

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

WHAT BLACKY THE CROW SAW never discount little things, master from a rifle springs.

Old Mother Nature, Blacky the Crow was winging his way from the Green Forest to the Meadows. He didn't know just where he was headed. He seldom does when he starts to look for something to eat, especially in winter when food is scarce and hard to find. It is especially hard to find for a bird like Blacky. He cannot store up food, like a squirrel, and he must live on what he can find day to day, and a bird his size needs considerable food.

Flying rather high Blacky could for a long distance in all directions. He has sharp eyes. He sees to have. Now as he flew he was looking this way and that way so not to miss anything. Ahead of him he could see the Smiling Pool, which wasn't smiling at all. It was covered with clear ice. Underneath it made it look black.

"Well, well!" exclaimed Blacky, "that isn't Peter Rabbit over there? I may lose my tail feathers, but it is that rascal doing over there?" He should be at home in the dear Old Brat-patch. One of these days something will happen to him if he continues to wander out."

Blacky changed his line of flight and headed straight toward the Smiling Pool. He saw that at the upper end where Laughing Brook enters the Smiling Pool on way to the Big River there was a place where the water had not frozen. On the ice at the edge of the open water lay a piece of root water-lily. Blacky's sharp eyes saw this and knew what it was at once. "Jerry Muskrat, must have more than he could eat. Now, Jerry does Peter Rabbit think he is going to? If he doesn't look out he'll get in trouble. I wonder if Jerry is going to try to get that piece of root?" said Blacky to himself as he flew on.

Peter was going to try to get that piece of root. He had watched Jerry Muskrat bring that piece of root up from the bottom of the Smiling Pool, climb out on the ice and eat a little of it. It appeared as if Jerry wasn't very hungry, for a short time he dropped the piece of root on the ice, dived to the water and down under the ice to his comfortable house. Peter never had tasted lily root. Jerry Muskrat liked that root, shouldn't he? Peter was tempted. For a few minutes he hesitated, perhaps Jerry Muskrat would be

back. Jerry didn't come back. The longer Peter looked at that bit of root, the more he was tempted. Peter was on the bank. Now as Blacky watched he saw Peter prepare to jump down from the bank. Blacky knew that ice must be smooth and slippery. "If that scamp jumps, he is likely to jump right into trouble. If he's wise, he'll just creep out there," thought Blacky.

Peter wasn't wise. He is the happy-go-lucky kind. He doesn't think far enough ahead. He didn't think that he might slip and slide. He jumped. He jumped just a little bit too hard. When he landed on the ice his feet slipped out from under him and he went sliding across the ice.

"Ha, ha, ha, ha!" shrieked Blacky the Crow. "Ha, ha, ha, ha!"

Blacky could see just what was going to happen. Yes, sir, Blacky could see just what was going to happen. It was rather mean to laugh, but somehow it almost always makes folks laugh to see other folks slip and fall. I wonder why.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By F. H. MacArthur

The Bobolink is one of the few birds that makes two complete moults a year, a couple of new suits, one of them his wedding garb. After the breeding season he will moult again, changing color so completely that he and his wife and kiddies will all look alike, all like sparrows, and will even lose their names, flying south under the name of "reedbirds".

Not all birds are capable of song; the belted kingfisher, for instance, can only rattle.

In the sea there are small fishes which are always eaten in quantities by the bigger fishes. In the air armies of flying insects fall prey to birds and bats. And on the land small rodents die to feed other animals. In the way of the animal world, one kind living on another. But the creatures which are eaten in great numbers always make up for it by having a lot of offsprings. That, incidentally, is how Mother Nature keeps a proper balance in the animal kingdom. If this were not so, the group having the largest families would grow up to have more and more youngsters of their own so that in the end the earth would be left completely nude and the peoples of the world would face certain death from starvation.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

HE RUFFED TOO SOON

Many declarers, on finding a side-suit singleton in the dummy along with a few trumps, make a mad dash to use those trumps as ruffers. In doing so—before the time is really ripe—they are apt to find that they have neglected other plays that carry higher priorities. Here's a typical example:

South dealer:
North-South vulnerable.

10883
Q62
A Q 7 5 4
A 7
K 10 8
Q 10
7 6 5 3 2

6542
J 10 7
J 3
A 8
K Q 9 7
A K 9 8 7
A 8

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 2♣ 2♦ Pass
2♥ 3♣ 3♥ Pass
4♥ Pass Pass

Since there was actually no defense against the four-heart contract (if played properly), West might well have gone on to the sacrifice contract of five clubs, which could not have been punished severely. It must be admitted, however, that West's actual course turned out better.

