



By Thornton W. Burgess

THE SANDPECKERS

Inspiration is the key. To unlock things yet to be. Old Mother Nature. "Chug-a-rum!" said Grandfather Frog. "Sandpeckers are back."



"Chug-a-rum! Peter Rabbit, you know them as well as I do." Peter scratched a long ear with a long hind foot. He looked all around. He didn't see anybody whom he didn't know.

The Smiling Pool, or a gravel-pit not far away, which had been dug by men making roads. That really was his first choice. Mrs. Rattles had refused to even go look at it.

"Sandpeckers!" said Peter over and over to himself. "Sandpeckers! That's a good name. That's what they do, peck sand. That's what I'm going to call them."

Peter didn't realize how difficult it is to get a common name changed. Rattles might be in truth a Sandpecker, but he had been for so long a Kingfisher, that probably he always would be a kingfisher. Peter should have remembered how he tried to change his own name from Peter Rabbit to Peter Cottontail.

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"That's Rattles the Kingfisher," said Peter. "Grandfather Frog rolled his big goggle eyes up at Peter. 'You may never have heard of them, but you've seen the Sandpeckers often enough. Listen! There's one of them now.'"

"That's Rattles the Kingfisher," said Peter. "Grandfather Frog. 'But why shouldn't he be called Sandpecker as well as Kingfisher? He is called Kingfisher because he catches fish. There are other birds who catch fish. There is Plunger the Osprey, who is also called Fish-hawk, and Longlegs the Heron, and other members of the Heron family. There is Graywing the Gull, and Sawbill the Merganser, and others of the Duck family. But there are not many feathered folk who dig holes in the sand, so why isn't Sandpecker just as good a name for Rattles? I think it is better. That's what I always think of them as, Sandpeckers.'"

Peter thought that over. "That's an idea, Grandfather Frog," said he. "I never thought of it before. If a bird is called a Woodpecker because he pecks holes in wood, why shouldn't a bird who pecks holes in a bag be called a Sandpecker? I will call him a Sandpecker." "He should," replied Grandfather Frog gravely, as if that quite settled the matter.

Meanwhile Rattles the Kingfisher and Mrs. Rattles had come up from the Big River, and were on their favorite perches in the big hickory tree on the bank of the Smiling Pool. They still were disputing as to where they should make their home. Mrs. Rattles was in favor of a certain bank on the Big River. Rattles would hear none of it. He was for either the highest part of the bank at

Sack in the barn, the animals acted normal. Bill Trevor's curiosity led him to the pasture with a sheep dog. Soon the dog began to dance and howl. Then a cow fell down. Bill went to investigate. He pulled bossy's tail and got a shock. An investigation disclosed that an electric light pole had short-circuited the swamp field, electrifying it up to 3,000 volts.

In Manchester, England, they have a machine that composes love letters, using such endearing words as: "Darling, Sweetheart," "Yours beautifully etc." The machine is an electronic computer. After he'd finished with an execution, Charles Sanson, Chief Executioner of Paris a couple of centuries ago, would play with children, or by himself. Why? Because the chief executioner was only seven years old!

In those days the job was hereditary. Thus, when Charles' father died, the boy automatically filled his shoes, as the saying goes. Of course, Charles didn't actually do the head chopping. He had an assistant named Prudhomme who did that. However, the youth was required by law to be present every time a head rolled.

The result was probably the most horrible part of it all. The boy began to acquire a taste for this sort of thing. When he was only 12, Charles dismissed Prudhomme and from then on did the beheading himself. Strange but true!

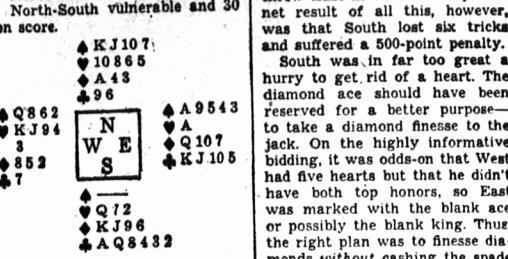
Production of powered lawn mowers in Canada jumped to 25,500 in 1953 from 8,600 the year previous.

Meeting at L.P.U. Hall 8:00 P.M. Wed., June 1st New Members Welcomed

CONTRACT BRIDGE

BY JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

THE USE OF AN ENTRY A FAIRLY comprehensive test of a player's skill might be based on one simple point: the use he makes of the lone entry that may be in dummy. Here's an illustration:



West opened the spade deuce and dummy's ten forced East's ace. South ruffed, crossed over to the diamond ace, discarded a heart on the spade king, and then led the low trump. East put in the ten. South won with the queen, cashed the club ace and threw East in with a trump.

It is difficult to follow the workings of North's mind, to grasp now he could have steered himself to bid two notrump over West's two hearts and yet could not "get up a double" of East's three spades. When North declined to double that call, South got the impression that most of North's values lay outside of the spade suit, and so South ventured to four clubs.

Strange But True

By F. E. MacArthur

This little item tells of the fellow who couldn't win even though he'd bet on a horse's nose. Who was he and why couldn't he win on the \$10 he'd placed on a horse running at Suffolk Downs, Mass?

