

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

## QUEEN BUMBLE IS MISSED

Mistakes of yesterday are dead. Just look with confidence ahead. —Old Mother Nature.

Sweet Mistress Spring really has arrived. There was no doubt about it. It is always an exciting time for Peter Rabbit, for there are so many new arrivals to greet, and so much to see. So it was that Peter was at home in the dear Old Briar-

patch very little. He had to visit the Green Forest. He had to visit the Smiling Pool. He had to visit Laughing Brook. He had to visit the Old Orchard. He had to visit the Old Pasture, and he had to go all over the Green Meadows. Anyway, he said he had to, and perhaps he really thought he had to. But Mrs. Peter didn't think he had to. Every time he came back to the dear Old Briar-patch he brought news. There was so much new to think about, and talk about, that he forgot the things he had learned earlier; especially if there was nothing to remind him of them. He forgot all about Queen Bumble Bee, and the home she was making in an old home of Danny and Nanny Meadow Mouse.

For two or three days Peter visited that home in the ground, and always with the same result. Always Bee folk were coming and going, and in such a hurry that he had no chance to ask questions. He missed Queen Bumble Bee.



Those smaller Bees were missing and going.

Then one day as Peter was sitting right near the entrance to that home, he saw a Bee come out of it, and it wasn't Queen Bumble. It was a somewhat smaller Bee. And it didn't have the rich velvety black and yellow cloak that Queen Bumble wore. A moment later another Bee came hurrying up and went into that hole in the ground. Peter became interested. He began to wonder. He watched. Bees came and went, but Queen Bumble wasn't among them.

Peter visited that home the next day. Those smaller Bees were coming and going, but not once did he get a glimpse of Queen Bumble. He missed her. It didn't seem right to see her somewhere about. "I wonder if something has happened to her?" said Peter to Mrs. Peter. "It could be," replied Mrs. Peter. "Something is happening to somebody all the time." She wasn't interested in Queen Bumble. She had other things on her mind, things that Peter knew nothing about. She was trying to make up her mind just where she would have a nursery for this year's babies. It had to be a

♠ KQ4  
♥ A98  
♦ 75  
♣ KQJ106

♠ A1088  
♥ 82  
♦ 4  
♣ 863

♠ J95  
♥ KQJ1072  
♦ AJ9  
♣ 7

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

Since the North-South bidding was impressively strong, West might well have opened his singleton spade as an emergency measure. Evidently, however, West did not take that view; he elected to lead the king of diamonds. South took the first trick and cashed two of his own high trumps. When the suit failed to break 2-2, South could not afford to draw another round—East might have the club ace and lead a diamond through the jack-nine. To guard against this possibility, declarer led the heart ace in dummy and lead his singleton club. West put up the ace, thought for a moment, and then shifted to his singleton spade. When East took dummy's spade queen with the ace he had quite a problem. He could not know that his partner's spade was a singleton (declarer had false-carded the nine), and it seemed to East that the best prospect was to lead a diamond, letting West cash his trick in that suit. Then, if West had a natural trump trick, or even if he had the heart jack, he could force dummy's heart ace by leading another high diamond and in that way establish the setting trick in trumps. So East returned a diamond—and that was the end of the road for the defense.

West could have clarified everything for his partner by cashing his diamond trick before shifting to the spade. Then East would have had no choice but to return a spade.

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### SOURIS LINE ROAD SOUTH SCHOOL

Honor Report for March of Souris Line Road South School:  
GRADE I — 1. Maureen MacDonald.  
GRADE II (a) — 1. Francis MacDonald.

secret, even from Peter. So she wasn't at all interested in the missing Queen Bumble. Peter wanted to ask these stranger Bees what had become of Queen Bumble, but they never gave him a chance. They were always in too much of a hurry. Peter wished he could peep in the doorway, and see if Queen Bumble was inside, but he didn't dare do it. Peter knew all about the sharp little lances that the Bee folk carry with them at all times, and knew so well how to use. A dreadful thought came to Peter. Could it be that these stranger Bees had killed Queen Bumble and had taken possession of her home? He knew that such things happened. He began to think it must have happened that way.

