

WILD BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE UNHAPPY VOYAGERS

Adventure's largely what you make it; to great, or little, as you take it. —Old Mother Nature.

That saying of Old Mother Nature is very largely true. What is a very small adventure or no real adventure at all to one person can be a very great adventure to another person. It very often happens that way.

Out in the Smiling Pool an old tomato can was floating. In it were two frightened little people. They were having the greatest adventure of their short lives. They were Snowfoot and Tinkle, two little Woodmice who had started house-keeping in that old can when they had found it beside Laughing Brook over in the Green Forest. A small flood had set it afloat, and had brought it down into the Smiling Pool. Now they were out in the very middle of the Smiling Pool, blown there by the Merry Little Breezes.



The Merry Little Breezes were trying to help, but the two little mice didn't know this. All they knew was that they were prisoners in their own home with water all around them. They were drifting slowly, for the Merry Little Breezes were blowing lightly, so lightly, that they hardly rippled the water. The two little mice kept taking turns peeping out. It was during Snowfoot's turn that Snapper the Turtle suddenly poked his head out of water close to the floating can. There was such a fierce, hungry look in the small sharp eyes that the little mouse trembled all over as he dodged back out of sight. Snapper's eyes are very small, but they are very keen. He saw that little mouse. Now he swam nearer to what he made of it. He swam all around it. He even ventured to try to take hold of it, but it slipped away from him. He pushed it about trying to get hold of it. He wanted to take it down under water.

Inside the two little mice shivered and shook with fright, and clung together. After awhile, Snapper gave up in disgust, and went down to sulk in the mud at the bottom of the pool. The two little mice got over their fright. It was Tinkle's turn to peep out. Just as she did so there was a great splash in the water close to the old can. It made the can rock. Tinkle dodged back out of sight as Snowfoot had when he saw Snapper.

"What was that?" asked Snowfoot, in his squeaky little voice. "I don't know," squeaked his frightened little mate. "It must have been something dreadful."

Right after that his splash in the water they had heard a strange rattling sound. They didn't know what had made it. You see they knew very little about the Great World—almost nothing. Both that big splash and that rattling sound had been made by a bird. It was Rattles the Kingfisher. From his

Marries Man Who Aided Her

LONDON (Reuters)—Mrs Phyllis Sispara, 32, British-born former wife of a Czechoslovak airman, today married Jaromir Chudy, Sudeten-German who helped her in her fight to return to England from Czechoslovakia.

Her three children attended the marriage at a London registry office.

In December, 1950, Mrs. Sispara and her former husband were arrested while trying to leave Czechoslovakia illegally.

She received a 10-year sentence for anti-state activities and she 10 months for attempted illegal exit.

In July last year she received a divorce from Sispara on her own application.

Chudy first disclosed to British papers the story of Mrs. Sispara's sufferings in a Czechoslovak prison and of her fight since 1945 to get to Britain with her children.

Chudy was himself sentenced to 11 years imprisonment. Mrs. Sispara helped him get to Germany after his release.

SMASHING CURRENTS

Vertical currents inside a thunderstorm are often strong enough to rip an airplane apart.

WHY HAVE SORE FEET?

JUST RUB IN

MINARD'S

KING OF PAIN

EMIMENT

Strange But True

By F. M. MacArthur

Three years ago Sante Casamenti, a farmer in Forli, Italy, bought an old American army overcoat, a relic of World War II. The other day his wife decided to turn it inside out because it was in the lining of the old garment.

After 17 years of marching after the cows instead of walking down the aisle, 40-year-old Dorothy Pentland, of Vancouver, B.C. says she is tired of waiting for a farmer to pop the question. She is suing Ben Crowe, 64, for a breach of promise and asking a half interest in his farm. She has been his housekeeper since he promised to marry her in 1937, she says.

Defeated in his bid for re-election as Town Clerk after holding his job 63 years, Fred Luce of old Orchard Beach, Me., is wondering if his political career has come to an end. He is 91.

"Every family should keep a seven-day supply of food on hand," says a civil defense official. For the family with one or more teenagers, this would be impracticable, if not impossible.

About the time we learn to make the most of life, most of it is gone.

The curse of King Tut claimed his final victim recently, a London doctor. Since the tomb was opened in 1932 all members of the exploring party have died or disappeared mysteriously.

The most astounding thing about human behavior is that even the most sensible people do a lot of foolish things.

Trappers and fishermen in the

bayou country of Louisiana hear the word of God from a floating pulpit called the Gospel boat and named by the Rev. Maurice Rivard together with his wife and two young sons.

All around the gospel boat lie miles and miles of snake and alligator swamps and fever.

Did you know that the body of the original Santa Claus, St. Nicholas (San Nicola), was stolen by an Italian fisherman from Asia Minor in 1087 and is still in Bari, Italy.

