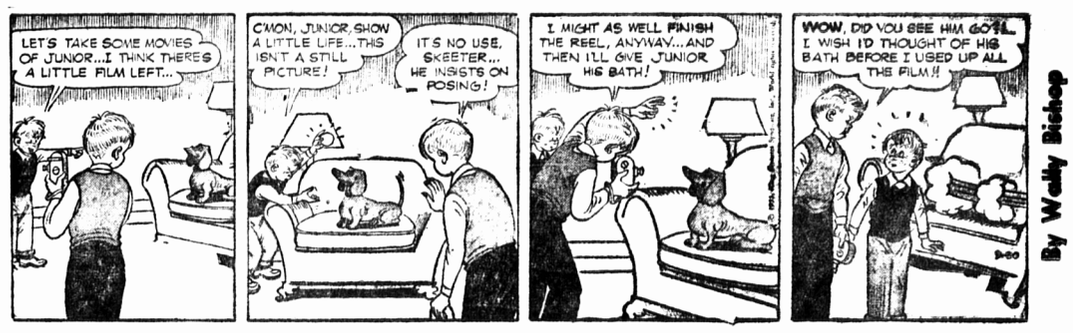


The Lone Ranger

Tilly The Toiler

POGO

Muggs and Skeeter



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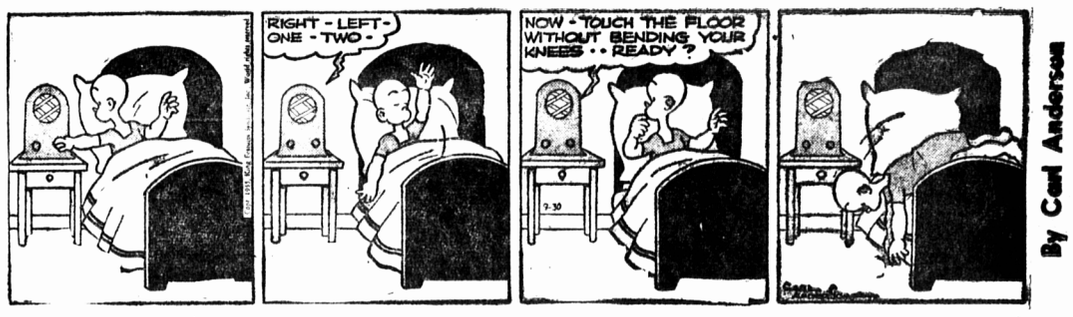
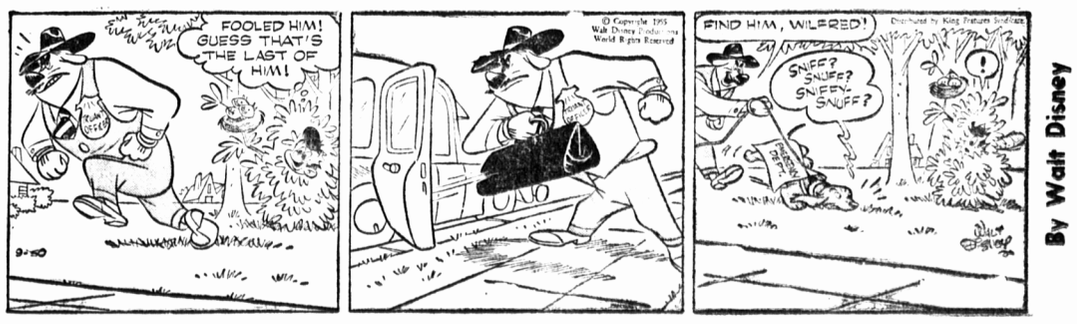


Etta Kent

Grandma

Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney



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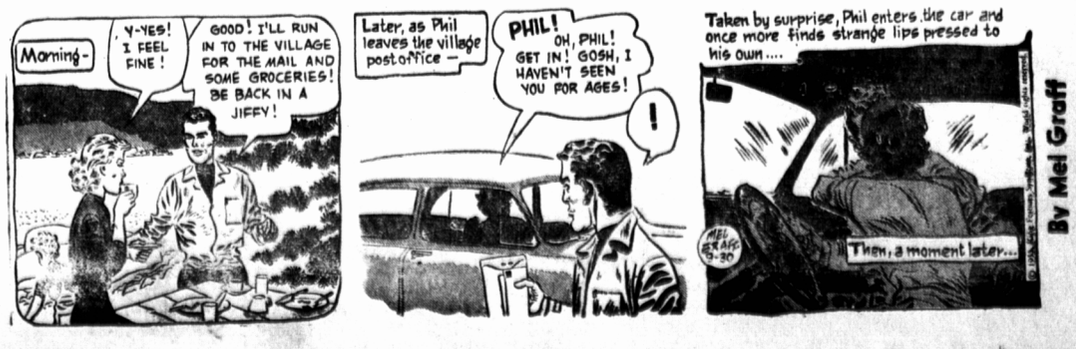
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