By Thornton W. Burgess

PETER DOUBTS HIS EARS

Always seek to find things out. Don't be satisfied to doubt.
—Peter Rabbit.

Peter Rabbit had visited the Smiling Pool, and sat on the snow-covered roof of Jerry Muskrat's house. He had pitied Jerry and Mrs. Muskrat because he thought they were prisoners under the ice. He little guessed that they were pitying him, but so it was.

From the Smiling Pool Peter had gone lipperty, lipperty, lip, over to the Green Forest, and there to a place where the cedar trees grew. He had hoped to find his cousin, Jumper the Hare, over there. But Jumper wasn't around. Peter roamed about for a while, then came back. This time he found Cousin Jumper. The two cousins were alike in some ways, and very unlike in others. To begin with, Jumper was a great deal bigger than Peter. But both had the long hind feet of the Rabbit family. Jumper's coat was pure white, while Peter's coat was brown. Peter always envied his cousin that white coat, especially when there was snow everywhere. Because of that white coat, even the sharp eyes of his hungry enemies sometimes overlooked Jumper when he sat perfectly still on the snow.

Peter liked it over there among the cedar trees because there were so many hiding places under the low branches of the trees, especially when they were covered and weighed down with snow. So this night Peter overstayed. It was broad daylight before he thought of going home.

"Don't do it," said Jumper. "Don't be silly. Here you are perfectly safe. Even in broad daylight you are just as safe as you would be in the dear old Briar patch."

So Peter decided to stay. Under a broad snow-covered branch of a cedar tree he made himself what is called a form. That is nothing more than a little hollowed out place in which to sit. There Peter went to sleep.

It was still broad daylight when Peter opened his eyes. Jolly, round, bright, Mr. Sun had climbed high up in the blue, blue, sky. Peter was so far under that cedar branch that it was fairly dark in there, dark enough for him to feel quite safe. Jumper the Hare was nowhere to be seen. Peter still felt sleepy. He began to doze again. Suddenly his eyes flew wide open, and his long ears flew right up straight. He had heard a familiar voice. Or had he? Peter really didn't know.

Suddenly his eyes flew wide open and his long ears flew right up straight.

"I must have dreamed it," thought Peter. "I couldn't have really heard it. No, sir, I just couldn't have."

Right that instant he heard it again. Anyway he thought he heard it. He was almost sure he had heard it, yet he couldn't really believe that he had. Peter was doubting his own ears. Yes, sir, he was doubting his own ears. He thought he had heard the voice of Welcome Robin. As he sat there listening, hoping to hear that voice again, he caught a glimpse of Sammy Jay. "That is who it was," said Peter to himself. "It must have been Sammy."

He once more settled down, and began to doze. Again he heard that voice, and again he doubted his own ears. Again he decided it must have been, Sammy Jay imitating Welcome Robin.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

THE TOO-STRONG NOTRUMP

Many players have the idea that when they open the bidding with one notrump it is nice to have an extra king, or even an ace, over and above the actual requirements. However, the following deal, taken from a recent total-point duplicate match, shows the unwieldiness of a notrump opening on too strong a hand.

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

North: ♠ A Q 5 ♥ 8 ♦ A J 7 6 4 3 ♣ 6 3 2

West: ♠ 8 4 ♥ Q 7 6 5 3 2 ♦ 10 9 5 2 ♣ J 9

East: ♠ J 6 2 ♥ K 10 9 ♦ 8 ♣ Q 10 8 7 5 4

South: ♠ K 10 9 7 3 ♥ A J 4 ♦ K Q 9 ♣ A K

At most tables South opened with one spade — the correct bid — and after getting a two-diamond response from partner, employed the Blackwood four notrump. The mere fact that North had announced the values for a two-over-one takeout virtually guaranteed a slam, and the only question was whether it should be a grand slam or a small slam. The bidding in these cases usually proceeded:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 NT	Pass	6 ♣	Pass
7 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

At one table, however, South had exaggerated notions about notrump openings, and here the auction went:

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Thus, the laydown grand slam was missed.