"One of our most common expressions is 'Drug on the March'." The drug in this expression means something nobody wants. The reference is to the French word "drogue" which means rubbish. It is easy to understand how it would be difficult to sell rubbish on any market.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

AT TIMES the goddess of luck is simply capricious, putting all sorts of obstacles in the path of a player who has done nothing wrong. But at other times she acts with a sort of poetic justice—and that was the case insofar as South, below, was concerned.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

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3♠ Pass Pass Pass

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SAHARA GETS HOTTER

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP)—That scorching Sahara wind, the Sirocco fired up temperatures in Tunisia Friday rare even for North Africa. A peak of 122 degrees was registered at Ghardimaou, a railway village of 1,400 inhabitants in the north near the Algerian frontier. In Tunis, water consumption reached a near-record volume as Europeans and Tunisians alike tried to fight off a humid 113 degrees.

POETIC JUSTICE

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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- Cook
 - Fish
 - Capital (Egypt)
 - Silent
 - An organ of breathing
 - Synonym for "to obey"
 - Relative
 - Pig pen
 - Pennsylvania (abbr.)
 - Dispatches
 - East by south (abbr.)
 - Cut
 - Short
 - A tin
 - Stripe
 - Malt beverage
 - Crushed by beating
 - Type measure
 - A dowdy woman
 - Exclamation of surprise
 - Mr. Lincoln's nickname
 - Sphere
 - Back
 - Correct or alter
 - Throw
 - Tibetan priests
 - Bodies of water
 - Adam's son
 - DOWN
 - Tailpiece
 - Female red deer
 - Unit of work
 - Buddha
 - Booth
 - Head covering
 - Perform
 - One who diets
 - Applauds
 - 11 An appointed meeting
 - To obey
 - Sharp
 - Muffler
 - Diving duck
 - Frozen water
 - Receptacle for flowers
 - Explosive misanthrope
 - Whiskers
 - Live coals
 - Unadulterated
 - Part of the back
 - Injection
 - Flowers
 - 37 A cry of bacchanals
 - Unknown
 - The yellow bugle
 - Part of a locomotive
 - Music note

PARA CHAB
SABAR HATR
SIBOT GABRE
ANY BURESE
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GENORIN POOR
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SOWLED BE
SIGNOR POST
SIBOT GABRE
DEED ALLE

Yesterday's Answer

- A cry of bacchanals
- Unknown
- The yellow bugle
- Part of a locomotive
- Music note

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it:
AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

Simply stands for another. In this ex. for L's X for the two O's, etc. Single tropies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation
MLBB NY NA NBNBJKNA N M
ESLJES, GJ N TNM BNWHGX NMDJ
NFAADJ—SOBEJGTM.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: WE WILL NOT WOO FOUL WEATHER ALL TOO SOON—MOOD.

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Tilly The Teller

I JUST LOST SIXTY DOLLARS!

OH, MY! HOW AWFUL! CAN YOU RECALL WHERE YOU WERE WHEN YOU LAST HAD THE MONEY?

YES, I WAS STANDING IN FRONT OF AN OPEN WINDOW

WHERE?

AT THE RACE TRACK!

Erto Kent

BAD NEWS, DEAR! THAT BEAUTY OPERATOR QUIT HER JOB!

OH, MOM! NOW WHAT'LL I SIMPLY EVER DO?

DON'T ACT LIKE IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD! GO TO ANOTHER GIRL!

DAD REALLY! YOU ACTUALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND!

SHE WAS ENGAGED TO A BARBER IN HOLLYWOOD—HE WORKED IN ONE OF THE BIG STUDIOS!

SHE PROMISED TO ASK HIM TO GET ME A LOCK OF BRANDON HALE'S HAIR!

Muggs and Skeeter

MA! MA! WHAT HAVE YOU GOT IN THE OVEN?

OVEN? OVEN!!

OH, DEAR!! OH, DEAR!!

EVERY TIME I WATCH THAT COOKING PROGRAM, I BURN SOMETHING IN THE KITCHEN!!

Henry

Drip drip drip

Drip drip drip

Drip drip drip

Drip drip drip

Bringing Up Father

HERE COMES OUR NEIGHBOR TITUS CANBY WITH THE LAWN MOWER HE BORROWED LAST MONTH!

IT'S ABOUT TIME!

HERE'S YOUR LAWN MOWER, MR. JESSIE. I WON'T BE NEIGHBORING IT AGAIN!

YOU MEAN YOU BOUGHT ONE FOR YOURSELF?

ONE OF MY OTHER NEIGHBORS BOUGHT A LAWN MOWER FROM NOW ON I'LL BORROW THEM!

Grandma

OH, BOY!!

ICE-COLD MELON!

SEE, I DON'T WANT ANY OF THIS ON MY NEW DRESS!!

