



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE LONG BLACK STICK

The best of eyes at times will be, Mistaken in the things they see. —Old Mother Nature.

Under the roots of the big hickory tree beside the Smiling Pool there was a new home that was also an old home. It had once belonged to a Meadow Mouse, but he had given it up and had gone away. It had been found by Snowfoot and Tinkle, two little Wood Mice, cousins of Danny Meadow Mouse. They were just starting out together in the Great World. They still had a great deal to learn and they had to learn for themselves. It is just that way with most of the children of the Green Meadow and the Green Forest folks.



Boys and girls make mistakes and do not see very little from coming from most of them. The little folks of the Green Forest and Green Meadows who make mistakes takes seldom long to learn. It is that they must be sure of what they think they see and what they think they hear.

Snowfoot, so named because his feet were very white and Tinkle Mouse were much pleased with their new home. A hole had been dug down under the roots to a little hollow. Tinkle Mouse had dug out all the old roots that a Meadow Mouse had left there. Then, with Snowfoot's help, had dug in nice clean dry grass and leaves and made a new nest. Tinkle was a little fussy about it. She wanted it to be just so and she had it just so. For one who had little experience in making a nest and who had never been taught how to make one, it was really wonderful. Snowfoot helped a little; he brought some of the grass.

A dead limb had fallen from the big hickory tree and lay on the ground beside it. One morning, Snowfoot climbed up on the dead limb. From it he could look over the grass and see things at a little distance. Of course when he was down on the ground the grass hid off his view everywhere on all sides. After a while Tinkle joined him.

"That's a funny spot over there," said Tinkle Mouse. "I don't remember ever seeing a stick like it before."

Snowfoot looked. Sure enough, there was a long straight stick lying in the grass. The queer thing about it was that it was black. It was very black. The two little Mice had seen many old sticks, but none that was black like this one. They kept looking at it.

"I wonder where it came from,"

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Australia will have a 5,500 mile wire mesh fence stretching across that continent by the end of 1953. The "Wire curtain" is being put up to protect the country's main sheep and cattle areas from the ravages of hungry, wild dogs, called dingoes. These marauders kill about 600,000 sheep every year.

Seeking a wife, Gustav Seelke, 64, answered a marriage bureau ad in Braunschweig, Germany. The "elderly woman from Southern Germany" who replied turned out to be his sister, Thea. Gustav had not seen her in 40 years. The importance of iron in bygone days may be gleaned from the fact that in Greece, iron was offered as a prize to the victor in athletic games. Incidentally, iron is never found pure except in the form of meteorites—chunks of iron which have descended upon the earth from the abysses of heaven. The earliest iron tools were made from these "gifts of the gods" which have been found in different parts of the earth ranging in size from a few ounces up to several tons.

The copper mines of Sinal are the oldest of which history makes mention. According to documentary accounts they were worked from 5000 B.C. to about 1200 B.C. Travelers of this part of the world still can see the tunnels, furnaces, crucibles, and parts of the tools used by these early miners. Some of the excavations are large enough to hold a six-story house with ease. Many of the wooden props are still in place, carbonized by a sort of vegetable tissue.

CONTINUE DEMONSTRATIONS

SEOUL (Reuters)—Five thousand students and South Korean government workers demonstrated today in front of the American Embassy against the presence of the Neutral Nations Truce Supervisory Commission. The demonstration outside the embassy was in defiance of President Syngman Rhee's order that demonstrators should keep away from foreign diplomatic premises. Police dispersed

CONTRACT BRIDGE
By Josephine Culbertson

SMALL THOMPSONS

The worst possible trump break in the following hand was taken in stride by the expert declarer. West dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K 6 3
♥ K 10 9 7
♦ A K J 3
♣ Q 5

♠ A Q 10
♥ 7 5
♦ 10 8 6
♣ A 10 9

♠ J 8 2
♥ Q J 8
♦ 6 3
♣ 5 4 3

♠ 9 4
♥ A 5 4 2
♦ Q 9 7
♣ K J 8 3

The bidding:
West North East South
1♠ Dble. Pass 2♥
3♣ Pass 3♥ Dble. Pass
3♣ Pass

East was not on solid ground when he doubled three hearts, for all his length and strength in that suit, but he was naturally misled by his partner's bidding. West overbid substantially when he mentioned clubs at the three-level—in fact, he bid incorrectly from the start. With a black two-suit of this (questionable) strength, it is usually wise to open with one club and then show

the spade suit. A round of bidding is usually saved in this way. Defending against three hearts doubled, West laid down the ace and a low club. Dummy's queen took the second trick and South then cashed dummy's king of hearts.

