

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

A CRASH AND A SPLASH
Be not too sure. It doesn't pay.
More may be lost than gained
that way.

—Old Mother Nature.



HEAVY

It was very still around the pond of Paddy the Beaver. Overhead the little stars were twinkling. Around the shore the Black Shadows were crowding together so that back just a little way from the water it was very dark among the trees. Lightfoot the Deer had been down for his evening drink, and had gone away. Mrs. Lightfoot had brought the twins there for the same purpose, and they had left. Flat-horns the Moose had splashed across one end, listened for a few moments to the distant jodel-call of Mrs. Flat-horns, then vanished among the Black Shadows. Buster Bear had shuffled along the shore looking for something, anything to eat, and not find-

Ruefully Old Man Coyote crawled out from under the branches of the fallen tree. Carefully, so as not to so much as rustle a leaf, he set his legs under him for a sudden leap. If he could once get between those Beavers and the water he would catch one of them. He hadn't the least doubt of this. As soon as that young Beaver reached the foot of that tree he would leap and take those Beavers by sur-

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him suspicious. Old Man Coyote was grinning broadly. He could almost taste that Beaver dinner he had planned and waited for so long.

He is as good as mine right

waiting and watching. Nothing can keep me from it now." Suddenly Paddy slapped the ground hard with his tail. That this very minute," thought Old Man Coyote. "That young Beaver will make a dinner worth all my

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

AN IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE

A bid made directly over an opponent's takeout double does not have the same meaning as a bid made over the opponent's pass. South in the following case apparently was uninformed in that respect.

South dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

- ♠ 5 4
 - ♥ K 6 3
 - ♦ A K J 5 2
 - ♣ K Q 7
- ♠ Q 8 3 2
 - ♥ A Q 10 8
 - ♦ Q 7 6
 - ♣ A 5
- ♠ A K J
 - ♥ 7 4 3
 - ♦ 9 4
 - ♣ J 10 8 3

The bidding:

South West North East

Pass Pass 1♦ Pass

1NT Pass Pass Pass

West opened the spade ten, and declared had very little difficulty in establishing a one-trump contract, merely by knocking out the ace of clubs.

The responsibility for missing the game was South's, his hand was too strong for a one-trump bid directly over East's takeout double (which, incidentally, was on the shaded side, even though East was not vulnerable). The proper action for South, particularly in view of his original pass, was to redouble. After all, he had very close to 2-1-2 honor-tricks, and since he had passed, the redouble would carry the clear message that his hand was just short of an opening bid, which it was. Given that information, North undoubtedly would have made a higher estimate of his own holding, and instead of stopping at the one-level, North-South probably would have reached the notrump game their cards so well justified.

The effect of South's notrump bid directly over the double was to make North feel that South could not stand even a one-diamond contract, and if that was so, North had no right to envisage game at any denomination.

Paddy the Beaver was at work on a very big aspen tree. It was so big that he had been at work for two nights and the tree was still standing. However, it would fall soon, but just where it would fall Paddy was not certain. Lumbermen can cut trees with their axes and make them fall just where they want them to. Some folks think that Beavers do the same thing; that is, make trees fall where they want them to. It has often been said that a Beaver cuts a tree so that it will fall toward the water. I suspect that Paddy has many times wished this were true. He probably was hoping now that this big aspen tree would fall toward the water. If it did, trimming the branches off and cutting it up would be very much safer than if it should fall in some other direction.

Paddy still had the feeling that something was wrong; that there was danger near. What it was he didn't know, nor did he know where it was. It was just a feeling.

Danger was near. Old Man Coyote was hiding just a short distance away, watching for a chance to catch Paddy before he could reach the water. One of Paddy's children, a well grown young Beaver, left the water and waddled up to join Paddy. Now Old Man Coyote was sure of a Beaver dinner. That young Beaver would be easier to catch, for he was not as watchful as his father. He had not had the experience to make

Even if South did not redouble — even if he passed and waited to come in later — it would be infinitely more logical and in all likelihood more fruitful, since he might well have the opportunity to double the opponents even if he did not go game himself.

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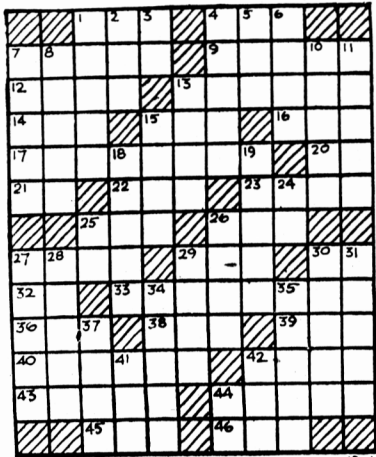
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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Narrow inlet (geol.)
 - Prickly envelope of a fruit
 - Turf
 - Antelope
 - Cover with asphalt
 - Chinese seaport
 - An era
 - Fuel
 - Malt beverage
 - Concurs
 - Alfalfa
 - Half an em
 - Coin (Swed.)
 - Be silent!
 - Obscure
 - Attain
 - Simpleton
 - Cone-bearing tree
 - Thus
 - Nine (Roman numerals)
 - Emitting sparks
 - Support
 - Frozen water
 - Perish
 - Absolute monarch
 - Anticipation
 - Lift with exertion
 - Large packages
 - Insane
- DOWN**
- Evade meanly
 - At home
 - Note of the scale
 - Telegraph
 - Dirt
 - Daisy-like flower
 - Dead
 - Shoot from ambush
 - Interval
 - Large pill
 - Unsuitable
 - Walking stick
 - Microbe
 - Dirties
 - Measurements
 - At home
 - Note of the scale
 - Telegraph
 - Dirt
 - Daisy-like flower
 - Dead
 - Shoot from ambush
 - Interval
 - Large pill
 - Unsuitable
 - Walking stick
 - Microbe
 - Weight
 - Polynesian drink
 - Son of Noah
 - Exist

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

1. BIRD
2. ANGER
3. PUBLIC NOTICE
4. BRAG
5. VASE WITH PEDICEL
6. GIRL'S NAME
7. INTERVAL
8. CART
9. S-SHAPED MOLDING
10. POLYNESIAN DRINK
11. SON OF NOAH
12. EXIST



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

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
F Q R X Y X A R K R X A R X P R Z M K L Y X.
P Y K T R P Z X O Y O C O Y X Q U B Y X J X Z
K L Y X P Y K T R Z X F Q Y P Q C Z A R R K R X A -
P Z T C Z X.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: AS IDLE AS A PAINTED SHIP UPON A PAINTED OCEAN—COLERIDGE.

POGO

By WALT KELLY



LIL' ABNER

By Al Capp



RIP KIRBY

By Alex Raymond



KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



JOE PALOOKA



HENRY



DOTTY DIPPLE

By Carl Anderson



TIPPY AND "CAP" STURS

By Edwin



BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManus



TILLY THE TOILER

By Westover



PENNY

By Harry Hoehnigen

