BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

Careless or Crazy?

Hidden facts, not those that show, [illegible] what you really know.
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[illegible] me thing. [illegible] be remember- [illegible] and some thing are to be forgotten. The little people of the Green Forest and the Green Meadows long ago learned to remembe the important things, and [illegible] th unimportant.

[illegible]owfoot and Tinkle Mouse we. living in a snug home under the root [illegible] the big hickory tree near the Smiling Pool. They had changed their minds for the last time. Having found out that once Mr. Blacksnake had lived there they had been undecided about what they should do. One minute they decided they would leave and the next minute they decided they would stay. Finally they did stay, and promptly forgot all about their fear. But they didn't forget that Mr. Blacksnake [illegible] Mice, and therefore was an enemy to be watched [illegible] They didn't know that there was more than one kind [illegible] snake, just as there was more than one kind of Mouse. So [illegible] was, that when they discovered Bandy the Watersnake on the bank just a little way from the big hickory tree they didn't notice that he wasn't wearing a black coat. To their frightened eyes he was Mr. Blacksnake.

Having discovered him they didn't dare go back into their home under the roots of the big tree. They were afraid that if they did go back in there he might come in and there would be no way for them to get out. So they hid themselves in the grass where they could watch him yet keep themselves unseen. Presently Little Friend the Song Sparrow began to sing on the other side of the Smiling Pool. Then he flew over to their side. They saw him coming. They saw that he was headed straight for a small bush very near to where the big Snake lay. They wanted to warn him, but they couldn't.

Little Friend lighted in the bush. They saw him look down at the Snake. Bandy lifted his head slightly and ran his tongue out several times. Little Friend paid no attention.

"What is the matter with that bird?" whispered Tinkle. "Why doesn't he fly away?"

"He must be crazy," whispered Snowfoot. "If he doesn't see that Snake he must be too careless to live."

Then Little Friend did a surprising thing. He flew down on the ground very near Bandy, and the big Snake merely turned his head and looked at him.

"Now I know he's crazy!" whispered Snowfoot. Of course he meant Little Friend.

The two little mice held their breath as they watched Little Friend and the big Snake. What in the world could Little Friend be thinking of. Hadn't he told them that Snakes swallowed birds as well as mice? But there he was within easy reach of this big Snake, and paying no attention to him whatever.

Bandy moved. He glided along right past Little Friend, and didn't offer to touch him. What could it mean? The two little mice wished they knew. They were having hard work to believe that they were seeing what they thought they saw. You know, it sometimes is difficult to believe one's own eyes.

Once the new home was built

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Pioneer Days In P. E. I.

By F. H. MacArthur

the family turned their attention to clearing a bit of land for the growing of potatoes, wheat, etc. What with crude implements and tools this was hard work, but they stood shoulder to shoulder, a gallant little band of pioneers determined to wrest from the primeval forests new homes for themselves and their children.

Husband and wife often stood side by side discussing which trees should be spared and which should be felled. No doubt they often regretted the dethroning of some mighty monarch of the forest, a kingly maple or a gnarled old veteran of the pine or hemlock family. But it was a case of homes or forests and in the end the forests gave way before the axes of the stalwart pioneers. At eventide the children would gather round the dethroned trees and count how many had fallen victims to their father's axe that day.

When the mighty trees lay thick upon the ground, the new farmer called a "logging bee". For many miles around came the settlers with their wives and children, driving up in ox-teams or on foot. The womenfolk busied themselves preparing the meals while the men unharnessed the oxen and led them to the clearing prepared for the job that lay ahead.

What a busy scene unfolded as man and beast went to work! Sites were selected where piles were to be gathered and burned. The tumult and the shouting filled the forest as drivers urged on the lazy oxen. Sometimes two or more teams had to be hitched to the end of a particularly heavy log. On top of the logs children sat and watched in open-eyed wonder as their fathers worked and sweated and talked.

Not till sundown did the men relax. Then they wiped their brows and viewed with satisfaction the now tidy clearing. They were as proud of the new cleared land as if it had been their own.

