BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

PETER'S FOOLISH WISH COMES TRUE.

Almost always you will rue
Foolish wishes that come true.
—Old Mother Nature.

All night long snowflakes had come sifting through the trees of the Green Forest and in a white cloud over the Green Meadows, the Old Pasture, and the dear Old Briar-patch. That night Peter Rabbit had stayed at home. When daylight came and the snow stopped falling Peter looked out of the dear Old Briar-patch at a changed world. It was a lovely world. Nowhere was there any ugliness to be seen. The ugliest-looking things before the storm were now among the most beautiful.

Peter wished he were over in the Green Forest. Mrs. Peter was quite satisfied to be in the dear Old Briar-patch. She thought Peter should be too. She told him so.

"I hope now, Peter Rabbit, you'll have sense enough to stay at home, said she. 'In that brown coat of your's, you can't move anywhere without being seen. Here in the Old-Briar-patch, under the brambles you'll be safe. But outside you won't be safe anywhere."

'I guess I can look out for myself," grumbled Peter. "I've done it so far and I can keep on doing it. You don't need to worry about me. If others can see me better now because everything else is white, I can see them better too. It is just as easy for me to see them as it is for them to see me."

"How about Whitey, the big cousin of Hooty the Owl?" demanded Mrs. Peter.

"Who says he's anywhere around retorted Peter.

"You told me yourself that you had heard he had come down from up where he lives because of hard times there," said Mrs. Peter.

Peter wished he was over in the Gren Forest.

"I heard that, but it may not be true," said Peter. "I don't believe he is any more to be feared than Hooty. We've always managed to keep out of his clutches. I wish I could see that big white Owl. I would like to see him close enough just to see what he really looks like," said Peter.

Late that afternoon Peter was making plans to run over to the Green Forest just as soon as the Black Shadows came out from the Purple Hills. Of course he didn't tell Mrs. Peter. He would watch his chance to slip away when her back was turned. He was sitting right at the edge of the Old Briar-patch with just his head outside. Now and then a Merry little breeze picked up the light snow and whirled it in little clouds. You see, that snow was very dry and light.

Presently Peter saw what he took to be another little cloud of snow being blown by the Merry Little Breezes. It was being blown straight toward him. He didn't pay special attention to it. He didn't notice that it was thicker than any of the other clouds had been. He didn't pay it any real attention until suddenly it stopped only a little way in front of him. His startled eyes saw two great wings lifted high for a second and then folded down.

Standing on the snow only a little way from him was a great bird as big as Hooty the Owl. His head was perfectly round. There were no tufts of feathers standing upon it like those of Hooty and his small cousin, Spooky the Screech owl. This big Owl was wearing an almost pure white coat. There were a few scattered small dark spots which wouldn't be seen at a distance. His eyes were yellow and were staring at Peter with such hungry fierceness that it made Peter shiver.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By F. H. MacArthur

Since March, 1954, repossession has jumped 30 per cent, and the average Canadian family is faced with more bills which it is unable to pay than ever before, acording to the Collectors' Assoc.

Believe it or not, but this year's automobiles have more electric bulbs than are used in the typical Canadian home. Passenger cars 22.8 light bulbs, as against 19 kighting bulbs for each home.

All the Barbary Apes on the Rock of Bibraltar receive special rations and are listed on rosters as gunners.

Local taxes are higher in New York City than in any other place on earth. They were $110 per capita last year.

Test them yourself, and you will find B, M, P, and W, are the only letters in the alphabet which require you to close your lips when you pronounce them.

Black cats were believed to embody evil in ancient Europe. Even in the Middle Ages, they often met death at the stake on Hallowe'en.

The fair sex have been painting and powdering for centuries, but never have beauty aids aroused such ire as in the 18th. century in England. A bill introduced into parliament in 1770, but never enacted declared:

"All women. . .that shall impose upon, seduce, and betray into matrimony any of his majesty's subjects, by scents, paints, cosmetic washes, artificial teeth, false hair, hoops, and high-heeled shoes, shall incur the penalty of the law in force against witchcraft and like misdemeanors.

The bill added that a marriage brought about by such trickery - if the woman was convicted -shall stand null and void.

At long last the inhabitants of Tibet must file income tax forms thanks to Red China traders.

Easy does it - - acording to a University of California home adviser, a housewife, in 1920, spent 5½ hours daily in her kitchen preparing food for a family of four. To do the same work today takes her approximately one and a half hours.

A new citizen is born every 12 seconds in Uncle Sam's country.

12 per cent of all Canadian families serve ice cream on an average summer day.

Your chances of holding a five card flush in a poker game is one to 500.