I'LL JUST TAKE OFF MY APRON AN—

PUT IT A NOTCH HIGHER!

Mickey Mouse

L'IL DAVY... I SURE ADMIRE THE WAY YOU HELP THE LITTLE CREATURES IN THE WOODS!

I LIKE 'EM!

I WISH YOU COULD HELP PEOPLE THE WAY YOU HELP ANIMALS...

THINKIN' ABOUT THAT...!

WHY DON'T YOU SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO?

SHUCKS... FOLKS IS SO AXKED UP IT MIGHT TAKE ME TWO THREE MONTHS TO GET 'EM STRAIGHTENED OUT!

L'il Abner

THIS PROPOSAL AH JEST WASTS DOWN FO' YO'—IS FO' MISS GRACIE STENGEL!

NATCHERLY!!

YO' BIN A PAL, HOPEFUL MUDD. AH'LL MAIL IT!

LUCKY T'WERE FO'—GEM, MER! AH' COULD'NT O' MARRIED YO' NOSHOW!! P-PROMISED M-MAH P-PAPPY—

MAMMY!! COULD YO' TREAT ME TO A WEDDIN'?

BUT CHILE!! ONLY IS 15 YEARS OLD!!

TRUE, BUT AH LOVES GRACIE STENGEL, AN' SHE IS SHORELY GONNA MARRY ME, NO DOUBT!

IT'LL BE TH' LAST WEDDIN' IN OUR FAMILLY!! WE MIGHT AS WELL MAKE IT A GLORIOUS HUM-DINGER!

A 8-DOLLAR ONE?

Secret Agent X9

While little Puddie sleeps the sleep of the innocent.

IT SEEMS AS IF WEDDING IS THE ONLY TIME THAT PUDIE AND I CAN BE TOGETHER WITHOUT BEING COUNT ON.

WILDA! DO YOU WANT ME TO QUIT THE FBI AND OPEN A PUTTY FACTORY?

NO—I'VE ALWAYS BEEN PUTTY IN YOUR HANDS! I USED TO THINK THAT I WAS A PUTTY GUY, BUT I TURNED IT TO BE A PUTTY GUY!

LET'S NOT GET BITTER, DARLING—WE HAVE THREE GLORIOUS WEEKS AHEAD OF US!

Play Safe on the highway this week-end

Keep alert while you drive—chew gum!

Alert drivers are safe drivers. Avoid drowsiness and driving jitters. Chew gum while you're behind the wheel. Chewing helps relieve strain and tension—helps keep you feeling fresh and alert.

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Our Boarding House Major Hoopie

EGAD, BOYS! I'M IN A QUANDRY CAN'T MAKE UP MY MIND ON A SOLUTION FOR MARTHA! HOW ABOUT A BUST OF DANTE? OR A LEATHER PILLOW WITH SOFT VERGES BUST ON IT? OR YET AGAIN A Dainty BONE CHINA CUP AND SAUCER?

I VOTE AGAINST THE BUST OF DANTE. I AIN'T IT AN OLD HOUSE RULE NEVER TO ARM A LADY WITH ANYTHING HEAVY TO THROW.

THE BURN'T LEATHER IS A LITTLE ON THE MOSSY SIDE OF THAT WAS TO ARM A LADY WHEN AERDENT SWAINS WERE TURNING DOWN THE GAS-LIGHT.

AND A CUP AIN'T LIKELY TO FRACTURE THE SKULL!

Out Our Way By J R Williams

GIVE IT WHAT IT NEEDS!

I BET THAT DOWAGER NEVER HAS BEEN UNDER THE HOOD OF A CAR BUT HAS SEEN ALL THE ART EXHIBITS IN THE WORLD AN' THE PYRAMIDS AN' ALL THAT STUFF!

MY WIFE THINKS I'M STUPID! I TOOK A BUNCH TO TH' SHOP TO SHOW HER A COMPLICATED WORK WE DO, BUT THEY HAD ALL THE GEAR COVERS, HOES, STIFF AND CASINGS ON—AND WHAT SHE DID SEE SHE THINKS A BARBON COULD LEARN IN WEEK!

Joe Palooka

GRAB 'EM!

STOP THEM!

HEH OVERBOARD!

SPLASH!

Secret Agent X9

DON'T LIE TO ME, BRIGGS! DENYING SAID HE PAID FOR THE GUN TO BUY YOUR RANGIN'

HE DID NOT!

YOU SHOULD'NT A HIT HIM SO WADD, STAGGY! NOW HE CAN'T QUESTION HIM TILL HE COMES TO!

By Bob Gustafson

By Paul Robinson

By Wally Bishop

By Carl Anderson

By George McManus

By Charles Kuhn

By Walt Disney

By Al Capp

By Mel Goff