It is true that North might have cue-bid the spade ace over four diamonds, but the point was that he couldn't even hope for a grand slam when South opened with one notrump. South had 20 high-card points — and 18 should be the absolute maximum for a one notrump opening.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

If you sometimes wonder if the traffic light in stuck on red, you need to have your patience over hauled.

The Leice Oak Baptist Church, in the New Orleans freight yard, was built of lumber from discarded freight cars. In the steeple hangs a locomotive bell. Its minister is a railroad section hand.

For those who have always wished they could mow their lawns after dark, there are a couple of power mowers now available complete with a sealed beam "head lighting". These powerful little lamps provide a path of light to help you see to manicure the grass after dark.

Railroad tracks in Burke, Idaho run down the main street and through the Tiger Hotel. Two sections of the hotel are linked by a roof over the train's route. The passageway is so narrow storekeepers along main street must pull up their awning to let the train go by.

Under international law, the territorial waters of a country extend three miles out from shore as measured from mean low waters or from the seaward limit of a bay or mouth of a river.

Did you know that clover and alfalfa must be cross-pollinated to produce a seed crop? Bees of course, are the most effective cross-pollinators of legumes

That long graceful swan's neck requires twenty-three bones to hold it in its proper position. The giraffe, however, with a neck ten times as long, needs only seven bones. Incidentlly seven is the standard for all mammals, including man.

A new potato rack holds eight spuds on heat-conducting skewers that bake the potato quickly and thoroughly. Convenient handles for sliding the gadget in and out of the oven on smooth runners are a special feature.

While ploughing this spring, Milton Younker, of Irma, Alberta, found two rabbits joined together.

In Progresco, Yucatan, Mexico, all public vehicles must display their license plate on the front end of the conveyance. Persons who drive wagons often place the tag on the forehead of the horse.

In a downtown Moncton grocery: "Shortcake — Take it home and Berry it."

On a truck in Summerside: "Don't crowd me please! My brakes are like a woman, ya can't trust 'em."

SECOND HIGHEST

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Had To Scrap Suggestion Box

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. (AP)—The suggestion box in front of city hall here was opened Monday for the first time.

Tuesday it was removed at the suggestion of mayor Samuel A. Stroth after he read the following suggestions from the box:

"Tear down the jail."
"Fire the police."
"Set up more pool halls."
"Legalize gambling."
"Remove age limits on the sale of alcoholic beverages."
"Get a new city government."

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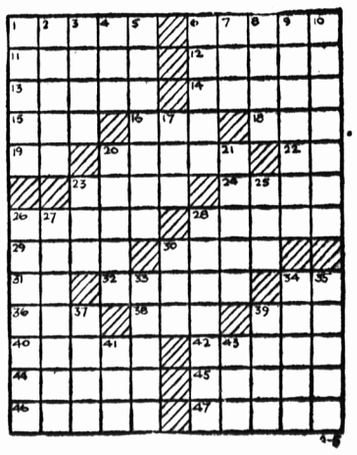
DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Long narrow shoals
6. Remains
11. To restrict
12. Mohammedan god
13. Being further inland
14. Regulating device for liquids
15. Capuchin monkey
16. Anger
18. This weight varies in India
19. Hectoliter (abbr.)
20. A knot in wood
22. Rubidium (sym.)
23. Tall
24. A daughter of James II of England
26. Gaffs for gamecocks
28. Top of a wave
29. A worker
30. Caliber
31. Land-measure
32. Covered with shale
34. Roman numeral "6"
36. Any split pulse
38. Strange
39. Bog
40. Variety of willow
42. Pitchers with lids
44. Adult female
45. Cloth
46. Laths
47. Doctrine

DOWN
1. Half-melted snow
2. Fig (India)
3. Body of Kaffir warriors
4. Cravat
5. Violin accessories
6. Fluctuate
7. A wing
8. Troubles
9. Inns
10. Dessert ice
17. A cheer
20. Encircles
21. Boy's nickname
23. A vandal
25. Born
26. Darkness
27. A sun shade
28. Most frigid
30. Evil
33. Musical instruments
34. Border
35. Something inserted
37. Capital (Peru)
39. Flowerless plant
41. Consume
43. Tiny

