



# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

## TIMMY WORRIES

To everyone it should be plain... Through worry there is never gain. Old Mother Nature.

Timmy the Flying Squirrel and Mrs. Timmy were all ready for winter. They had a new home. This, it was a new home to them. It really was an old home made long ago by Drummer the Woodpecker. To the two little Squirrels it was perfect. They felt that no matter what the winter might be, there would be nothing for them to worry about. Their home was in a big stub of a tall tree that was stout stub. No matter how hard the wind might blow they were sure that it would not break, and the tree would not fall.

Now Timmy and Mrs. Timmy are awake all winter. Indeed, they have lovely times in the winter. They love to come out on clear moonlight nights and jump from tree to tree to see who can glide the farthest. They do not mind the cold. If it is too cold they just stay in their warm snug in the old home of Drummer the Woodpecker. Rough Brother Northwind cannot find them there. Jack Frost cannot pinch them there. Spooky the Screech Owl cannot get in through that little doorway. In fact, there is no one whom they fear when they are inside that house.

There came a bad storm. It was one of those storms that happen now and then in winter when the snow is so wet that it sticks to everything. It stuck to the trees, clinging to the bark of the trunks. It was a hard storm and the snow piled up. It began to fill up the doorway of that home in the old stub. Two or three times Timmy had to push it out in order to look outside.

"I don't like this storm," he complained.

"Nobody does. But, there's nothing for us to worry about," replied Mrs. Timmy.

"I don't suppose there is. Just the same I don't like it," replied Timmy. "I don't like the way it keeps filling up our doorway."

"Pooh!" said Mrs. Timmy. "What does that matter? All we have to do is push it away. It really makes us all the warmer in here."

This was true. It shut out the cold air. They didn't need much air down there inside and there was enough that came through. That closed door did make it warmer in there.

"All we have to do is sleep until the storm is over," said Mrs. Timmy as she curled up in their warm bed.

"But supposing it lasts too long?" said Timmy.

"Oh, quit your worrying," retorted Mrs. Timmy. "Even if it

does last a long time, we can stay right where we are."

"Just the same, I don't like it," said Timmy. He had just been up to that doorway and tried to push out the snow. It was wet heavy snow and it didn't push out easily. It was still snowing outside and it was snow that was almost rain. Why it should worry him, Timmy didn't know. But he couldn't get over an uneasy feeling that something was going to happen, something unpleasant and that this storm had something to do with it. He went down to join Mrs. Timmy in the soft warm bed. But still he couldn't go to sleep. "You're worrying over nothing," said Mrs. Timmy.

## DOUBLE RENT

AUCKLAND, N. Z. (CP) — A couple who had not been on speaking terms met in the divorce court here. The husband claimed he had been paying rent on the house. The wife said she had. Both produced rent receipts. The house is owned by the government.

## DAILY CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1. Man's nickname (poss.) (5)
2. To stop (5)
3. Test-print of a negative (5)
4. A hunting call (5)
5. Coral reef (5)
6. Musical instrument (5)
7. Norse god (5)
8. Constellation (5)
9. Affirmative vote (5)
10. A large playing marble (5)
11. A colorful bird (5)
12. Part of a fence (5)
13. Foreign (5)
14. A kind of leather (5)
15. Mother (5)
16. Slipped away (5)
17. Exhausted (5)
18. A strap garment (5)
19. Pole (5)
20. Container (5)
21. Soup (5)
22. Want of tone (5)
23. Morning reception (5)
24. City (Ger.) (5)
25. Cries, as a cat (5)