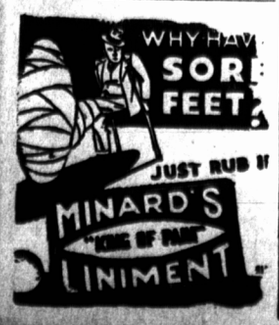
"Swat that fly!" would be heard more frequently if it were not for a fungus that floats in the air and keeps the fly population under control. The fly eats this fungus and dies in a single night. This fungus is the greatest enemy the fly has.

TELEVISION

CKCW — Moncton
Television Programme
Channel 2

FRIDAY

3:00 p.m.—FM Concert Hall
3:00 p.m.—Florian Zabach
3:30 p.m.—At Home with Helen Crocker
4:30 p.m.—Today with Arlene Holder
4:45 p.m.—Uncle Jack at the Piano
5:00 p.m.—Roy Rogers
5:30 p.m.—Howdy Doody
6:00 p.m.—Puppet Theatre
6:15 p.m.—Playtime with Panda
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.—This Week in Sports
7:15 p.m.—TBA
7:30 p.m.—Bob Cummings Show
8:00 p.m.—Wayne & Shuster
8:30 p.m.—The Plouffe Family
9:00 p.m.—Riding High
9:30 p.m.—Star Stage
10:00 p.m.—Celebrity Playhouse
10:30 p.m.—TBA
11:00 p.m.—CKCW—TV News
11:10 p.m.—Weather
11:15 p.m.—Wrestling
12:15 a.m.—Sign Off



CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

THE DEFENSE BOGGED DOWN

East-west 'got their signals crossed" in the following deal, and it goes without saying that their defense suffered accordingly.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

	♠ A 9 6 ♥ 8 4 3 ♦ 9 4 3 2 ♣ K J 4	
♠ Q 10 7 ♥ A K 5 ♦ Q J 8 6 ♣ 9 6 5	N W E S	♠ 5 2 ♥ J 10 9 6 ♦ 10 7 5 ♣ 8 7 3 2
	♠ K J 8 4 3 ♥ Q 7 2 ♦ A K ♣ A Q 10	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West laid down the King of hearts, and East studied the dummy and his own hand, then followed suit with the jack. That promptly led the ace and five of hearts. It also satisfied the declarer, however, because now that seemed to satisfy West — he the heart queen was set up, the contract was as good as home. South could afford to lose a trump trick.

West was outraged, and demanded of his partner: "Why the emphatic come-on signal in hearts? If you had played your lowest heart I would have shifted to a diamond, and we would have taken two more heart tricks as well as a spade."

East's answer was rather caustic. He pointed out that if he had held the heart queen and jack, he would have played the queen on the first trick; hence his actual play of the jack had absolutely denied the queen.

This, of course, was the soundest sort of argument, based on sheer logic, and West should have had no difficulty in deciphering the message. From East's point of view it was highly desirable to send two messages to west: (1) that East did not have the heart queen, and (2) that East could not support any shift West cnose to make. Thus, West would hav to watch himself, not only to discontinue hearts so that declarer's marked queen would not be established, but to make a shift that would not jeopardize anything he held outside. For example, if West had the diamond king, East was implying that he could not support a diamond shift.

Actually, of course, West could have shifted to the diamond queen in perfect safety.

BONSHAW SCHOOL

November Report

Grade X: 1, Rena Ferguson.

Grade IX: 1, Billie MacRae; 2, Dorothy Ferguson; 3, Miriam Ferguson.

Grade VIII: 1, Carol Anne McManus; 2, Harvey MacRae; 3, Reid MacPhee.

Grade VI: 1, Douglas MacNevin; 2, Donna MacPhee; 3, Michael McManus.

Teacher: Mary MacLeod Buchanan.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont. (CP) Payment of about $1,500,000 in back pay for employees of the Algoma Steel Corp. Ltd. begins here today, plant manager Louis Derrer said Thursday. Present employees get paid today and former employees on Monday, he said. Payments cover adjustments from May 1, 1953, to July 31, 1955, resulting from contract changes agreed on earlier this year. Some cheques are estimated to range as high as $1,500.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Bundle
5. Unit of length (Sp.)
9. Fashion
10. Frosting
12. Run away and marry
13. Say
14. A garment
15. Caress, as an animal
17. Sheltered side
18. Part of a bicycle
20. Take care
23. British Prime Minister
27. Sacred pictures (Russ.)
28. A sharp-snouted fish
29. To butt with the horns
30. A man famous for his midnight ride
31. Glisten
33. River bottom
36. Goddess of harvests (It.)
37. Enemy
40. Constellation
42. Hatred
44. Regulated, as to time
45. Stunted things
46. Roman emperor
47. Desires