Most declarers, finding all five of the missing trumps bunched in one hand, would mutter about their "terrible luck," but they would be overlooking the point that if East had not held the five trumps he would not have doubled three hearts and thus given North-South the chance to go game.

The actual declarer made full use of his opportunity. He cashed three diamonds, ending in his own hand, then led a spade. West took his ace and, East having echoed in clubs, led a third round of clubs. The last diamond was discarded from dummy on this trick and East ruffed with the six-spot.

East made a return that was as good as any—a spade. The king won and South ruffed dummy's last spade. Now declarer ruffed his own high club with the heart nine, and though East overruffed, he had to return a trump from his final holding of Q-8 to the combined North-South tenace.

So the doubled contract was fulfilled, and North-South took the game and rubber.

A General Meeting

A general meeting P. E. I. Guernsey Breeders, Friday, August 26th, 9:00 Daylight Time, in the Department of Agriculture building, committee rooms. All breeders are requested to attend.

J. ERIC HURRY,
Secretary.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Military cap
- Cleaner
- By oneself
- Eager
- Line giving writer's name (hyphenated)
- Male cat
- Annamese measure
- Man's nickname
- Leader of the Knights of the Round Table
- Shows compassion
- Java tree
- Put out
- Battle
- Make into a bundle
- Walked slowly
- River
- Swabbing device
- Female fork
- Newt
- Proverb
- Heavenly body
- Happen again
- Dull finish
- Holding device
- City (Belgium)

DOWN

- Young oyster
- French author
- Fragrant
- Barrel
- Gold (Her.)
- An arm or outlet of a lake (Southern U.S.)
- Entire amount
- A short fiber of silk
- Drugs
- Exclamations of disgust
- Let it stand (print.)
- Stacks of hay
- A dance
- Vitality
- The yellow bugle
- Species of palm
- Part of "he"
- Unhappy
- Egyptian god (var.)
- God of war (Gr.)
- That place
- Grape remain in wine press
- River (Ger.)
- Rodent (So. Am.)
- Only substances
- Allowance for weight
- Firearm (Chem.)
- Salt
- Masurium (sym.)

Saturday's Answer

35. Rodent (So. Am.)
38. Only substances
39. Allowance for weight
41. Firearm (Chem.)
42. Salt
44. Masurium (sym.)

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAE
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 letter cryptophiles, the length and formation of the words are different. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation
EPUR BPAKKE TAXUS XR EXRU
EU KBUUC, EPUR PUMWPK MRI
I AMHTPBK TL SAUU-WLJUMFV.

Yesterday's Cryptquote—AN HONEST TALE SPEEDS BEST, BEING PLAINLY TOLD—SHAKESPEARE.

Our Boarding House Major Hoople

YOUR JIBES ARE AS LAUGHABLE AS A SPEED COP'S, BAXTER? BUT ISN'T IT LATE FOR YOUR ANNUAL TOUR OF SPONGING NIGHTS TO RELATIVES OR HAVE THEY GOT WISE TO YOU?

WELL, MAJOR! THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD ENJOYED YOUR VACATION VERY MUCH—TOO BAD YOU AREN'T A TRAVELING MAN, HOOPLE—REAL ESTATE VALUES AROUND HERE REALLY WOULD SOAR!

Out Our Way By J. R. Williams

THOSE ROY COBOTS CUT THAT BABY ANTELOPE AWAY FROM THE BUNCH AND THEY'RE DOUBLING UP TO RUN IT DOWN—WHEN ONE TIRES, THE OTHER TAKES OVER!

WELL, THEY GOT TO EAT AN' I HATE TO BUTT IN—BUT SUCH TRICKERY GIVES ME SYMPATHY FOR THE ANTELOPE! A GOOD EXCUSE TO BUY HIS UP—COME ON!

THAT LOOKIN' AROUND 'N PLACE MADE ME HONRY... EVERYTHING SEEMS 'N MAKE ME HONRY... LET'S SEE...

TRANSLATION
OKAY... PERFECT TIME TO GO ON... 'N PLAN STARTS.

GOON LOOK, MOMMA... MOMMA'S GOT TOY.

WES, COULD VE VIDIT PLEASE, MEESTEE?

CHILDREN, SHOULD SHOW MANNERS... OXUSE, GENTLEMAN, PLEASE... IS LITTLE WES?

YOU'RE TO FOLLOW THE MASKED MAN'S TRAIL, TONY!

