

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

THE GHOST

A ghost may be a rusty hinge. Perhaps a Mouse out on a big toe. —Old Mother Nature.

A small boy and his mother, who had been hearing strange sounds in the old house in which they lived, had been startled by an extra loud sound, a thump, as of something heavy falling. Mother had old her small son that there were no such things as ghosts. Now she was almost beginning to believe that there might be. It really did seem as though the old house were haunted.

This heavy thump had seemed to come from a closed room. It was the "best" or company room and used only when there was company. They opened the closed door and turned on the light. At first everything seemed to be just the same as it had been when they had last looked in there. Then mother took away the screen from in front of the bit old fireplace and there lay a brick that had fallen from up in the chimney. The small boy suggested that it might have been a ghost that had made the brick fall and mother agreed that it might have been. Of course she was joking.

Hardly were the words out of her mouth when Billy exclaimed, "Look over there in the corner! It must be a ghost!"

Mother looked. She saw a pair of round yellow eyes staring at them. At first that was all they could see, just those round, yellow somewhat fierce-looking eyes. For a moment they gave mother a funny feeling. Then she saw to whom they belonged. It was spooky the Screech Owl!

"There's our ghost!" she cried. "He must have been in here for two or three days and made the ghostly sounds we heard."

"But how did he get in here?"



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Billy wanted to know.

"Down the chimney of course," replied his mother. "Perhaps he thought there was a new kind of hole had last looked in there. Then mother took away the screen from in front of the bit old fireplace and there lay a brick that had fallen from up in the chimney. The small boy suggested that it might have been a ghost that had made the brick fall and mother agreed that it might have been. Of course she was joking.

"I'm going to catch him," said Billy, and reached to do this. Spooky had other ideas. He spread his wings and flew into the room. With him went a cloud of soot. It was then that mother noticed that there was soot over everything in the fireplace. Now Spooky was out in the room and he was taking the out with him. He was messing things up.

"Open the window quickly. We must get that bird out of here. If we can't catch him perhaps he'll fly out!" cried mother.

Spooky didn't fly out. He flew about the room. He alighted on the top of the door. Billy reached for him and Spooky flew to the top of a window frame. He left black streaks of soot on the white curtains. He flew over to another window and the soot went with him. He flew over to the mantelpiece and knocked a glass off. By the time they succeeded in catching Spooky that room was a sorry looking sight.

"I would rather have had a real ghost," said Mother Jones. She sounded as though she meant it.

1,000 Students Take Part In Cyprus Riot

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)—A thousand rioting students fought an hour long battle with British troops and police at Famagusta Monday in the latest eruption of violence on this strategic Mediterranean island.

The British security forces used clubs and tear gas to disperse the students, who hurled stones at the troops and smashed windows in an

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Should all the eggs of one female housefly hatch, she could in a six-month period produce over 100,000,000,000,000,000 descendants.

Did you know that 83 per cent of Canadians live in their own homes. This compares with 41 per cent in 1940.

That \$64,000 quiz program sounds pretty good, but should you be smart-enough to capture the big prize Uncle Sam would turn it down to \$48,711.

It took 12 hotels to accommodate the 378 singers and others connected with the Mormon Choir of Salt Lake City, when they appeared for one night in Paris.

The leading cause of home accidents is falls. They account for more than half of the deaths due to home accidents. The next most important accident causes are: burns, scalds, explosions. And, of all the people in the home, children up to five and elderly persons are the most frequent victims.

In an average year, around 30,000 persons are killed in the above manner while going about their homes.

No elephant is able to jump. In fact, the elephant is the only animal that can't take all his feet off the ground at the same time.

The biggest spot on the sun is five times the diameter of our earth.

The game of field hockey is at least 2500 years old. It was a popular sport in ancient Greece and other countries in Europe. Hibernating bears have been known to lose at least 4 per cent of their weight.

It may surprise my readers to know that March 25th. was New Year's Day in the American Colonies and in England too, in spite of the fact that the Gregorian calendar, which we use today, made the beginning of the New Year in 1582.

Bottles thrown overboard from vessels often travel long distances. Three bottles tossed into the water off the West Coast of Central America were picked up later in the Philippines. Another bottle tossed from the Hillsboro bridge in Charlotteville was picked up on the shore of the Fraser River, British Columbia.

\$100,000 in gold would weigh approximately one ton. You could put this amount of gold in a medium size traveling case but no thief would be able to tote it away.

Big and powerful though he be, the elephant makes way for the terrible driver ants of Africa. Moving in seemingly endless columns, these pirate of the insect world march relentlessly toward an unknown destination. They form living links and bridges to cross streams of any size. And woe to all enemies that cross their path.

When the parents of young eagles think the young fry ought to be on their own they essay them out of the nest forcibly.

A small river about the size of the Dunk, flows 40 feet under-ground in Orlando. The hidden

stream was discovered about 20 years ago when city workmen were boring a well.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

A DANGEROUS BIDDING PHILOSOPHY

The average player on being dealt a hand that is right on the line between an opening bid and a pass usually decides in favor of the "conservative" course i.e. he passes with the reflection that he is almost sure to get a chance later in the auction to announce his values.

