BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

WASHED OUT

Another's troubles share, and find
How soon your own are less in mind.

—Paddy the Beaver.

Paddy the Beaver and Mrs. Paddy were in great trouble. Deep snow on the foothills and on the Great Mountain had melted so fast that it had made a roaring

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river of Laughing Brook and almost a lake of the little Beaver Pond. The water had risen and risen in that pond, until it had driven Paddy and Mrs. Paddy out of their house and they were clinging to the roof. They could feel the house shake. They knew that any time now it might be washed away. They had been through floods before, but this was the worst one. They saw a great log come rushing down on the swift water and knock a hole in their dam. They feared they would lose both house and dam, but what could they do about it! Nothing. At least that is what they thought then, and what Croaker the Raven, who was looking on, took pains to tell them. He seemed to take pleasure in seeing the worst side of everything and expecting the worst to happen. Perhaps that is how he got his name of Croaker.

"Hi!" screamed Sammy Jay from high up in a tree at the edge of the water. "See who's coming!"

Of course, everybody who was there looked this way and that way, but it was a few minutes before any one saw two brown heads out where the water was coming into the pond so swiftly. In a couple of minutes they were out of the swiftest part of the current and swam over to where Paddy and Mrs. Paddy were clinging to their roof. They were two grown, but young, Beavers. Paddy and Mrs. Paddy knew who they were right away. They were a pair of young workers who had built a small dam, and made a small pond, far up toward the foothills where Laughing Brook comes down.

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his opposite number, South at the other table, stopped at the proper small-slam contract, played the hand properly—and went down!

West opened the club king. South won, led the heart jack toward dummy, and when West played low, put up the king. Then, "playing the percentages," he returned dummy's heart eight and finessed against East. The finesse succeeding, the very optimistic grand slam became a laydown.

At the other table the South player was not so fortunate, and, ironically enough, it was the fact that he reached the sound contract of only six hearts that worked against him. The opening lead was the same at this table, the club king, but, needing only 12 tricks, this declare won with the club ace and properly cashed the king and ace of trumps. (Surely, he was not going to take a 50-50 finesse when it appeared that he could make his small slam without it.) South then cashed the diamond, jack and led another diamond, naturally expecting to discard his losing club. He had every reason and right to be disgusted when East ruffed the second diamond with the heart queen and returned a club to defeat the contract.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Scientists estimate it will take 120 flying hours to reach the moon —a 250,000 miles jaunt — if no detours have to be made enroute, or other phenomena unforeseen make the flight late.

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The shortest route between two points is not always the fastest way to travel. Old masters of sailing ships knew this so they often took a roundabout way to take advantage of the strong tail winds and weaker head winds. Had they used the shorter routes in such cases, it would actually take the vessel longer to arrive at its destination.

Games of sport were developed as a means of early man's defence against savage beasts of the forests. To be proficient in this field — and reasonably safe — primitive man kept in shape by competing with one another.

The human brain is a complicated and amazing machine. For example, the very care of the brain is the seat of consciousness. If any part of this center be damaged unconsciousness sets in.

And few persons if any, use their entire brain.

Dogs were once employed as cook's assistants.

In byegone days some innkeepers kept a couple of dogs around the kitchen. What for? To turn the spit of course. Each animal would take turns on a tread mesh wheel attached to a barbecue spit. The dog got nowhere himself, but in the end a nice chicken or a piece of beef got roasted for some hungry people.

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STRANGE HAPPENINGS

Strange as are many of the happenings at the "social" bridge table, even stranger events occur in the most serious team-of-four contests.

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

This was the bidding at the table in first reference:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
7 ♥ (!)	Pass	Pass	Pass

For example, there is the classic case of the declarer who found himself in a bad grand-slam contract, and because of his desperate need, had to finesse for the queen of trumps. He won out, but

"We are washed out," replied one of the young Beavers.

"Do you mean your dam has broken" asked Paddy.

"It is more than broken; there isn't any dam left," spoke up the other young Beaver.

"And your house?" asked Mrs. Paddy.

"Some of it is probably down here by this time," was the quick reply.

"What are you going to do now?" asked Mrs. Paddy.

"We thought you might let us stay here with you until we can go back up there and build a new dam," replied one of the young Beavers.