**DOWN**

1. A petty quarrel (5)
2. Showily imitative (5)
3. Fasten, as a boat (5)
4. The sun (5)
5. Young hog (5)
6. Sailor (5)
7. Seaweed (5)
8. Kill (5)
9. Sharpen, as a razor (5)
10. Flaak (5)
11. Rodent (5)
12. Regions (5)
13. Burst forth, as a volcano (5)
14. Knave of clubs (5)
15. A wing (5)
16. Edge of a cup (5)
17. Roman money (5)
18. Fish (5)
19. Guided (5)
20. A form of shoe (5)
21. A sign of the zodiac (5)
22. Dress, as feathers (5)
23. Projecting end of a church (5)
24. Outers (5)
25. Knave of clubs (5)
26. Macaws (5)
27. 38. Shore room (5)
28. A fresh (5)
29. American humorist (5)
30. Before (5)
31. Before sun god (5)

**Yesterday's Answer**

1. A. Q. J. 10. 4. 3.  
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3. A. Q. J. 10. 4. 3.  
4. A. Q. J. 10. 4. 3.

## Our Boarding House Major Hoople

MY WORD, BAXTER! I'VE BEEN LABORING UNDER A DREADFUL DELUSION FOR YEARS... EVERY TIME I LOOK OVER THE FENCE I SEE A DONKEY, SO WHY SHOULD I THINK WE'RE DOWN ON THE FARM? — BUT WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'M RAISING GOOSE WITH ONE GOOSE?

I'M WARNING YOU, HOOPLE! THIS IS NOT A FARMING NEIGHBORHOOD — AND IF YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO RAISE GEESSE IN YOUR YARD — AND MY GARDEN — I'LL BLOW THE WHISTLE!

BAXTER LOSES THE FALL

## Secret Agent X

IT IS A CAR... AND IT'S COMING TO THIS OLD MINE!

OH, JESTER, YOU FLY THE PLANE OUT OF HERE TONIGHT. I'LL MEET YOU BELOW THE BORDER IN A FEW WEEKS!

NO ONE SUSPECTS ME OF ANYTHING... IF I LEFT SUDDENLY, SOMEONE MIGHT GET SUSPICIOUS. ANYWAY, I STILL HAVE A FEW ODDS AND ENDS TO CLEAN UP AROUND HARSTON!

## Why Have Sore Feet?

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# CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

## CLEVER DEFENSE

All players of experience are so accustomed to having a high-low signal indicate a doubton holding that some clever ruses can be based on the deliberate-misuse of this signal. Take the following case for example. Some readers may scoff that "declarer was an easy mark to fall for East's phony signal," but the truth is that the most expert declarer would be put to quite a guess.

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K 9 8  
♥ 8 7  
♦ Q 10 6 3  
♣ Q 9 8 5

♠ 6  
♥ K J 10 5  
♦ A K 7  
♣ K J 10 4

♠ 7 5 2  
♥ 9 6 4 3  
♦ J 9 2  
♣ 7 3

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♠ Db. Pass 2♥  
2♠ Pass 4♣ Pass

West, who was innocent from start to finish, opened the king of

## SOUTH AFRICAN OPERA

JOHANNESBURG (CP) — Opera produced in South Africa is being promoted by the newly-formed National Opera Association with committees in Johannesburg, Capetown and Durban.

## TRADE CENTRE

GOETHEBURG, Sweden (CP) — An international office building \$2,525,000 to be built here is planned to house offices for 200 enterprises, mainly Swedish representatives of foreign companies.

## Believe It or Not!

**PRINCE GIMOROFF OF RYMNIK** (1890-1918) a general of Old Russia DROWNED WHILE CROSSING THE RYMNIK RIVER — THE STREAM FROM WHICH HIS TITLE WAS DERIVED

**THE TWIN TREES** — England 2 GIANT TREES — ONE IN SUSSEX COUNTY AND THE OTHER IN SURREY COUNTY. YET THEY ARE BOTH IDENTICAL IN SIZE AND APPEARANCE — BOTH 1400 YEARS OLD — BOTH GROWING IN VILLAGES NAMED CROWHURST AND BOTH LOCATED IN CHURCHYARDS NAMED ST. GEORGE