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass Pass 1 ♠
1 NT Dblc. Pass Pass
1 NT

South said later that he had been highly tempted to open the auction originally but wanting to be "sound" had decided to pass. In view of this fact he overruled. "He had every right to overcall East's heart bid."

This particular line of reasoning however, did not work out very well! West's prompt penalty double of the nortrup put South into the position where he could neither stay nor run—certainly the double contract was far from comfortable but even if North-South had run out to their fitting four-card diamond suit they would not have saved anything.

On lead against the one-no-trump contract West elected to open his fourth highest club instead of partner's heart suit and even though South found an auxiliary club stopper in dummy he was acutely unhappy. The opponents defending perfectly managed to collect no fewer than eleven tricks and so the one-no-trump contract suffered a 900-point penalty even though North-South were not vulnerable!

One thing is sure: once South passed originally he should have kept on passing.

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

♠ 763
♥ 842
♦ J753
♣ J106

♠ QJ84
♥ A J 6 5 3
♦ A 2
♣ K 7

♠ K 9 8
♥ Q 10 9
♦ K 10 9 8
♣ A 8 4

♠ 10 6
♥ K 7
♦ Q 6 4
♣ Q 9 5 3

♠ 7 6 3
♥ 8 4 2
♦ J 7 5 3
♣ J 1 0 6

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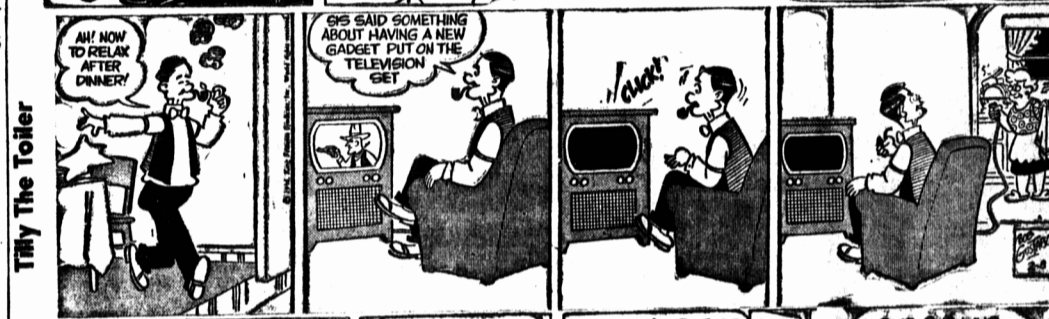
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By J. R. Williams



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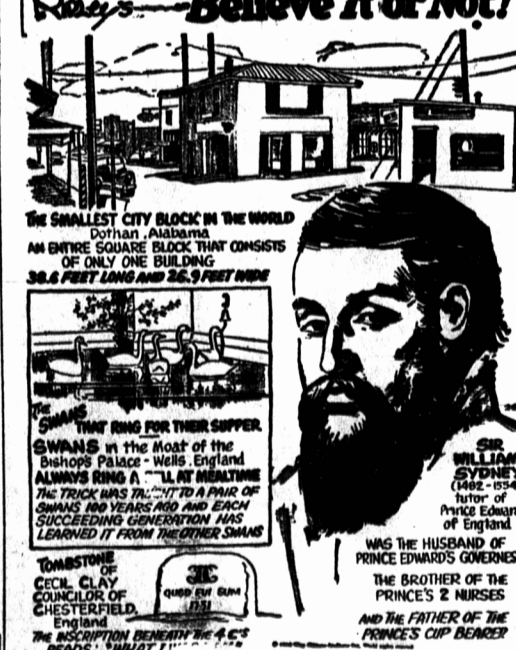
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- 2:00 p.m.—FM Choral Hall
- 2:45 p.m.—Charles Antel
- 3:00 p.m.—Frankie Laine
- 1:30 p.m.—At Home with Helen Crocker
- 4:30 p.m.—Today with Ariene Holder
- 4:45 p.m.—Uncle Jack at the Piano
- 5:00 p.m.—Take a Look
- 5:15 p.m.—Folk Songs
- 5:30 p.m.—Howdy Doody
- 6:00 p.m.—Puppet Theatre
- 6:15 p.m.—Melody Roundup
- 6:30 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
- 6:40 p.m.—Weather
- 6:45 p.m.—Sports
- 6:50 p.m.—CBC News
- 7:00 p.m.—Jungle Jim
- 7:30 p.m.—Bunkhouse Boys
- 8:00 p.m.—Vic Obec Show
- 8:30 p.m.—I Love Lucy
- 9:00 p.m.—Cross Canada Hit Parade
- 9:30 p.m.—Jackie Rae Show
- 10:00 p.m.—Big Town
- 10:30 p.m.—Bliss Conference
- 11:00 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
- 11:10 p.m.—Weather
- 11:15 p.m.—Feature Film "Jungle Book"
- 12:15 a.m.—Sign Off

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