

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess  
**THE SHOW-OFF**  
Admiration seems to be, Love's most frequent opening key. —Old Mother Nature.

The Black Shadows had come down from the Purple Hills, crossed the Big River and the Green Meadows, and settled in the little swamp through which Laughing Brook flows into the Smiling Pool.

**Contract Bridge**  
By Josephine Cuberton  
**UNGRATEFUL DECLARER**

A combination of unfortunate and inept defense gave the declarer an excellent chance in the following hand—but he gave it back.

South dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

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

The bidding:  
South West North East  
18 Pass 2H Pass  
2S Pass 3S Pass  
4S Pass Pass Pass

North's bidding announced more than he could deliver, but there was some logic in his idea that a direct raise to two spades would not do full justice to his holding. Anyway, North's two bids should have turned out well.

**You can't go ALL-OUT**  
**If you feel ALL-IN**

These days most people work under pressure, worry more, sleep less. This strain on body and brain makes physical fitness easier to lose—harder to regain. Today's tense living, lowered resistance, overwork, worry—any of these may affect normal kidney action. When kidneys get out of order, excess acids and wastes remain in the system. Then backache, disturbed rest, that "tired-out" heavy-headed feeling often follow. That's the time to take DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. Dodd's stimulate the kidneys. When normal action, then you feel better—cleaner, better—work better. Ask for Dodd's Kidney Pills at any drug counter.

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**Drive out ACHES**  
YORUM FRIES TOMORROW!  
MINARD'S



He wasn't exactly dancing, but he was taking funny little steps.

size it was a very long bill. It was so long that he called Longbill the Woodcock. He uses that long bill to bore holes in the soft earth and pull out worms. He always knows just where to bore. It always has puzzled Peter how he can know, but he does.

Just now Longbill was not boring for worms. He was acting funny. Anyway Peter thought he was acting funny. He dropped his wings until the tips almost dragged on the ground. He threw his head back, and puffed out his breast.

"He's showing off," thought Peter. "He's showing off. So it must be that Mrs. Longbill is around somewhere. It's a funny thing how some folks like to show off."

Suddenly Longbill took to his somewhat short wings, and went up, up, up, until in the dusk Peter could no longer see him. But he could tell just where Longbill was because Longbill kept whistling. It must be that Longbill was circling, or somehow keeping himself in one place up there. Peter wished that he could see him instead of those clear whistles

and then went wrong. If he had discarded a club from dummy on the good diamond jack, then led the diamond nine and thrown away dummy's last club, giving the trick to East, no defense could have been effective. East could not lead trumps, and declarer, at his leisure, could ruff both of his losing clubs in dummy. But that was not what happened. South discarded a club on his diamond jack, but then he led a club, and that was his ruination. West took the trick and led his last trump—and South soon discovered that he couldn't ruff a club and a diamond with dummy's lone trump.

**Dangerous Cargo**  
HALIFAX (CP) — Firemen are standing by while the American freighter Columbia Trader is loaded with an ammonium nitrate cargo four times the size of the one that blew apart Texas City, Tex., eight years ago. The 9,000 tons of fertilizer compound will be shipped to South Korea. The loading is expected to be completed in two or three days. The Texas City blast in April, 1947, was touched off by 2,300 tons of ammonium nitrate. It killed 560 persons.

when he had done a little showing off himself, all because he wanted Mrs. Peter to admire him. You see, admiration really is the key that first unlocks love.