"Of course you can stay. Perhaps it won't be for long. You can see for yourself what has happened to our dam. We may not have any pond either after awhile," declared Paddy.

The young Beavers looked over to where a big log had knocked a hole in the dam, and the water was rushing out with great force. "That is what happened to our dam, only of course our dam wasn't as big and strong as yours. Couldn't we do something to keep some of the water from running out?" said one of the young Beavers.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Found in Pennsylvania
5. Scheme
9. Goods
10. Proportion
12. Head of a monastery
13. Chemical compound
14. Little girl
15. The territory of Athens
16. Indefinite article
17. Little island
19. Central (abbr.)
20. Indicates
23. Take amends for
24. Songs for two people
28. An addition
30. Girl's name
33. Affected manners
34. Negative reply
35. A public procession
37. Thus (L.)
38. Assign
39. Bottle-shaped container
41. Danger
42. The shield of Zeus
43. Act of selling
44. A house in Italy

DOWN

1. A group of ministers in government
2. Spheres
3. Past
4. Fate
5. A claimant to a throne
6. Final
7. Garret
8. One's sister's daughter
9. A winter melon
11. Seaport (Algeria)
15. Malt beverage
17. Small island in the Hebrides
18. Run away (colloq.)
21. Toward
22. Sources of light and heat
25. Man's nickname
26. French protectorate (N. Afr.)
27. Artists often wear these
29. Perish
30. A month of the Egyptian vague year
31. A U. S. vice-president
32. Palm cockatoo (Australia)
36. External covering of a seed
37. Droops in the middle
39. Decorated letter at beginning of paragraph
40. Marshy meadow

ORBIT		AGLEA								
LILLE		TRADE								
ALIKE		ULNED								
FEZ		ORMERS								
	ZOMBI									
AWARE		BODES								
GIRLS		URTAN								
ANDES		TARRY								
	EVENT									
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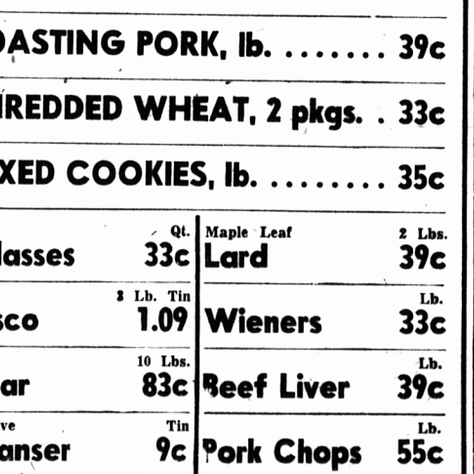
MINCE		LISLE								
SANER		ANTED								

Yesterday's Answer



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, apostrophies, the length and for ...ion of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are new

A Cryptogram Q...ation

O X C L P I Z D X Y J M G P L Y T H ... P D X F H G T K M P D X F O X G P — V K X P T D X N.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HERE ... EMBATTLED FARMERS STOOD, AND FIRED THE SHOT HEARD ROUND THE WORLD—EMERSON.

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ROASTING PORK, lb. 39c
SHREDDED WHEAT, 2 pkgs. . 33c
MIXED COOKIES, lb. 35c

Molasses	Qt. 33c	Maple Leaf Lard	2 Lbs. 39c
Crisco	3 Lb. Tin 1.09	Wieners	Lb. 33c
Suaar	10 Lbs. 83c	Beef Liver	Lb. 39c
Big Five Cleanser	Tin 9c	Pork Chops	Lb. 55c
Graham Wafers	1 Lb. 35c	Carrots	2 Lbs. 19c
McCready's Pickles	24 Oz. 35c	Mushrooms	½ Lb. 39c
Assorted Jello	3 Pkgs. 29c	Grapefruit	6 For 39c
Prunes	Lb. 19c	Sunkist Oranges	2 Doz. 69c
Mixed Nuts	Lb. 35c	Ripe Tomatoes	Pkg. 25c