South captured the opening lead of the club king and promptly ruffed his losing club on the table. Then he led a spade to the king. West won and shifted to the eight of diamonds. South gave this some thought, but he concluded that even if he lost another spade trick (to the jack), he would be safe if he trumped brooks, whereas if he took the diamond return and it lost, a diamond return might be ruffed. Acting on this analysis, South put up dummy's diamond ace and then led the heart queen. He was in for a shock when West showed out in trumps, and another shock when the second spade finesse lost to West. The contract was now hopeless. South could not avoid losing at least one trump trick and the diamond king.

Declarer's real error was in ruffing his low club too soon—much earlier than was wise or necessary. If he had led a trump to dummy's queen at Trick 2 he would have seen the break and could have set the sights accordingly. Then, even if he misplayed the spade jack and lost two tricks in the suit, he could salvage the contract by taking the diamond finesse (which would now be revealed as vital) and handling the trump suit correctly.

may be a kind that catches only rats and mice. Result: Rodents now increase faster than their enemies—only the former is left. In despair the farmer gets himself several cats. But they kill many insect-eating birds about the farm. Result: The insects increase and spoil what is left of his crops. This sort of thing has been going on for so long that laws are necessary to keep people from killing the weary creatures thus destroying the balance of nature.

Possibly for the first time in local history a Tillsonburg, Ontario, magistrate received a summons. Not a summons in the true sense of the word, but nevertheless a summons to appear in Charlotteville, Prince Edward Island for the Centennial celebration here.

Magistrate Robert Groom headed that call and with his wife and two children headed for "the Million Acre Farm" where, along with everybody else he and his family had a gala time.

Beating the heat for \$15 instead of several hundred was the accomplishment of an Ontario barber named Smith. He took a used automobile radiator, a circulation fan worth three bucks and 50 feet of hose to make his conditioner. He runs cool water through the radiator and the fan set up behind it blows air across the thousands of fins. Result: Air inside the shop on a 94-degree day dropped to 78 degrees.

Oh, for the good old days when flying saucers meant nothing more

than a family quarrel.

The perfect husband—Celebrating their 34th wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thurgood, of Slough, England, said they never had a spat.

Mrs. Thurgood said they got along well because she never found fault with her man. Thurgood explained that he always took his wife an early morning cup of coffee or tea in bed, sewed on his own buttons, and never put cigarette ashes on the floor.

It takes a \$4,500-a-year man, 2 hours, 32 minutes of his 8-hour day to pay for his taxes. He must work only 1 hour and 38 minutes to pay for food for his family.

Study the Bible and be wise, believe it and be safe, practice it and be holy.

"Come in," says a sign on a New York City church, "and have your faith lifted."

I wish some brave and holy soul, some space man in a rocket, would hold the kid's attention till We buried Davy Crockett!

WASH-DAY MUSIC

BIRMINGHAM, England (CP)—Municipal authorities grant a self-service laundry a license to have a juke-box on the premises. "To give the housewives some entertainment" while they do the washing.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Shinto temples
- Walk upon
- Kind of tree
- Daisy
- Silly
- Unit of magnetic flux (Elec.)
- Road
- Was carried
- French chalk
- Insects
- Name
- Wing-like
- Score
- Cut, as wood
- Ovules
- Long-tailed bird (Afr.)
- Price of passage
- Astorianhas
- Take as one's own
- Short (comb. form)
- The same (as before)
- Monsters
- Proof
- Bird (aquatic)

DOWN

- Dispatched
- Listen to
- Skin disorder
- Pieces of paper
- Pull along after
- Habitual activity
- Biblical
- Colored, as cloth
- Twice
- Before
- Tantalum (sym.)
- Lieutenant (abbr.)
- Part of "to be"
- A wing entrance
- Observed
- Learning
- Small cone of earth (golf)
- Youth
- Bitter vetch
- Note
- of the scale
- Emblem
- Music note
- Part of "to be"
- Mine entrance
- Method of learning
- Little steler
- Little child

Yesterday's Answer

- Cipher
- Level
- Little steler
- Little child

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it: **AXYDLBAAKX 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

X Q V W G W P B J E W H E W P Y D W O O J
E F J D Z O W C Q W P D E W E Z A D E X P Q
F Q D E W V G W - N F O D X E

Yesterday's Cryptogram: THROUGH THE WIDE WORLD HE ONLY IS ALONE WHO LIVES NOT FOR ANOTHER—ROGERS.