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## DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. A candy
  2. Dwell (slang)
  3. Noblesse
  4. Flowers
  5. Evidence
  6. Evening (poet.)
  7. Greek lot
  8. Sun god
  9. Hebrew letter
  10. Goddess
  11. Company of musicians
  12. Stand up
  13. Produce
  14. Simplotons
  15. Wavy (Mer.)
  16. Time gone by
  17. The gold rush territory in the Yukon
  18. Greek letter
  19. Exclamation (often seen in the comics)
  20. Past
  21. Merriment
  22. Not over
  23. Sharp point
  24. Prevalent
  25. Melodies
  26. Places
  27. Identical

**DOWN**

1. Hand covering
2. River (Fr.)
3. Hall!
4. Go down
5. Larkswarm
6. Rowing implement
7. Back
8. A dealer in flowers
9. Twilled fabric
10. Confront
11. Tray for carrying bricks
12. A Greek physician
13. Appearing as if eaten
14. Sediment
15. Bezoek (Dutch)
16. River (Alaska)
17. Masses of stratified rock (Geol.)
18. Sroua (Syria)
19. Swine
20. Ventures
21. Pocketbook
22. Small hotel
23. Fashion
24. Competa
25. Newt
26. Ventures
27. Hawk-parrot

**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE**—Here's how to work it  
AXYDLEAAX  
LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two G's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

**A Cryptogram Quotation**  
NTYDY BIJ RFRBY JZK BPTNO;  
NTY JSEKNDP EY RFB GTNO—  
KDYID.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: OFF! YOU DO BEAR A POISON IN YOUR MIND THAT WOULD NOT LET YOU REST IN PARADISE—WELLS.

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## Our Boarding House Major Hoople

I'M SITTING HERE AS NIGHT AS A PARACHUTER COMING DOWN IN A BOMBING RUN—ALL THESE HOLDINGS ME TOGETHER IS KNOWING THAT JAKE SOMETHING IS COMING ENOUGH TO THROW A BOMB AHEAD OF MY EGG!

EGAD, TWIGGS! HOW CAN YOU ROOST THERE SO EMOTIONALLY SERENE? — YOU KNOW JAKE CAN BE AS CRUDE AS A CHARGING RHINOCEROS! THE ONLY TACTICS HE'D EVER PLAN TO WREST MY BOMB FROM ME WOULD BE SHOOTING ME!

LET'S WAIT AND SEE THE POLICE NEWS IN THE PAPER.

SEÑORES—YES, I PLANT THE GOLD SPOON—TRAP THAT KILLED HERNANDEZ! I DID NOT TRUST HIS ALLEGIANCE TO SAN PALMOS! I WAS RIGHT—HE LEFT ME FOR DEAD, FLOATING IN THE SEA!

PUT UP YOUR SUN, JOE—HE'S UNARMED!

THE GOLD WILL BE RETURNED TO SAN PALMOS! ITS COURTS WILL HAVE TO PASS JUDGMENT ON YOUR PART IN THIS DEAL!

I WOULD GLADLY DIE, SEÑOR—IF ONLY MY NATIVE LAND REMAINS FREE!

Fleeing from the scene, Bargain Benny sees the water suddenly erupt, twenty yards before her bow.

WH-WHAT WAS THAT?

GOOD! CTH MOST IMPARTING THING ON EARTH TO ILL ABBER IS WHIL TH' BOYS AT TH' STABLE THIN'S O' HIM!

—HE DRUTHER DIE THAN HAVE THEM FIND OUT HE'S ALIVE!

SO YO IS AUNT ABBIE! WHOOPS! WHOOPS! NDEAR!

BAKE ME A CAKE, DEARIE—WIF PROSTIN ON IT!

YAK! YAK!

PUSSONALLY, AH THINKS THEY'S A BUNCH O' APES—BUT AH GOTTA SOB—RESRECK MAH FUTURE LATE SONS WISHES

**The Lone Ranger**

PLAY ROUGH!  
ALL SLOW YUH DOWN!

**Joe Patoka**

CHON...HELEN... ER...UN...ER...I MEAN JOE...KEEP THAT LEFT HIGHER...SCUSE ME...GOTTA PHONE... GO ON BOXIN'!

HULLO...JERRY... HAVE YA HEARD... ANYTHING... DIDJA SEND TH' FLOWERS?