DOWN
1. Venetian traveler in Asia
2. Eager
3. Drinking vessel
4. Wardens
5. A long view
6. Perform
7. Persian coin
8. Poker stake
9. Short for "veterinarian"
11. To the right!
16. Any fruit drink
18. Gasps for breath
19. Depart
20. Top of an apron
21. Shield
22. Gained
24. Owing
25. Blunder
26. Brood of pheasants
28. Of the senses
30. Tear
32. Chief island of Japan (var.)
33. Larva of the botfly
34. Ireland (poet.)
35. Ten cents
37. Native of Finland
38. Those not in office
39. Prussian city
41. Over (poet.)
43. —— bill

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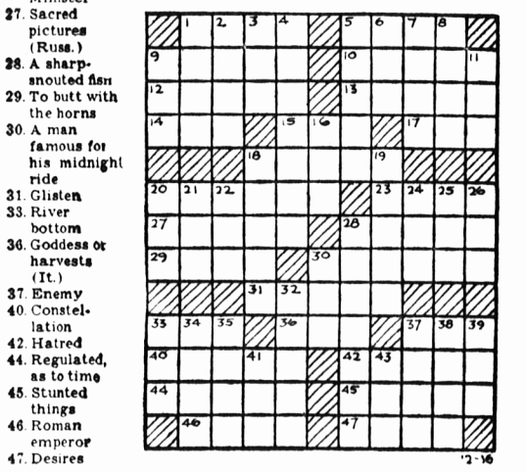
Yesterday's Answer



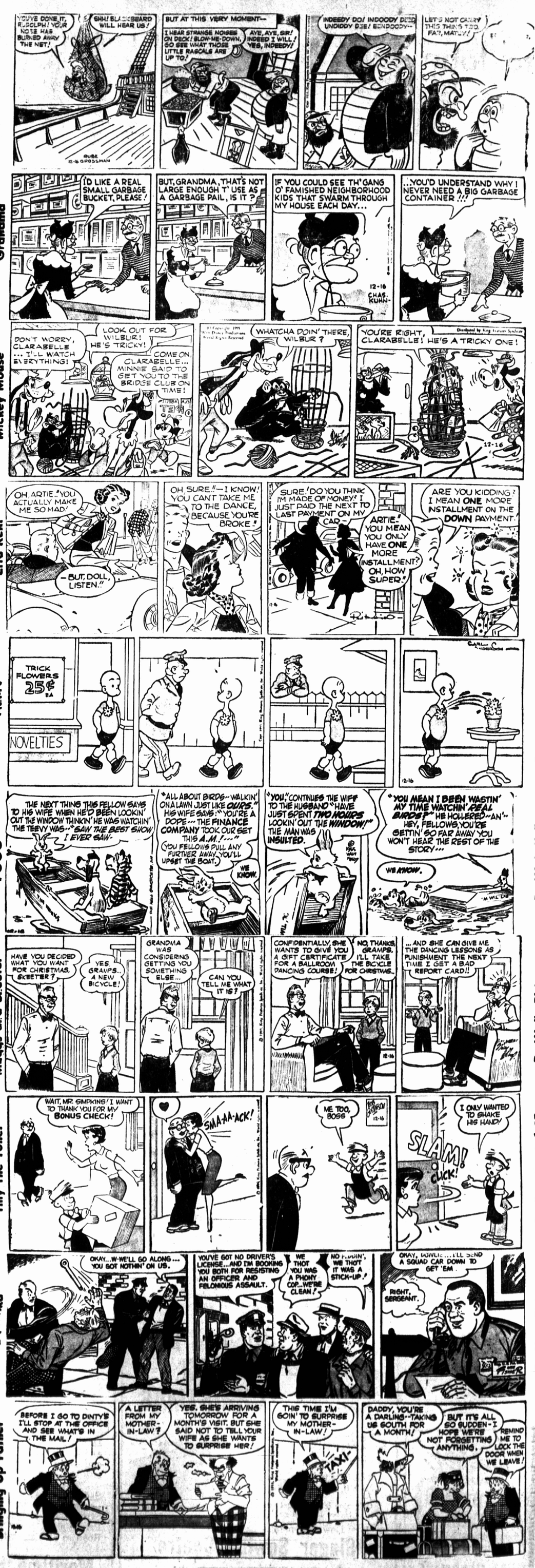
DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

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

S L J D Z V S V D S H W G L W R J W A H H B H.
Z L K C L T W S T B H B W R R A D Z Z D H L T—
R D K E L.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I WISH I KNEW THE GOOD OF WISHING—LEIGH

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