WHY YES, I KNOW A MAN WHO WILL PRUNE YOUR TREES, GRANDMA

BUT GOLLY, YOU COULD TRIM SOME OF THOSE SMALL ONES YOURSELF IN NO TIME!!

NOT ON YOUR LIFE!! IF ANY KID SAW ME CUT A FEW LIMBS THAT LOOKED LIKE SWITCHES...

...THEY WOULDN'T COME TO THIS PLACE FOR MONTHS!

Grandma

THERE GOES LIL' DAVY!

WONDER WHO HE'S GOING TO HELP TODAY...

NOBODY'S REMEMBERED MY (SNIF) BIRTH-DAY FOR 15 YEARS... AND NOW... REAL BEARSKIN ATTENSI! (SNIF) THANK YOU!

DON'T TAKE ON SO MISTER! 'TWERE NOTHIN'!

Mickey Mouse

TOYS

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PAT TAT TAT

Henry

LET'S GO!

GRANDMA DOESN'T LIKE ME TO SLIDE DOWN THE BANISTER... BUT I CAN'T GET OUT OF THE HABIT!

SKEETER!

THAT'S BETTER! NOW DO IT HALF A DOZEN TIMES MORE AND MAYBE WALKING DOWN WILL BECOME A HABIT!

YES, MAAM!

Muggs and Skeeter

AM, GOOD DAY, MRS. AIA DUPUIS? I SEE YOU TWO HAVE BEEN SHOPPING.

HOW DO YOU DO, MR. JIGGS?

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU FOLKS ARE GOING TO HAVE QUITE A FEAST!

OH, THIS FOOD ISN'T FOR US!

IT'S FOR ROVER! MY HUSBAND AND I ARE VERY LIGHT EATERS!

Bringing Up Father

MAC'S SUPPOSED TO BE ON THIS CORNER HELPING ME SELL SABLE TICKETS.

A FINE FRIEND HE IS—NOWHERE IN SIGHT!

WELL, I JUST GOT RID OF MY LAST THREE!

MEN WORKING

Tilly The Toiler

JUST LOOK AT ALL THE EXTRA CALLS ON THIS PHONE BILL!

THEY'RE ETTA'S!

I'LL CUT IT DOWN! EVEN IF I HAVE TO GET A PARTY LINE!

DAD, REALLY?

YOU MEAN A TWO-PARTY OR A FOUR-PARTY?

WHICHEVER IS THE CHEAPER, WHY?

I WANT TO KNOW HOW MANY BOYS I CAN HAVE ON IT.

Etta Kent

IF MOON AND HOOK HAD NOT COUNTED ON BEING HELPED TO ESCAPE, THEY'D HAVE NAMED THEIR ACCOMPLICE IN THE HOPE OF LENIENCY.

I'D BETTER STAND GUARD.

THE UNKNOWN ACCOMPLICE WON'T COME WHILE THERE'S A GUARD.

WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

WE'LL TAKE THE PRISONERS OUT OF JAIL.

The Lone Ranger

THE GYM IS CROWDED WITH MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND OTHER SPECIAL GUESTS. "APAX" IS ALREADY IN HIS CORNER. AND THE PROFESSOR IS LECTURING.

AND ALL MY COMMANDS TO "APAX" ARE RECEIVED THROUGH HIS ANTENNA AND HE RESPONDS EXACTLY!

AND NO RABBIT PUNCHES... HA HA... WHAT AM I SAYING, OKAY, JUST COME OUT BOKING AT THE BELL.

HE SHOULD BE TELLING THAT TO THE PROFESSOR.

Joe Patoka

THE OLD MINE BUILDING IS CATCHING ON FIRE! NOT MUCH I CAN DO ABOUT IT!

A few minutes later helicopter arrive from the Weather station.

YOU OKAY, PHIL?

YEAH, COLONEL! BUT I'VE GOT ANOTHER PATIENT FOR THE DISPENSARY!

THE OTHER MAN DIDN'T TALK, PHIL! MAYBE THIS ONE WILL!

MAYBE! BUT I HAVE TO GET TO KARBON... BEFORE THE NEWS OF THIS FIRE REACHES TOWN!