The horse, Flying Tuck, won and paid \$205.50. But the man couldn't collect because he was a police inspector who'd paid the bet money to get evidence against a bookie.

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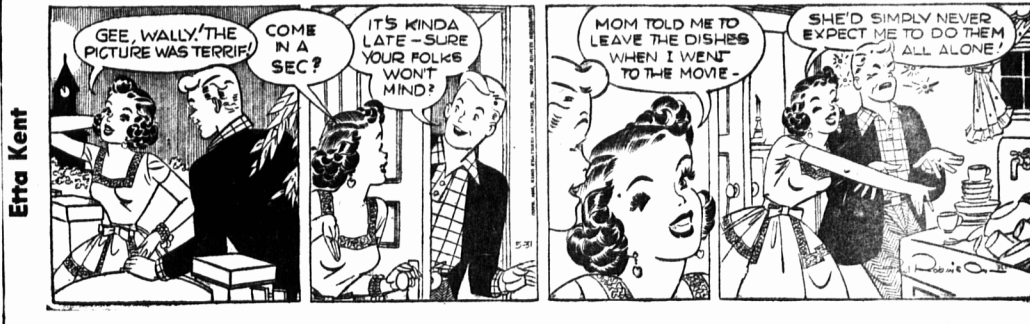
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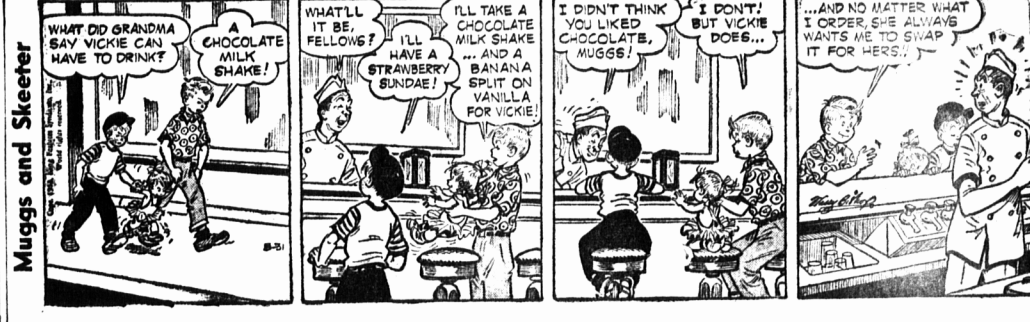
DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXE is LONGFELLOW One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different. A Cryptogram Quotation XONQ SL QOUJ SI QOVV. WBBII QONQ QOBM LOBMPA' LQV WECV WS QUNJQ LB DEQUIQPS?—EVNQL Yesterday's Cryptogram: SPURNED BY THE YOUNG, BUT NUGGED BY THE OLD TO THE VERY VERGE OF THE CHURCHYARD—HOOD.



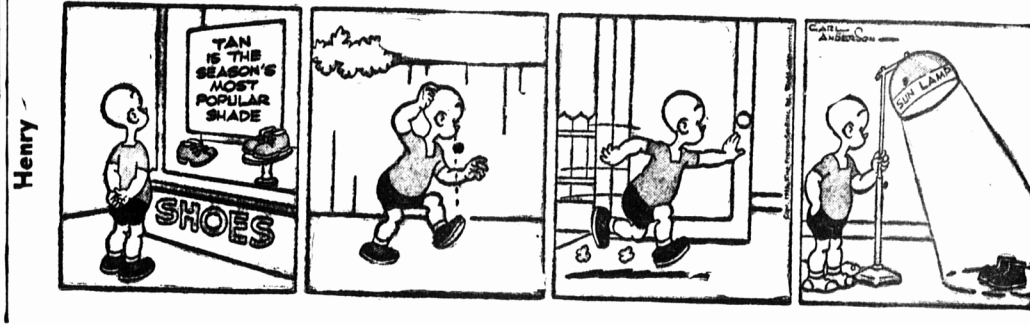
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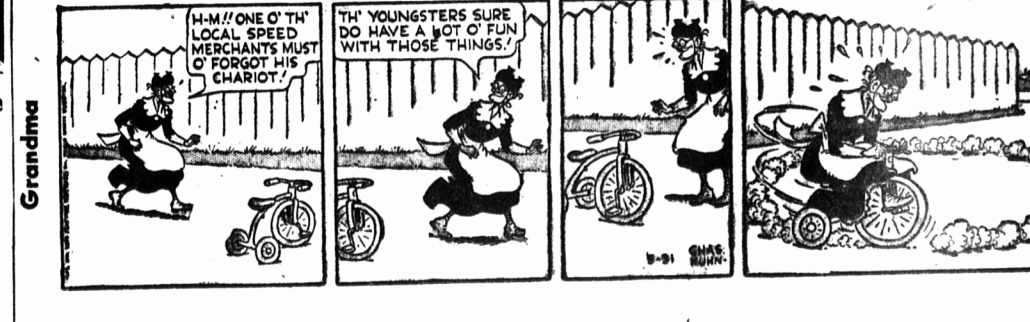
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