Supper was eaten amid social surroundings. The spirit of brotherly love was everywhere in evidence and the battle with the mighty trees was fought over and over again.

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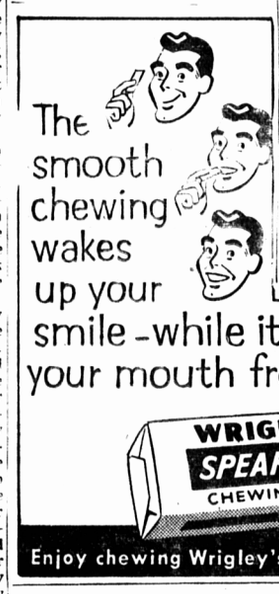
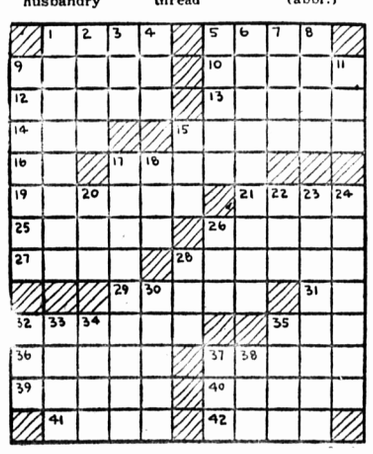


DAILY CROSSWORD

Yesterday's Answer

ACROSS
1. Yield by treaty
5. Run before the wind
9. The white of an egg
10. To ward off (fencing)
12. Welcome spots in the desert
13. Handles (Rom. Antiq.)
14. Snoop
15. Capital (Can.)
16. Greeting
17. Perfume with incense
19. Bear
21. Grate
25. Staggers
26. Under legal age
27. Let it stand (print.)
28. Manipulate
29. Frosting
31. Part of "to be"
32. Cut, as a roast
35. An American Indian
36. Mountain nymph
37. Nippon
39. A skin disease (Mex.)
40. Aside
41. One who does things
42. Pinkish-red

DOWN
1. Musical wind instrument
2. Not difficult
3. Perish
4. Biblical name (Poss.)
5. Petty quarrels
6. Moving, as a horse
7. One of the bears (Astron.)
8. Delineate
9. Burrowing animals
11. Affirmative vote
15. Single unit
17. Improve by husbandry
18. Bitter vetch
20. River (Eng.)
22. Particle of addition
23. Quite alone
24. Gift
26. Equip with men
28. Concealed
30. Kind of wood
32. Conica mass of thread
33. Dry
34. City (Nev.)
35. Java tree
37. Jolt
38. Army post office (abbr.)



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, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

C M A T P W D P E A L V R C D A C Q V C J V
R T U V C R B C W C M D P E A L V R C D A
X V C J — Z V W L C B

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THOUGH DEVOTIONS NEED NOT ART, SOMETIME OF THE POOR THE RICH MAY BORROW — CAMPION.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

OFFENSE VS. DEFENSE

MOST "social" players seem to have the idea that a penalty double of the enemy is the last resort—said double to be made only after full exploration of one's own offensive potentialities. This is a silly fallacy, of course. A penalty double should often be the player's *first* consideration, for the excellent reason that he may never have another chance to take the defensive stand.

Here is an interesting case from a match-point tournament.

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

North: ♠ K 4 3 ♥ 8 6 5 ♦ K 6 4 3 2 ♣ 9 7
West: ♠ 10 2 ♥ Q 10 9 4 ♦ A J 8 ♣ A 10 4 2
East: ♠ Q J 8 5 ♥ A J 7 3 ♦ 9 ♣ Q 8 6 3
South: ♠ A 9 7 6 ♥ K 2 ♦ Q 10 7 5 ♣ K J 5

This was the bidding at several tables:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Dble.
2 ♠	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Inspired play by the declarers could have fulfilled the three-heart contracts, but in most cases the result was a one or two-trick penalty. Even the declarer who made three hearts, however, for a total score of 140 points, was not as well off as he would have been if he had doubled the opposing two spades.