Secret Agent X9

TELEVISION

CKCW — Moncton

Television Programme

Channel 2

TUESDAY

8:00 p.m.—F.M. Concert Hall

8:30 p.m.—Frankie Laine

9:00 p.m.—At Home with Helen Crocker

9:30 p.m.—Today with Arlene Holder

10:45 p.m.—Little Jack at the Piano

11:00 p.m.—Take A Look

11:15 p.m.—Folk Songs

11:30 p.m.—Howdy Doody

11:45 p.m.—Puppet Theatre

12:00 p.m.—Melody Roundup

12:30 p.m.—CKCW-TV News

1:00 p.m.—Weather

1:45 p.m.—Sports

2:00 p.m.—CBC News

2:30 p.m.—Jungle Jim

3:00 p.m.—Bunkhouse Boys

3:30 p.m.—Vic Obec Show

4:00 p.m.—I Love Lucy

4:30 p.m.—Cross Canada Hit Parade

5:00 p.m.—Jackie Rae Show

5:30 p.m.—Big Town

6:00 p.m.—Year End Review

6:30 p.m.—CKCW-TV News

7:00 p.m.—Weather

7:15 p.m.—Feature Film

7:30 a.m.—Sign Off

Our Boarding House Major Hoopie

MY BACHELOR'S ROOST IS CLOSER, MAJOR! THE LAST TIME I WENT HOME LATE WITH A MARRIED MAN, HIS GROGGER MADE THE HEARTH AS WARM FOR US AS THE BATTLE OF THE WILDERNESS!

BEAD, SNUFFY! THIS BLIZZARD IS SO FIERCE I CAN HARDLY NAVIGATE! SO GOOD THING THE STREETS ARE EMPTY, OR BUSYBODIES WOULD SUSPECT US OF TIPLING! LET'S HURRY TO HOOPIE MAJOR AND GET ON THE WARM HOSPITABLE HEARTH!

SNUFFY DOESN'T NEED ANOTHER PURPLE HEART!

Our Boarding House Major Hoopie

Out Our Way

GET OUT OF THESE THINGS FASTER! HERE COMES THE BULL!

NOW YOU'RE GONNA SEE A MIRACLE... THEY'LL COME OUT FROM BEHIND THAT COLUMN AS INNOCENT AS LAMBS! A LAMP-POST IS ALL THAT'S LEFT OF THAT TOWN CUTUP EVER NEEDED FOR A TOWN ROOM!

WHAT GOES ON BEHIND THE SCENES IS A LOT MORE INTERESTING THAN THE SHOW!

Out Our Way

Believe It or Not!

Victor Mervill of St. Louis, Mo. HAS \$609 AS HIS HOUSE NUMBER \$609 AS HIS STATE LICENSE PLATE AND \$609 AS HIS CITY LICENSE WINDSHIELD STICKER

PARADE WILL OUTF A KILLER, in Toronto, France HAS THE BODY OF HIS VICTIM IN THIS TOWNER—BUT HIS GUNME IS REVEALED WHEN ANALYSIS IN THE POCKET OF HIS SLASH ARM SPRUNGED AND GAVE INTO A HISSY TALK!

BEHINDSMAN BILL KEPT AS PETS BY THE MOTHER OF ROMAN EMPEROR CLAUDIUS WERE PIGS, DRAGONS!

Believe It or Not!

FAST RELIEF FROM DISCOMFORT OF COLDS

When you have a cold you want relief from the pain and discomfort and you want it fast... That's Aspirin! A tablet starts disintegrating almost the instant you take it—starts to relieve that pain almost instantly!

Aspirin

MANUFACTURED BY BAYER

THROAT SORE?

For common sore throat

MINARD'S LINIMENT

I'M GLAD YOU THINK SO.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES REVEAL THIS INVESTIGATION HAS TAKEN PLACE!

...NO! IS INVESTIGATING 'EM? THEN THEY MUSTA DONE SOMETHIN' ANFUL, HUH?

OUR JOB IS SIMPLY TO COLLECT FACTS.

THEM ROTTEN SLEAZY, YOUNG YOUNGERS! WHO'D EVER OF THINK!

YOU KEEP AWAY, FUM HONEST ABE—UNDERSTAND?

Al Capp

By Charles Kuhn

By Walt Disney

By Carl Andersen

By Wally Bishop

By George McManis

By Bob Gustafson

By Paul Robinson

By Fern Striker

By Ham Ficker

By Mel Gratt