AND TAKE THE SHERIFF AND ME WITH YOU!

GOIN' TO UNITE ME?

NO! I'M GOIN' TO MAKE SURE YOU STAY HERE TILL WE GET BACK!

I'M HOT!
ME TOO!

HERE! GET US EACH A VANILLA CONE! WE'LL EAT THEM UP HERE!

MOM! THEN YOU ACTUALLY DID RECOGNIZE MY MYSTERY DATE?

HOW COULD I HELP IT?—HE'S THE IMAGE OF HIS FATHER!

ISN'T IT DEFINITELY SCREAMING?—I MEAN MY DATING THE SON OF AN OLD BOY FRIEND OF YOURS?

I DON'T THINK YOUR DAD WILL SEE THE FUNNY SIDE OF IT!

SO TO KEEP PEACE IN THE FAMILY PLEASE DON'T DATE BRUCE AGAIN!

MOM! YOU'RE KIDDING!

JUST AS YOU SAY, PEE-WEE... I CAN CUT IT ANY WAY YOU WANT!

SAVE IT TILL MY HAIRCUT IS FINISHED!

THAT'S SWELL! ...NOW SKEETER WHAT WAS THE PROPOSITION YOU HAD?

YOU KNOW THOSE MILITARY HAIR BRUSHES OF MINE YOU LIKE... WELL, I'LL SWAP THEM FOR YOUR BASEBALL GLOVE!

BY GOLLY THAT WOMAN UPSTAIRS WAS A TERRIBLE VOICE! SHE'S THE ONLY PERSON I EVER HEARD WHO CAN SING AS LOUD AS MAGGIE!

THANK GOODNESS SHE'S STOPPED! I COULDN'T HAVE STOOD IT ANOTHER MINUTE!

MAGGIE, WE HAVE A NEW NEIGHBOR UPSTAIRS—AND WHAT A HORRIBLE GINGING VOICE SHE'S GOT!

DADDY, DID YOU HEAR THE NEWS? MOTHER IS TEACHING SINGING LESSONS FROM THE PROFESSOR UPSTAIRS!

NOW YOU TELL ME!

BE SURE AN' COME T' MY BIRTHDAY TOMORROW, GRANDMA!

WHAT, AGAIN? I THOUGHT YOU HAD A BIRTHDAY PARTY YESTERDAY!

OH, I DID... BUT YA SEE I'M CELEBRATIN' MY BIRTHDAY...

...ALL WEEK!

GOODBYE, LIL DANNY... YOU MUST COME BY SOON AND I'LL BAKE YOU SOME COOKIES!

THANK YOU KINDLY... BUT PERSONALLY I DON'T EAT 'N' B'AR MEAT!

NEVER SAW ANYONE HANDLE MINNIE AS NEATLY AS THAT... I'VE YEAH... JUST FIXED HER WITH THAT STEADY EYE AND SHE CRUMPLED...!

WAIT... I'VE GOT FOUR OR FIVE HOURS WATCHIN' TO DO BEFORE I GO TO BED...!

SUN'S GONE DOWN! TIME FER ALL SELF-RESPECTIVE ME—MEN TO GIT TO BED...!

IT DID—TINY PAINTED?—SOUNDED LIKE A TON O' BEEF DONE DRAPPED ON 'N FLOOR?!

Dear Miss:

In answer to your proposal of marriage to Gracie Stengel... why, kid, I didn't think you'd be dumb enough to take my age seriously. There's no Gracie Stengel. I just made her up up... for the laughs. So now that we've both had a good chuckle, let's forget it.

Your pal,
Eddie Stengel
aka Gracie Stengel—M'ne

BUT WE CAN'T FOIT IT! WE PROMISED THAT MOB A 8-DOLLAR WEDDIN, AN' WE GOTTA GIVE 'EM ONE—SOMEHOW!

After breakfast...

BENNY, I HAVE BEEN THINKIN'—TOGETHER, WE COULD BE RICH IF WE JOINED FORCES!

JOINED FORCES, PRINCE!

PUMPS IT IS TOO SOON TO SPEAK OF LOVE, BUT YOU HAVE SWEP' ME OFF MY FEET AT JUST SIGHT!

CONSIDERING YOUR HEFT, THAT'S QUITE A SWEEP, PRINCE!

Messiah!

PHIL, CAN YOU SEE ANY ACTIVITY AT IQUANIA'S CAMP?

YES, THERE'S 100... WITH A FRIEND!

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By Ham Fisher
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By L'il Abner
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