In a situation of this sort the respective vulnerability is of course the paramount issue, and with the vulnerability conditions what they were, East should have doubled two spades instead of trying for the game, himself. In all likelihood East reasoned that his partner's takeout double of a spade showed good support for the other major suit, and this was a sound conclusion as far as it went, but note that West really had that good support for hearts and yet the highest potential for East-West was in the defensive position.

The salient features of the situation were that East had (a) a far better general hand than West could have expected; (b) substantial strength in spades; (c) a singleton diamond which might be valuable on defense; and (d) that a one-trick penalty, giving East-West 200 points, would be better than any part-score they could make. And if East-West could make four hearts, there was good reason to feel that the penalty against two spades would be at least 500 points.

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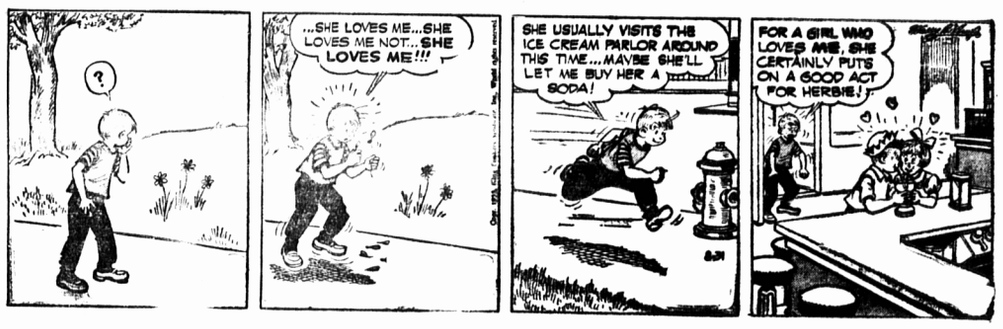

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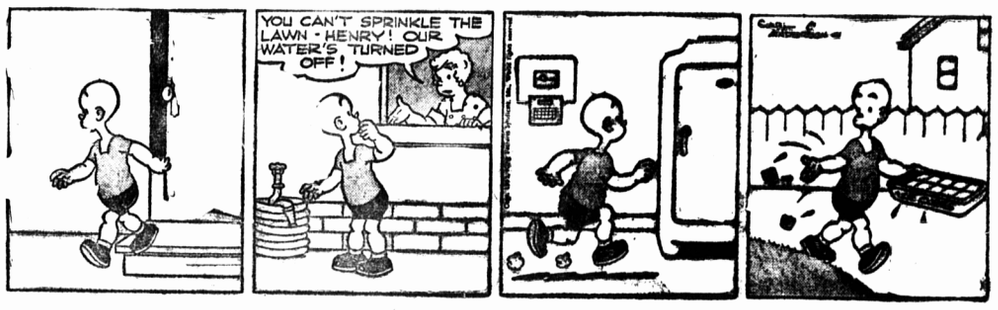
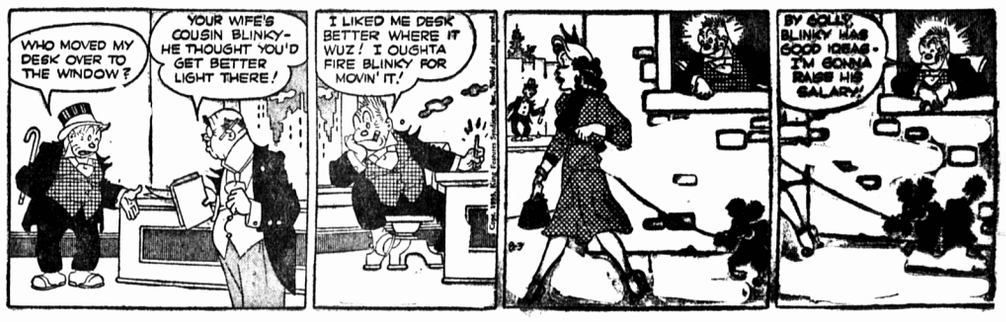


Bringing Up Father — By George McManus



Grandma — By Charles Kuka

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The Lone Ranger — By Fran Striker

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