



By Thornton W. Burgess

**TANTALIZING**  
Perhaps it sounds a little queer. But things can be both far and near.

—Old Mother Nature.

Old Man Coyote was finding out how true that is. For the first time in his life he had been able to get out to the lower part of a house of Paddy the Beaver. A great hole had been torn in the dam that made Paddy's pond, and the water had rushed out faster than it was coming in. The pond was being drained. Old Man Coyote had watched the water go lower, and lower, and lower. Finally, it was so low, that he could wade out to Paddy's house. He could do it without much more than wetting his feet. Now for the first time in his life, he would have a chance to get into that house, or so he thought.

When he got out there, there was no doorway and he couldn't tear his way through the walls of that house should he try. He knew this, so he didn't try. Mrs. Paddy came swimming over from the dam. Before she reached the still house and white she was still where the water was deepest. A moment or later Old Man Coyote heard noises that seemed to come from inside the house. He knew then where the entrance to that house must be.

"It is down under water. That is where it is," thought Old Man Coyote. "There must be a tunnel in the bottom of the pond out to where the water is deepest. When she dived she must have gone down to that tunnel, and gone in that way."



He turned and waded ashore.

He listened. The sounds were faint, because the wall was thick. Faint though they were, those sharp ears of his heard them. He knew that Mrs. Paddy was probably only a few inches from his nose. She was as near as that. But also she was as far from

him as if she had been in another pond altogether. It was the thick strong wall of that house that made it possible for her to be so near, yet so far.

It was tantalizing. Yes, sir, it was so. It always is tantalizing to have something you want which is just out of reach. He tried to think of something he could do, but there wasn't anything. How he did wish he could dive and swim under water as those Beavers could, and as could Billy Mink, Little Joe Otter, and Jerry Muskrat. But it was of no use to wish, for that was the kind of a wish that could never come true. Old Man Coyote could swim on the surface, just as a dog can, and in the same way a dog does. But swimming on the surface was of no use now.

Presently he could no longer hear the faint sounds from inside. Peeping around the side of the house he saw Mrs. Paddy swimming back to join the workers at the hole in the dam. There was nothing that he could do. Still he waited. Perhaps one of those other Beavers would swim over and not go into the house, but come where the water was not too deep.

Then Old Man Coyote discovered something. The water around his feet was beginning to creep up his legs. He knew what that meant. "Those Beavers are getting that dam fixed," thought he. He turned and waded ashore. He knew there was to be no Beaver dinner for him unless he could surprise one of those workers on shore. He had little hope of doing that.

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**Strange But True**

By F. H. MacArthur

154 pounds of meat for every person living in Canada is produced each year.

Esperanto should be taught in schools all over the world as this world language could do much to create a better understanding among nations. Interpreters often change the meaning of a person's speech thus creating an entirely different view point from what the speaker has intended.

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**DAILY CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS**  
1. Gone by  
5. Mountains  
9. Downy  
10. Block of glacial ice  
12. Speak  
15. Fact  
14. Music note  
15. Property contributed by the wife (Rom Law)  
17. Hint  
18. Upward curving of a ship's planking  
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23. Famous boy's school (Eng.)  
25. Foreigners  
26. Haughty  
28. Seesaw  
30. Trial  
33. Act of evading  
35. Female deer  
36. Gold coin (Bulg.)  
37. Marry  
39. Music note  
40. Anoint (archaic)  
43. Automobiles (shortened)  
45. Biblical name  
46. Disposed  
47. Canines  
48. Warbled
- DOWN**  
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4. Novices  
5. Donkey  
6. Sign of the Zodiac  
7. Advanced  
9. Doctor's assistant  
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28. Of a membran  
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**Believe It or Not!**

**CRISTOBAL MARTORELL**  
of Cuernavaca, Spain  
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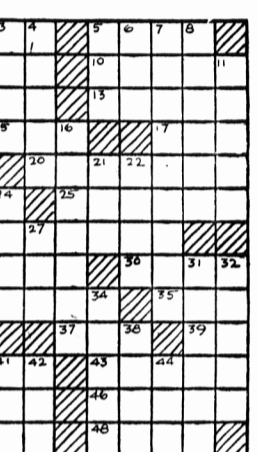
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**Floridians Witness Strange Sea Blast**  
Secret Agent X9

Two days later, Bargain Benny has a caller...

Can you find a market for a million dollars worth of gold bullion?

Gold can always be pounded into kitchenware and book ends! