

The Tiny Folk

(A real story of real children for very young children)

Now that baby Linda was almost a year old, she played with Laurie more and more. Every new thing she did pleased him so much. Every cute thing she did had to be praised and talked about. He was quite sure that his sister was the most wonderful baby in the whole world.

"Let me feed sister her breakfast this morning," Laurie coaxed, as his mother was busy with their morning meal.

"I don't think you can," said his mother. "You'd be sure to spill something."

"No, I won't. Let me try. I'll be careful," he pleaded, so Mrs. Page gave in.

"Here, Linda, drink your orange juice," he said as he held the little glass to her lips. Linda drank eagerly and in no time it was gone.

"See, Mommy, she took it all and I didn't spill a drop," said Laurie proudly. "Where's her cereal?"

"Go carefully with this," cautioned his mother. "Don't fill the spoon too full."

When Laurie raised the spoonful of cereal to Linda's lips, she just looked at him, grinned, and said, "Ba, ba, boo!" and slapped at the spoon. The cereal went all down the front of her bib. Laurie said crossly, "Bad girl. Don't do that!" He filled the spoon again, but she grabbed it in her fist and held on. Mrs. Page came out.

"Here, Linda, you can't feed yourself yet. You are too little. I guess she thinks you aren't doing it right," she said to Laurie.

"Bad, bad," scolded Laurie. Linda looked at him. Her face puckered up, her eyes filled with tears, and she started to cry. She did not stop even when her mother picked her up out of her high chair.

"There, there, dear. Brother wasn't cross. Laurie did not want you to cry," soothed her mother. Laurie put his arms around the baby, patted her, and kissed her, saying, "No, Linda, don't cry. Laurie loves you."

Mrs. Page finished feeding her the cereal, then passed her a piece of toast. It was still warm, and as Linda touched it, she quickly drew her hand back. "Oh, hot, hot," she said.

Laurie squealed with delight. "Oh, Mommy, she said, 'hot.' Smart girl! Smart girl, Linda," he exclaimed.

Linda looked at him. Her face broke into a dimpling smile. "Hot, hot," she crowed, very pleased with herself.

"Just wait till I tell Daddy that," were Laurie's next words. "She likes to be praised, dear," said his mother. "But her feelings are hurt if you scold her. Try to speak gently to her and keep her happy."

Linda finished up her toast, then held out her arms to Laurie. With his mother watching closely, he

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

RAITLES IS GLAD

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That is what Rattles said to his young son, Tousehead, whom he found trying to hide. Tousehead was a frightened young kingfisher. Until then he had not known what it was to be afraid. He had been so short a time out of his safe home in steep bank of the Big River that until now he had never seen anything to be afraid of. He had just seen one of his brothers caught and carried away by Falco the Duck Hawk, the fastest flying and one of the fiercest of the big hawk family. Falco the Duck Hawk belongs to the falcon branch of the family. Rattles shook his head sadly. "That was a dreadful thing to have happen," said he, "but I am glad that you saw it."

"Why are you glad?" asked Tousehead wondering.

"Because now you know what fear is. You have learned to be afraid. And because you have learned to be afraid, you probably will live longer," replied Rattles.

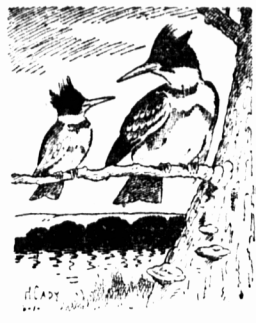
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wanted to know. "Certainly I'm afraid," replied Rattles. "But I don't let being afraid make me unhappy. Being afraid makes me watchful. And being always watchful keeps me out of real danger."

"Oh," said young Tousehead. But he sounded as if he didn't quite understand how being afraid could be a good thing.

"One who is not afraid is not likely to see danger in time to avoid it," continued Rattles. "One who is afraid is always watching. Now you will always be looking to make sure that Falco is nowhere about. It will be the same way with other enemies. Because you have learned to be afraid, you will be extra careful when strangers are about. They may not be enemies at all, but not knowing this you will be careful not to let them get near until you know whether or not they are dangerous."

"I don't like being afraid," whimpered Tousehead.

"No one likes being afraid," replied Rattles. "Of course not, but you'll find out, if you haven't learned it already, that fear is a very important thing in the lives of most folk. It teaches them to be watchful, to be careful, always to be on guard. So, I'm glad you've learned to be afraid. You have had a most important lesson. Just continue to be afraid, but don't worry. You will soon learn what to be afraid of, who to be afraid of and when to be afraid."

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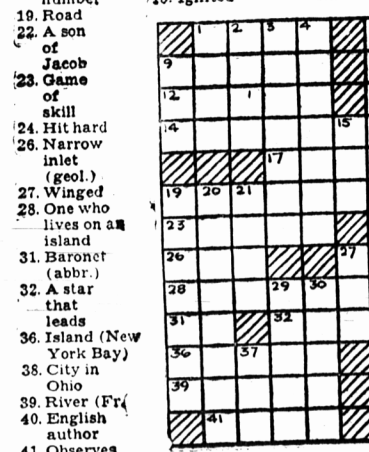
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DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Fall handle
5. Grate
9. Net
10. Fragrant wood
12. Pennies
13. Wool
14. Newspaper pieces
16. Greek letter
17. "Unlucky" number
19. Road
22. A son of Jacob
23. Game of skill
24. Hit hard
26. Narrow inlet (geol.)
27. Winged
28. One who lives on an island
31. Baronet (abbr.)
32. A star leads
36. Island (New York Bay)
38. City in Ohio
39. River (Fr.)
40. English author
41. Observes
42. Knocks