APES ARAS
SPLAT BEVEL
ADURE OLIVE
LENSES ASTA
PAD RECTORS
ARES TOTEM
RUM RAP
SR PIP SEA
TEMPLES TOO
OVER PETROL
PETER ARISE
ERASE RUNTS
ELSE SEES

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 formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

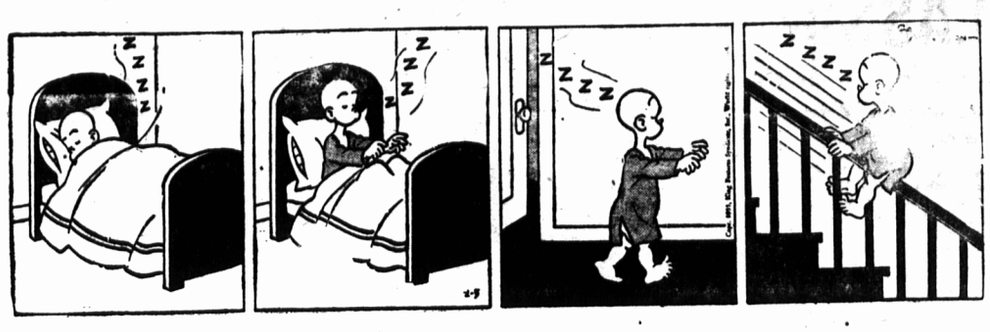
A Cryptogram Quotation

O . . . Q OQCF GJJE OZBUQXE X QCYJ UPXVV CGZBJG PQ; UEXBXP ZL GXYXFJUP VXIJBPM—KZVJBXGWJ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHO GAMES, IS FELON OF HIS WEALTH, HIS TIME, HIS LIBERTY, HIS HEALTH—COTTON.

TIRED FEET
Soothe them with
MINARD'S LINIMENT

Henry



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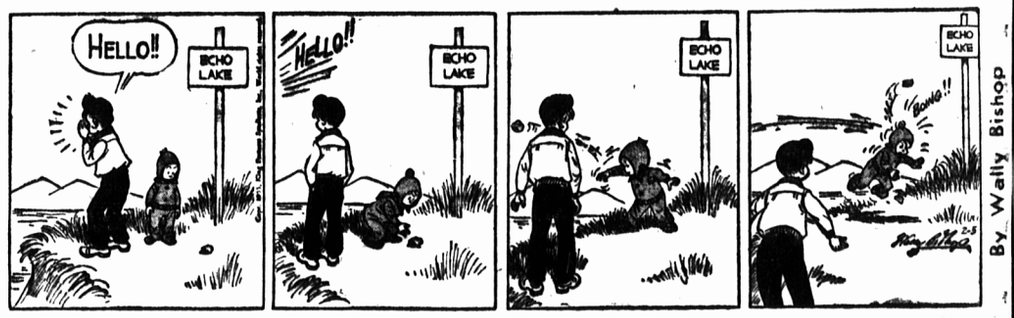

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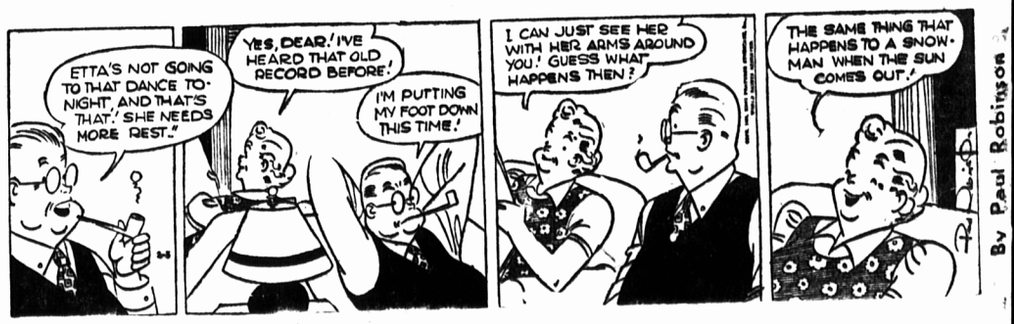

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