YEAH, KNOBS... SHE'S ON TH' GO... SOME KIND OF EMOCENCY... ABOUT A DEAL...

UH...WHERE WERE WE... OH, YEAH... NICE WORK-OUT, NO... OKAY... DO WE CALISTHENICS.

BUT, KNOBBY... I'VE ONLY BOKED ONE ROUND... I'VE FIVE MORE TO GO...??

GRONKERS... READY NOW? WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, BOSS??

**Henry**

Henry is shown in various situations, including holding an umbrella and running.

**Grandma**

GRANDMA LOOK WHAT I MADE WITH MY NEW CHEMISTRY SET!!

WELL, GOOD LAND, WHAT IS IT AN' WHAT'S IT FOR?

GOLLY, I DON'T KNOW, BUT AS BAD AS IT SMELLS AN' TASTES...

IT MUST BE A WONDERFUL CURE FOR SOMETHING!!

**Mickey Mouse**

MY ENTIRE COLLECTION OF ANIMATURE ANIMALS IS COMPLETE EXCEPT FOR A GOON! THAT'S WHY I MUST HAVE BERNICE!

BORRY, MR. RIMROCK... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE...

MY DEAR SIR, I DON'T BELIEVE YOU QUITE UNDERSTAND ME...

I'VE GONE TO QUITE A LOT OF TROUBLE TO ACQUIRE THIS COLLECTION... AND ONE OR TWO LIVES... MORE OR LESS WOULDN'T CONCERN ME!!

WHY...THE MAN'S MAD! BARELY AS A POLKA DOT!

**Bringing Up Father**

I'M GLAD THAT JESSIE IS TAKING AN INTEREST IN LITERATURE AT LAST!

DADDY READING A BOOK? HOW WONDERFUL TO IMPROVE HIS MIND!

MAYBE HE'LL STAY HOME HIS MIND! THAT HE LIKES TO READ!

DINTY, I READ A VERY FINE BOOK TODAY—THE LIFE STORY OF A FRAIGLE BOOPE ARTIST.

I LEARNED 26 NEW WAYS TO SNEAK OUT OF THE HOUSE! I'M GONNA TRY ONE TOMORROW!

**Muggs and Skeeter**

AND HERE ARE SOME TOWELS FOR YOU AND MUGGS!

I NEED SOME SOAP TOO, GRANDMA!

HERE'S A BAR! BUT SEE THAT YOU DON'T LEAVE IT IN THE TUB WHEN YOU GET OUT!

I'LL TRY TO REMEMBER, GRANDMA!

SEE THAT YOU DO REMEMBER! EVERY TIME YOU TAKE A BATH YOU LET A WHOLE CAKE OF SOAP MELT!

WELL, I KNOW HOW TO AVOID THAT, GRANDMA!

I'M GOING TO STOP TAKING BATHS!

**Erna Kent**

HI, POPS! FEAST YOUR EYES ON MY NEW FORMAL FOR THE SPRING PROM!

LET ME SEE THE PRICE—

Yow

HMM, IT LOOKS EXPENSIVE!

HOW DID YOUR FATHER LIKE IT, DEAR?

IT'S A KNOCKOUT!

**Tilly The Toilet**

BILL WILCOY FROM OFFICE SUPPLY TO SEE YOU, SIR.

HELLO, WILCOY! HEAR YOU MOVED OUT OF THE CITY AND BOUGHT A FARM?

THAT'S RIGHT, SIR.

WELL, I'M SORRY TO SAY WE DON'T NEED AN OFFICE EQUIPMENT RIGHT NOW.

I SEE.

HOW ARE YOU FIXED FOR BUTTER, MILK, EGGS, FROZEN CHICKENS?

By Fran Striker  
By Ham Fisher  
By Carl Anderson  
By Charles Kuhn  
By Walt Disney  
By George McManus  
By Wally Bishop  
By Paul Robinson  
By Bob Gustafson