**THE CHIMNEY THAT BECAME A MONUMENT** PLANNED AS THE CHIMNEY FOR A FACTORY THAT WAS DEMOLISHED BEFORE THE SMOKE WAS COMPLETED WAS CONVERTED INTO A MONUMENT TO THE FACTORY'S OWNER — FOR HIS EFFORTS IN BEHALF OF SMOKE ABATEMENT

## Out Our Way

ONE STROLL AROUND THE SHOP AND HIS FEET ARE KILLING HIM — BUT HE CAN SIT IN THAT CHAIR FOR EIGHT HOURS AND I NEVER SAW HIM MASSAGING THE SEAT OF HIS PANTS!

WELL, HE ALWAYS HAD SHINY SOLES ON HIS SOCKS TRYING TO GET WHERE HE'D GO. HE HAD TO HAVE A SHINY SEAT ON HIS PANTS! YOU CAN'T GO FAR FROM LUXURY WITHOUT SUFFERING! ONCE YOU'VE HAD IT!

HEROES ARE MADE — NOT BORN

## By Al Capp

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## By Al Abner

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WHILE I GET TH' TICKETS, YOU BOYS RUN AND GET SOME CANDY FOR US!

FIFTY CENTS' WORTH O' CARAMELS, PLEASE!

BOLLY GRANDMA CAN'T EAT CARAMELS!

YEAH, I KNOW!!

GOOFY SURE LIKES TO LOOK INTO DELICATESSEN WINDOWS!

HE HAVEN'T MOVED! I WONDER IF...

STUCK! HE MUST'VE BEEN LOOKIN' A LONG TIME!

EASY NOW...

WHAT WE OUGHT TO DO... STEAD OF PRETTIN' AWAY OUR TIME IS MAKE RESOLUTIONS.

LIKE FOR NEW YEARS? FEB 19 AND 56

WHY WORRY ABOUT 1956? IT'S THIS YEAR AN' NEXT YEAR WHAT WORRIES ME!

1956 IS NEXT YEAR!

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USED UP... BY NAB THEY DON'T MAKE A YEAR LIKE WHEN I WALKED THEM KIND LASTED FEB YEARS '5108

I'LL HAVE TO ASK GRANDMA IF YOU CAN GO... OH, GRANDMA!

VIRGINIA'S MOTHER CALLED UP AND INVITED VICKIE TO A PARTY.

OH, THAT NICE...

TCH-TCH! HOW DID YOU EVER GET SO DIRTY? IT'LL TAKE ME HOURS TO GET YOU READY FOR THE PARTY!

OH, NO, GRANDMA! THAT'S NOT NECESSARY...

...THIS IS A 'GOME AS YOU ARE' PARTY!

YOU MUST COME TO MY HOUSE FOR DINNER TONIGHT

WELL, WELL! DINNER AT THE BOSS'S HOUSE! WALLY, OLD BOY YOU ARE NOW A BIG SHOT!

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I FORGOT TO MAIL THE INVITATIONS TO HIS WIFE'S DINNER PARTY — HE DOESN'T WANT THE FOOD TO GO TO WASTE!

GOOD OLD TOMMIE, HE JUST MADE IT IN THE HOUSE IN TIME!

OH, HELLO, MR. PALOMA... I... I HOPE YOU WEREN'T DISTURBED BY MY NOISE LAST NIGHT.

I LOST MY TEMPER... AND I GAVE FOUR SHIN THE BENCHES. I PROMISE I WON'T EVER HAPPEN AGAIN... I DON'T KNOW HOW SAM TOLERATES ME.

OH, YOU MEAN THE ONE ABOUT — THE BRIDE WORE SOMETHING OLD — SOMETHING NEW — SOMETHING BORROWED AND SOMETHING BLUE.

BUT WHAT HAS THAT TO DO WITH YOU?

COOPMAN OF FATE! THAT'S ME!

THAT NEW GIRL BORROWED AN OLD BOY FRIEND OF MINE! NOW I'M BLUE!

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