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GRADE II (b) — 1. Daniel MacDonald; 2. Joseph MacAulay and John MacDonald (equal); 3. John Bernard.  
GRADE III — 1. Margaret Bernard.  
GRADE IV (a) — 1. Margaret MacAulay.  
GRADE IV (b) — Gerald Keays.  
GRADE V (a) — 1. Doreen MacDonald, Mary MacAulay and Peggy MacPhee (equal); 2. Elmer Keays; 3. James Keays; 4. Merlin Longphie.  
GRADE V (b) — 1. Nora MacDonald.  
GRADE VI — 1. Gertrude

Bushey and Kenneth MacDonald (equal).  
GRADE VIII — 1. Henrietta Keays; 2. Katherine Keays.  
Perfect attendance for March: Doreen, Kenneth and John MacDonald, John and Margaret Bernard, Gerald Keays and Margaret MacAulay.  
TORONTO (CP) — Mrs. Edith Brazwell Evans, United States architect and home building magazine editor, told a meeting of the National Home Builders Association here that modern homes need more utilization of space, more light, more color and better acoustics.

## ANNUAL MEETING Prince Edward Island Hospital

The adjourned Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island Hospital will be held in the classroom of the new nurses residence on Tuesday, April 12th, 1955 at 8:30 P. M. for the purpose of electing Trustees and reviewing the By-Laws of the Hospital.

Each member of the Prince Edward Island Hospital is entitled to one vote. A member is one who has paid \$1.00 for membership on or before March 31st, 1955 payable to either the Secretary or Hospital office.

It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of interested persons.

J. ANDREW LIKELY  
Secretary  
Board of Trustees.

**PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION**  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13th  
LEGION HALL, GRAFTON STREET  
8 P.M.

Each poll entitled to send five delegates.  
Poll chairmen please attend to this detail in prescribed manner.  
Full delegation most desirable.

**FRED DeCOSTE, President.**

## DAILY CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**  
1. Red-flowered tree (Pac. Is.)  
6. Strife (dial.)  
14. Appearing as if eaten  
18. More infrequent  
19. Discharges  
14. An ax wielder  
15. Sailor (slang)  
16. Ahead  
17. Malt beverage  
18. Site of Cornell University  
20. Drone  
21. Debate  
22. Cover

**DOWN**  
1. Opposed to right  
2. Assam silkworm  
3. Dreadful  
4. Employ  
5. Roman money  
6. French coin  
7. Not strict  
8. Girl's name  
9. Kind of duck  
10. Sea eagle (Eur.)  
11. Ahead  
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**39. Birds as a class**  
40. Mountain pool  
42. Conclude  
43. Covering of false hair  
44. East-northeast (abbr.)

**Yesterday's Answer**  
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44. East-northeast (abbr.)

**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE**—Here's how to work it:  
A X Y D L B A X R  
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, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation  
S M S L D S M L D M W E M I J D I A  
B I J C M L W F S I E M — C S L T M C K M L V M.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: THAT ONLY DISADVANTAGE OF NOT BUT SMARTS CREDULITY—SIDNEY.

**Henry**

RISE OUR MERRY-GO-ROUND 1¢

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**Grandma**

OH, BOY, AFTER HOURS O' WORK I FINALLY GOT IT FINISHED!!

I'LL BET SOME LUCKY LITTLE BIRD SOON MAKES THAT HIS HOME!!

I'LL JUST HANG UP MY OIL WORK APRON OUT HERE FOR MONDAY'S, WASH!!

THANK YOU, GRANDMA!!

**Mickey Mouse**

NOW IF YOU'LL JUST TELL US WHAT...?

PLEASE... JUST A MOMENT!

HOW KIND OF YOU... HOW THOUGHTFUL OF YOU TO BRING HER TO ME!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "KIND"? YOU KNOW VERY WELL A COUPLE OF YOUR THUGS KIDNAPED US AND BROUGHT US HERE!

PLEASE, GIRL... DON'T SHOUT! YOU'LL UPSET THIS LOVELY CREATURE!

WOO!

**Bringing Up Father**

I'M GONNA HANG UP THIS PICTURE I TOOK OF THE CROWD AT DUGAN'S CLAMBAKE!

OH-W! WHAT'LL I DO NOW? MAGGIE'LL SLAUGHTER ME!

JIGGS, YOU DARLING! HOW SWEET OF YOU TO HANG MY MOTHER'S PORTRAIT HERE! AND IT'S IMPROVED YOUR ROOM!

WHEW! I HOPE MAGGIE NEVER FINDS OUT HOW MUCH IT'S IMPROVED ME ROOM!

**Muggs and Skeeter**

THIS IS A FINE TIME TO GET HERE, SKEETER... YOU'RE HALF AN HOUR LATE FOR YOUR LESSON!

I HOPE YOU GOT IN SOME PRACTICE THIS WEEK!

OH YES!