DOWN

1. A malt beverage
2. Isn't (Brit.)
3. Stirs up
4. Blood-sucking worms
5. Black snake
6. City (Belg.)
7. Coin (Fr.)
8. Saturate
9. Resort
11. Stupefied
15. Ignited
18. Prepare for publication
19. Copyists
20. Prickly plants
21. Genuine
24. A sleeping car
25. Italian seaport
27. Sum up
29. Arrange in a line
30. Organs of smell
33. Journey
34. Biblical
35. Rodent
37. Decline

Yesterday's Answer

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2. Biblical
3. Rodent
4. Decline

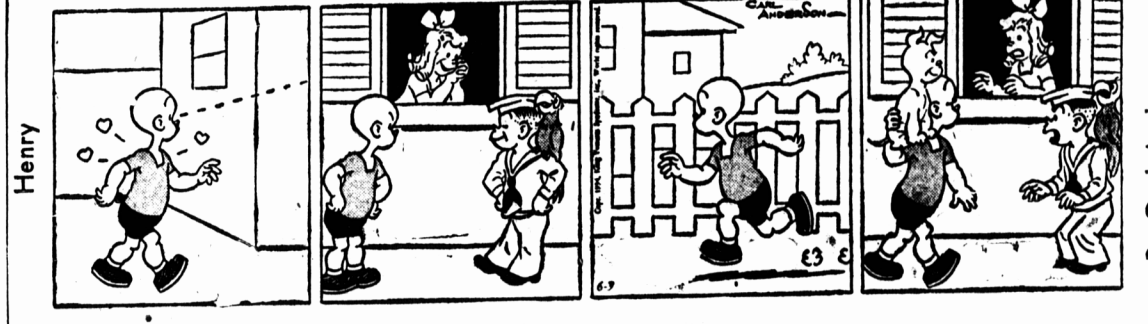
DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR
IS 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 letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation
NQJNA GR EQTX EMX ODM NE
IZMX GNRZVL GN TJRN YJN, TEXET
—TERRGMCZQ

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: HE WHO GIVES A CHILD A HOME, BUILDS PALACES IN KINGDOM COME—MASEFIELD.



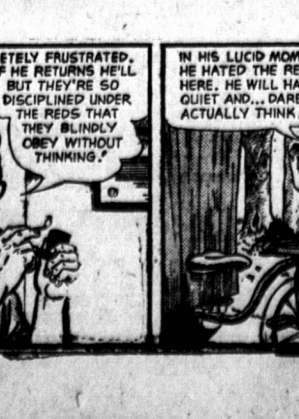
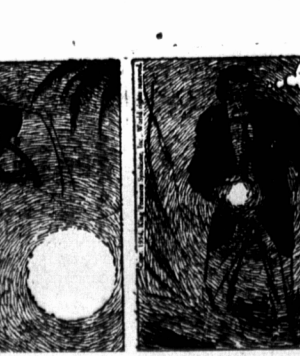
Skinny men, women gain 5, 10, 15 lbs.

Get New Pep, Too. Be Thrilled With Results—or Pay Nothing

What a thrill! Body arms, legs fill out; ugly hollows fill up; neck no longer scrawny; body loses half-starved, sickly look. Thousands who never could gain before, are now proud of shapely, healthy-looking bodies. They thank the special vitamin-building and flesh-building tonic, Otrax, its tonics, stimulants, invigorators, iron, vitamin B₁, calcium, enrich blood, improve appetite and digestion so food gives you more strength and nourishment, put flesh on bare bones. Mrs. L. Savard (Hattagum Heights, Ont., writes, "I gained 16 lbs. tired feeling, nervousness gone, too." Another user, Mrs. Marie Gagnon, Cap Chat, P.Q., writes, "I gained 13 lbs. Health fine. My run-down husband gained 15 lbs. New pep. Stop when you've gained the 5, 10, 15 or 20 lbs. you wish. Money back if you're not delighted. Costs little. New 'act-activated' size only 60¢. Refuse substitutes. Otrax has given results when other tonics failed. Try famous Otrax Tonic Tablets for new vigor and added pounds, this very day. At all drugists.

"Nightgowns" for FIRE-FIGHTERS

WIDE-AWAKE Fire departments may soon be turned out in a new heat-resisting suit built on the general lines of the old-fashioned nightgown. Made of reflective aluminum foil, this outfit gives the hook-and-ladder lads a lot more protection from extreme heat. Canadian farmers have the same idea when they build their barns of aluminum sheet. Not only is aluminum fire-resistant but it also keeps barns cooler in summer because it reflects the heat of the sun; and in winter reflects back into the barn heat that would otherwise escape. In fact you might say that in the products of Canada's aluminum industry are reflected countless aids to better living—on the farm, in the city, in your own home. Aluminum Company of Canada, Ltd. (Alcan).



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Pogo By Walt Kelly
Napoleon and Uncle Elby By Clifford McBride
Henry By Carl Anderson
Tippy and "Cap" Stubs By Edwina
Dolly Dipple By Buford
Bringing Up Father By George McManus
Penny By Harry Hoeningen
Li'l Abner By Al Capp