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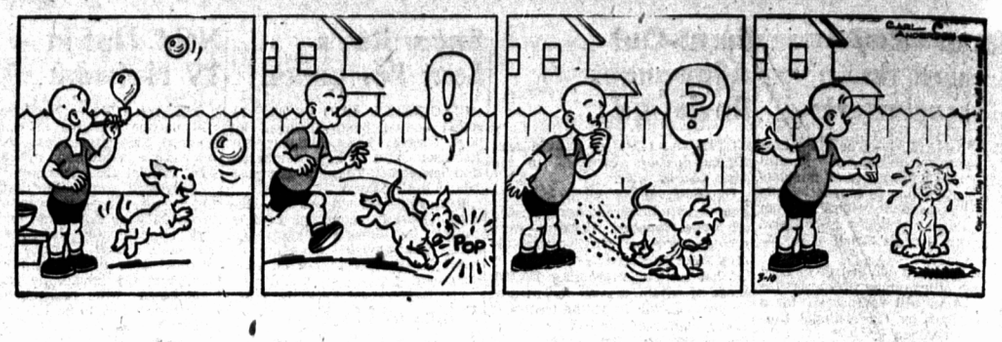
Henry — By Carl Anderson



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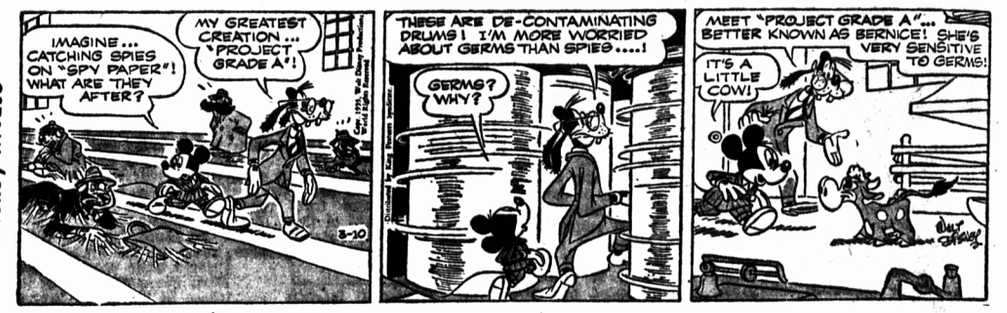
Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney



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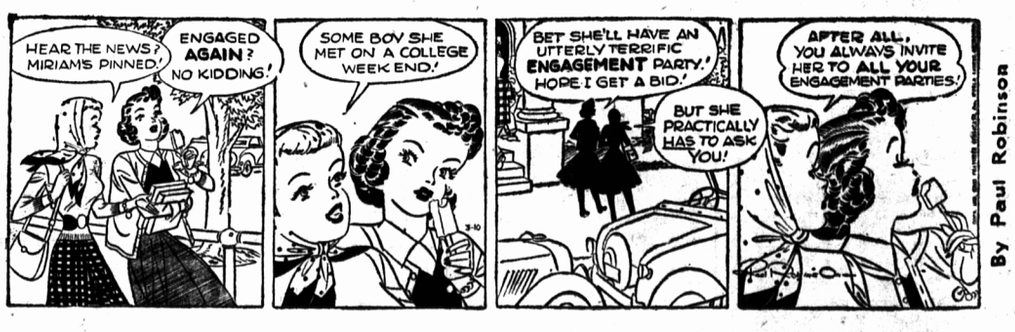

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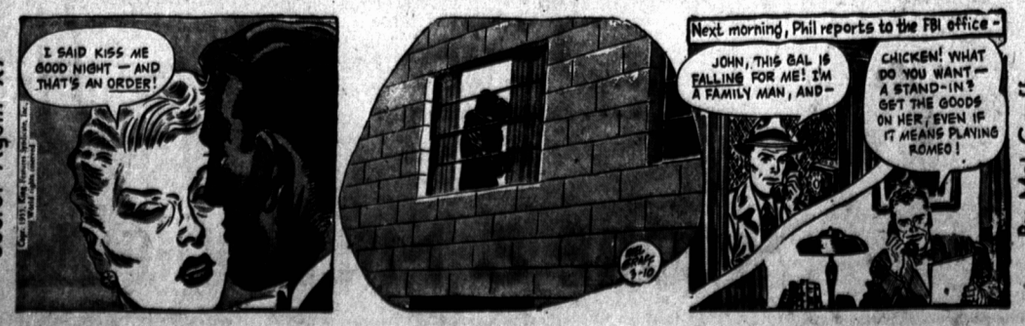

The Lone Ranger — By Fran Striker