BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

TO SWIM OR NOT TO SWIM

When you know not what to do,
Cling to faith to take you through.
—Old Mother Nature.

Grandfather Frog sat on his favorite big green lily pad. There had been a great rain, but now the sun was out. The Smiling Pool was much larger than it had been before the rain. Laughing Brook was still bringing down sticks, chips, and small logs that the rising water had picked up. Grandfather Frog watched them sailing past in the current. Now and then a stick would get out of the current and float quietly. Presently, Grandfather Frog caught sight of a queer looking thing bobbing along in the water. It was an old tin can.

The old can got out of the current and drifted in toward the lily-pads. At first, Grandfather Frog hardly noticed it. Suddenly he rubbed his big goggly eyes. He rubbed them again as he stared at that old can.

"Chug-a-rum!" said Grandfather Frog again. "Who are you?"

"Chug-a-rum!" exclaimed Grandfather Frog. And for a third time he rubbed his big goggly eyes. Peeping out over the edge of that can beneath the partly raised lid, were two small faces with frightened looking eyes. They were Snowfoot and his little mate, Tinkle, two little Woodmice who had made their home in that old can where it lay beside Laughing Brook up in the Green Forest. The rain had flooded Laughing Brook, and their new home had floated away, giving them a wild and terrible ride all the way down to the Smiling Pool.

"Chug-a-rum!" said Grandfather Frog again. "Who are you, and what are you doing in that old can?"

The two little Mice said nothing. They dodged back out of sight. Never before had either of them seen anyone at all like Grandfather Frog. His big mouth, his goggly eyes, and his deep voice frightened them. It was just as well that this was so. That mouth of Grandfather Frog's was big enough to take in anyone no bigger than a little mouse.

The old can drifted away from the lilypads. The next time that Snowfoot peeped out the old can was floating in the middle of the Smiling Pool. The water was going down now instead of rising. Slowly very lowly, the old can drifted toward the shore back of Jerry Muskrat's house out in the water. A little way from the shore it caught in some drift stuff.

Snowfoot ventured to climb out on this. Then he saw that he was no better off than before. There was water all around. Really, it was only a few feet to the shore, but to so small a person as a young Mouse that was a long distance. He saw Jerry Muskrat swimming. If that fellow could move through the water that way, perhaps he could. But, never in his short life had Snowfoot been in the water. He didn't know if he could swim. He was afraid to try. He went back to join Tinkle. She too, had seen Jerry Muskrat swimming.

"If we could do that, we could get back on land," squeaked Snowfoot.

Tinkle nodded. "Of course we could," said she. "But we've never been in the water. We don't know what to do. I'm afraid!"

"So am I," confessed Snowfoot.

So, the two little Mice so near shore, yet so far away, looked longingly at the dry land and couldn't make up their minds what to do.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

One of the choicest gold nuggets ever found in Australia was hacked from a quartz boulder by an Australian black. When placed on the scales it weighed exactly 102 pounds, 9 ounces. Its value 4,000 pounds sterling!

Although 102 years old, Blaz Pojeulo still makes journeys to sell wheels to cartmakers in Daimiel, Spain.

His wife, Maria Antonio, 104, maintains the house and farm. Both are in good health. They have been married 79 years.

Monkey hunting is big business in India today. Why? Because the monks supply raw material for the precious vaccine, called Salk.

One monkey can yield 2,500 vaccinations.

The polio virus used in the serum is grown in a container holding minced monkey kidneys, which are kept alive and growing. The virus attaches itself to the kidney and grows with it, multiplying in the process. Monkeys are used to test vaccine injected into them.

Jungle hunters get $4.00 a monk and a good days hunting may bring a reward of about $50.00.

The higher a pedestal on which a man places a woman, the harder she falls for him.

In the good old days of the California gold rush, robbery and violence were the order of the day. Though a very rough justice awaited anybody caught committing a theft. The first dozen men who came up constituted themselves into an informal jury, and passed summary sentence: the loss of both ears, with hanging in reserve for serious offenses.

The gold-fever bred a selfishness that sounds almost unbelievable today. Help was refused to the dying. When the grim reaper finished his job, his living comrades often refused to take time out to give the corpse burial, preferring to let it become prey of the coyotes.

A convict working in New South Wales during the thirties found one day a small piece of gold which he claimed he found in a field, but being unable to pick out the exact spot to the people, he was haled before a magistrate who ordered that the fellow be given 150 lashes as the penalty of having melted down a gold watch. Those were days when suspicion and punishment went hand in hand among the "ticket of leaves".

FAVORITE VESSEL

RICHIBUCTO, N. B. (CP)—Capt. George Long claims the Cutty Sark was the speediest of all sailing vessels. He joined her shortly after the launching in 1869 and was a crew member on the London to Shanghai maiden voyage in 1870.

GROSSINGER, N. Y., (AP) — Heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano will begin boxing at his camp here next Monday in preparation for his title fight with Archie Moore Sept. 20 at Yankee Stadium.

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Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

ALTERNATE PLAYS

IN SUCH a case as the following, the average declarer automatically finesses for a missing queen because that is the only line of play he sees. There may, however, be a different line, if the declarer surmises (or simply guesses) that the queen is off-side. For example:

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the diamond jack—and declarer took time out to think.

Obviously, South could rely on the spade finesse, but for that play to be successful, East would have to have the spade queen with no more than two guards. If he had greater length in the suit, the finesse in itself would be worthless—West would cover dummy's jack and still have the suit stopped. (Obviously, South could not afford to play several rounds of spades without drawing trumps.)

After long thought declarer decided—perhaps on a sheer hunch—to play for *West* to hold the spade queen. So, winning the first trick with the diamond king, South led to the club ace and ruffed a club. He then led the *low* spade. West hesitated over this unlooked-for situation but finally put up the queen. His diamond return was taken by the ace, and South ruffed another club. Now the spade ten was overtaken with dummy's jack and South ruffed the last club.

