

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

A ROBBER OF CHILDREN

What seems a simple act, quite the reverse may prove in fact.

—Old Mother Nature

Plunger the Osprey was complaining that he had too big a family, that he had too many mouths to feed. Rattles the Kingfisher asked him how many children he had, and Plunger replied three. Rattles almost fell off his perch. You see Rattles and Mrs. Rattles were doing their best to feed twelve children.



"Your lucky," said Rattles.

"How am I lucky?" said Plunger.

"You have only three mouths to feed," replied Rattles.

"That's one too many," said Plunger. "Usually we have only two, and that is enough. Two keep Mrs. Plunger and me fishing most of the time we're awake."

"Listen," said Rattles, "if Mrs. Rattles and I had only three children, we wouldn't think we had anything to do."

"It is different with you," said Plunger. "I'll venture to say that it is easier for you and Mrs. Rattles to feed your big family than it is for us to feed our three."

"That's silly," declared Rattles. "The very idea of such a statement is to eat and catch fish for a lot than it is for three!"

"It may sound silly, but it is true," said Plunger mildly. "You have forgotten something."

"What have I forgotten?" demanded Rattles.

"You feed on little fish. Minnows, and others that live in shallow water, and a lot of them together. We Ospreys can't live on those small fish alone. We never could catch enough. And they are not where we could catch them easily anyway. We have to live on bigger fish, fish that are out in deeper water, and very often are alone. We have to go to find them near enough to the surface for us to catch them when we plunge. And sometimes we have to sail over the water for a long time before we see a fish that we have any chance of catching. That is why one extra member of the family makes a lot of extra work. Then, too, you don't have to feed other folks. You don't have your catch taken away from you," said Plunger.

"I'd like to see anybody try that trick," cried Rattles.

Plunger paid no heed to this. "Of course, you know who that robber is," said Plunger.

"No, I don't," replied Rattles.

"Well there he is, way over toward the Big Mountain. I do hope he isn't coming this way,"

declared Plunger.

Rattles looked over towards the Big Mountain. All he could see was a speck in the sky, but he knew that speck was King Eagle. "Are you calling King Eagle a robber?" he demanded.

"That's what," retorted Plunger. "He is a robber of children. That's what he is, a robber of children. If he should see me taking home a fish to my children, he would rob me of it, and in that way he would rob the child. Mrs. Eagle is just as bad. It is partly because of those two that my family is too big."

against accident. (2) Balls of cotton hung on strings in open doorways will keep out flies. (3) If a black ace falls on the floor during a bridge game, the game should not be continued. (4) Whiskey will cure colds. (5) Butter or greasy food will protect against getting tipsy at a cocktail party. (6) After opening canned foods, place any left-overs in a glass jar before putting them in the refrigerator.

"These pants will look better on your legs than on our hands," says a clothing store window sign in downtown Halifax.

Whatever fortune may rob you of it, can't take away what is most valuable — the peace of good conscience.

Words may be little things — but it's always good to remember that folks are masters of unspoken words, but spoken words become their masters.

If a soup contains too much salt, boil a sliced raw potato in it for five minutes. The spud will absorb the salt.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

According to a recent survey, only the newspaper is read when one's mouth is full of food or when one is riding a tram car or bus. Or as another writer puts it: Newspapers are the sails under which we sail into the full day. Magazines on the other hand are best read after the midday meal. While books, like love or orgies, are mainly a nocturnal occupation.

Did you know that pen knives derived their name from shaping the ends of quills in bygone days?

Superstitions are not always based on ancient folk tales. Today's modern civilization has many of them in the making.

Dr. Edgar Leach, folklorist at the University of Pennsylvania, Pa., lists these peculiar current beliefs among the modern superstitions he has collected.

(1) A pair of miniature baby shoes hanging inside the cab of a truck will protect the driver

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Beetle
2. Of hours
3. Wall paint
4. Fragrance
5. The century plant
6. River (Ger.)
7. Long-sared rodent
8. Close to
9. Finish
10. Wall recess
11. Slender snail
12. Having a history
13. To cut again
14. Belgian marble
15. Refresh
16. Pigeon
17. Arabian chieftains (var.)
18. Type measure
19. Biblical city
20. Search for
21. Contests of speed
22. Fun to play
23. Gase
24. Sledgy
25. Girl's nickname
26. Gull-like birds
27. Apportioned

DOWN

1. Oriental nurse
2. Kind of silk made of Indian moth cocoon
3. Sanderac tree
4. Large black bird
5. Mail beverage
6. U.S. author
7. Coin (Swed.)
8. Flower
9. Egyptian god (var.)
10. Rendered fat of swine
11. Perform
12. Narrow strips of land connecting larger bodies
20. Epoch
21. Half-acre plot (S. Afr.)
22. Thorough
23. Frozen water
24. Tavern
25. Shield
26. Lair
27. Em-ploy
28. Ever (post.)
29. Narrow strips of land connecting larger bodies
30. Formerly (archaic)
31. Paraguy tea
32. Mark of a wound
33. Forearm bone
34. Claw
35. Allowance for weight
36. Sea eagle (Eur.)
37. Paraguy tea
38. Not good

Investment Dealers Open Convention

MURRAY BAY, Que., (CP)—The Canadian investment picture gets its annual scanning this week in the five-day meeting of the Investment Dealers' Association of Canada which opened Tuesday.

More than 350 representatives from across Canada are attending.

General business sessions start Thursday with a forum discussion of "expanding the market for securities" under the chairmanship of John S. Dinick of Toronto. This will be followed by an address by Finance Minister Harris.

On Friday N. D. Young of Toronto, president of the association, will give his annual report, followed by an address by O. B. Falls, Jr., of the atomic products division of General Electric Company, Schenectady, N.Y.

ANY TIME — it's time for KING COLE TEA

MINARD'S LINIMENT

"KING OF PAIN"

Airmen Prove Poor Fishermen

TORONTO (CP)—Airmen "in the drink" are equipped with fishing tackle but do not make good anglers, a RAF expert told a group of doctors and air force officers of eight nations discussing problems of survival at sea.

Sqdn-Ldr. D. G. Whittingham of the RAF research station at Farnborough, England, Monday outlined experiments conducted with men on life dinghies to the aero-medical panel of the NATO air research and development group, now holding its first North American meeting here.

He said the Royal Navy agreed to assess food value of fish caught by airmen in the tests but "survivors" sent out in rafts around the British Isles and off Singapore were not able to catch enough for assessment to be made. "Fishing kit is supplied mainly because of its psychological benefit to the airman," he said.

The group agreed that a ban on survivor drinking sea water should remain and all airmen should be warned to leave it alone, no matter how thirsty they may be.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

BWARE OF "BARGAINS"

THE tricks to beware of, especially when you are playing against a skilled declarer, are "cheap" tricks. How many players, we wonder, would declare the control and imagination that was displayed by West in the deal below.

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A 5 2
♥ 10
♦ K Q J 10 8
♣ 7 5 4 3

♠ 7 8
♥ Q 3
♦ A 7 6 4
♣ 9 J 10

♠ K Q J 10
♥ 9 8
♦ 9 5
♣ A K 6 2

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♠ 4♥ 4♣
Pass Pass Pass

West's first test came in the bidding: he had to control himself from sacrificing at the five-level. Certainly, he could not have been criticized severely if he had done just that. After North raised to four spades, the presumption was that East was very short in that suit, and if he had a few hearts—nothing else—West would get off cheaply. However,

West decided against the sacrifice.

Leading against four spades, West laid down the heart king, and East wisely played the queen, calling for a continuation. It is to be feared that some Wests would read this as a suit-preference signal, asking for a shift to diamonds, but this West made no such horrible error—he led another high heart. This was ruffed in dummy, and declarer then made the good play of the diamond king. East correctly held up his ace, but when the diamond queen followed, he took the trick and shifted to the queen of clubs.

South put up the club ace, and it was here that West displayed his imagination. If he ruffed the ace, where would the setting trick come from? Dummy's diamonds were obviously good, and the spade ace would be there for final entry. So West declined to ruff; he discarded a heart.

South sensed exactly what was going on and laid down the club king to offer West more bait, but again West discarded. Now South was helpless. He cashed the spade king and led to dummy's ace, but West ruffed the diamond that was played next—South having discarded a club—and there was still a low club in South's hand that had to go to the defenders. Down one!

Our Boarding House Major Hoople



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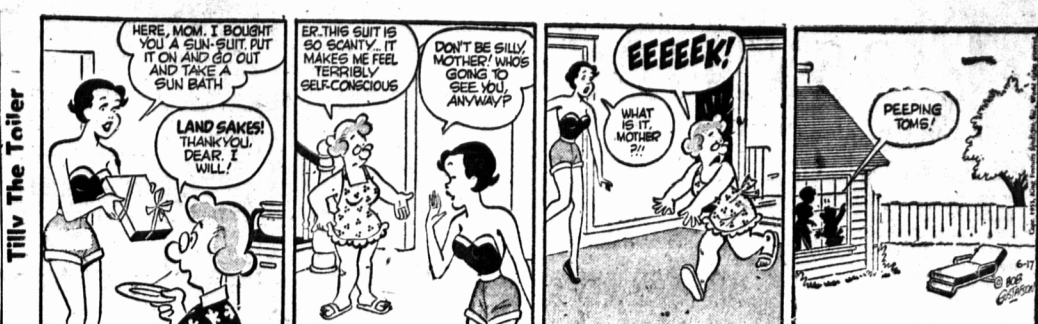
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These two colossal, being green, plan to turn the rest of the world green. Can humanity resist this combo?

BULLMOOSE ON WALL STREET

FLEEBLE ON FLATBUSH AVENUE



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