MY GOODNESS, SKEETER!... ARE YOU SURE YOU PRACTICED THIS WEEK?

ABSOLUTELY...

...THAT HALF-HOUR SESSION I JUST PUT IN IS WHAT KEPT ME LATE!!

**Erta Kent**

DEBBY PHONED! OUR DOUBLE-DATES OFF 'SHE HAS A COLD

WELL, WHAT SAY WE BOTH TAKE ERTA AND SPLIT THE FREIGHT?

OKAY!

YOU MEAN YOU'LL BOTH DATE ME? I MEAN THE TWO OF YOU? THAT'S A FABULOUS IDEA!!

THIS WAY YOU CAN AFFORD TO TAKE ME TO ONE OF THOSE PULSH PLACES I'VE DREAMED ABOUT!

**Tilly The Toiler**

WELL TILLIE, I'M ALL SET TO GIVE MY FUND-RAISING SPEECH TO THE BOYS AT OUR BUSINESS CLUB LUNCHEON

GOOD THING THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT MY SPEECH IS ABOUT, I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO COLLECT DONATIONS FROM THEM IF THEY DID!

BET THE BOSS WILL COME BACK WITH A FORTUNE-EN-TILLIE

HE SHOULD! I GENT OUT POST CARDS ANNOUNCING HIS SPEECH AND TELLING THEM TO BRING THEIR CHECKBOOKS

WHEN IT COMES TO AVOIDING FUND-RAISERS, THESE FELLOWS MUST BE PSYCHIC!

**Joe Palooka**

FEELS STRANGE TRAINING WITHOUT NOBBY ALWAYS ON HAND... IT'S THE FIRST TIME.

THERE'S ALWAYS GOTTA BE A FIRST TIME, JOE... BUT WE'LL GET ALONG FOR THE TIME BEING...

WELL, NEED HIM WHEN WE START BOXING RIBBON TOMORROW... HE'LL BE BACK?

I HOPE SO... IT... IT'S... IT'S LIKE A SHIP WITHOUT A Rudder... IT REALLY WIGGS HIM.

LET'S LOCK IN GROWERS CAMP WHERE THEY'RE HIGH SPIRITS.

ATTA BOY, LARRY... NOW NOW NOW... NOW WORK ON HIS WHOLE!

**The Lone Ranger**

TAKE HIM TO THE HIDEOUT ON THE BACKBOARD, I'LL RIDE BEHIND YA!

HERE'S THE CHAIR, WE'LL TAKE HIM TO THE HIDEOUT ON THE BACKBOARD, I'LL RIDE BEHIND YA!

RIGHT!

WHAT'S SNEED GOIN' TO DO?

MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF YOUR DAD!

GIDDAP!

HE WILL SHOW OTHER BRANCHES WHAT HAPPENS TO A MAN WHO DOESN'T PAY FOR 'PROTECTION'!

**L'il Abner**

WHERE'S AUNT ABBIE'S BODY?

WELL, I'LL TELL YOU THAT TO ALL THE LADDES!

Down, thirty marine miles north

BENNY, YOU'VE BEEN HIDING YOUR TALENTS! THESE PANCAKES ARE LIGHTER THAN A BUTTERFLY'S POWDER PUFF!

I'LL BET YOU TELL THAT TO ALL THE LADDES!

Then, as the craft gets under way

MISS BARGAIN BENNY—YOU AND I HAVE MUCH AT STAKE ON THIS VENTURE! CORRIGAN IS A HIRELING! HAVE YOU A GUN, FOR EMERGENCY?

CORRIGAN CAN BE TRUSTED, SENOR HANO—BUT YES—I HAVE A GUN!

**AMERICA'S SWEETHEART... AUNT ABBIE... MURDERED!!**

EVIDENCE INDICATES UNEMPLOYED BRUTE IS KILLER, BUT HE REFUSES TO REVEAL WHERE THE BODY IS!!

The savage face of her slayer.

The sweet, kindly face of Aunt Abbie.

**THE NEWS REACHES DOGPATCH**

SORRY—HE JUST GOTTA SWALLOW HIS PRIDE, AN' CORN-FESS THAT HE AN' AUNT ABBIE IS THE SAME MAN!

POK CHOP!

**Secret Agent X9**

FBI agent Joe Oster-tot is surprised to learn that there is another occupant of the 'gold key' file.

I COULD TAKE THIS MAN WITHOUT A STRUGGLE—BUT IT MIGHT BE WISER TO WAIT TILL DAYLIGHT AND SEE WHERE HE FITS INTO THE PICTURE!

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