South was now reduced to the J-5 of trumps (he had ruffed the clubs high) but dummy still had its original trump holding. South cashed the heart jack, led the five to the ten, and drew West's third trump with the queen while discarding the diamond four from the closed hand. The two top spades then completed the contract.

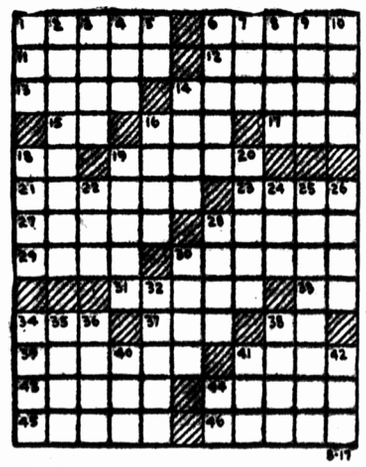
DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Scrutinizes
6. Cram full
11. Italian city
12. Island in Malay arch.
13. Man's name
14. Twofold
15. Type measure
16. Kind of roll
17. Poem
18. At home
19. Cash
21. Material
23. Affirmative votes
27. Silent
28. Setting
29. God of war (Gr.)
30. A great desert (Afr.)
34. Rely on
35. Neuter pronoun
36. Blue grass
38. Indian mulberry (native name)
39. Before Christ (abbr.)
40. To board ship
44. Monetary unit (Siam.)
45. Diacritical mark over a Spanish n
46. A device used for pacing
48. Guide
49. Convenient: by acronym

DOWN
1. Resort
2. Register
3. First man (Bib.)
4. Chief mouth of the Niger river
5. Samarium (sym.)
6. Rook
7. The shy one (Teut.)
8. Boss of a shield
9. Bend over
10. Liberate
14. Demands, as payment
16. A trial of strength
18. Particle
19. Slightly damp
20. Pleasure craft
22. Frozen water
24. Affirmative vote
25. Supplied with richer
26. Choir
26. A ribbon for the waist
30. To drift through a straw
32. More infrequent
34. Cherished animals
35. Leave out
36. Capable
38. Farm building
40. Any fruit drink
41. Cry of a sheep
42. Attempt
44. Phenyl (abbr.)

AGAG CALF
SWIPE APURE
HAVE DIETER
AYE HORNETS
AMAZON
BEWARE ISER
ELAND SNAKE
DAYS OPENED
FORE ST
SPOILED ICE
EASE LS FARL
AVIA RIGID
LODE ATOP

Yesterday's Answer



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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X B
= L O N G F E L L O W

simply stands for another. In this example A is used for ... ee 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

C N L M D T H H L R R B H W R R M D D T
C N V S M H P D G N W G T J D G E — L Z V K N .
W G Y B H

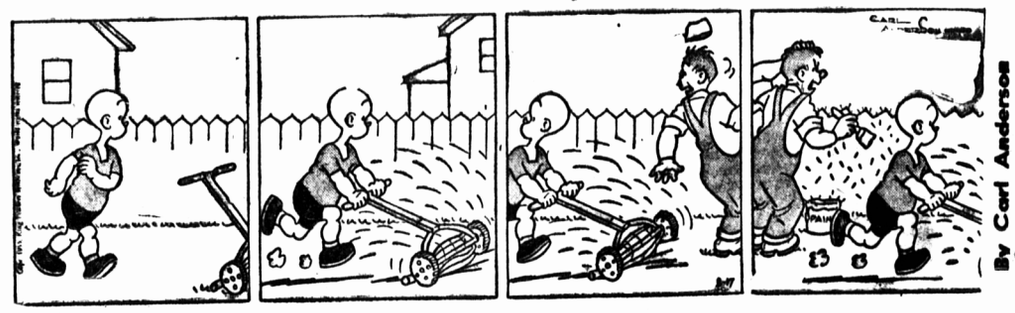
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: BE CAREFUL THAT YOU WRITE ACCURATELY RATHER THAN MUCH.—ERASMUS.

Tilly The Toiler — By Bob Gustafson

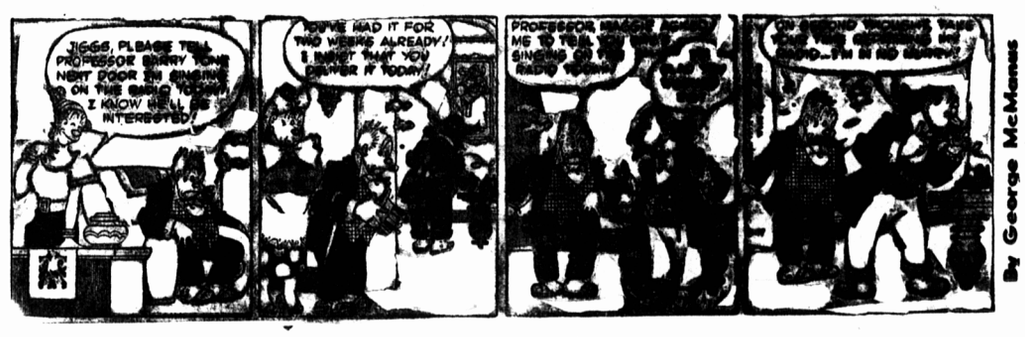
Etta Kent — By Paul Robinson

Muggs and Skeeter — By Wally Bishop

Henry — By Carl Anderson



Bringing Up Father — By George McManus



Grandma — By Charles Kuhn

Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney

Joe Paloka — By Ham Fisher

Li'l Abner — By Al Capp

Secret Agent X9 — By Fran Striker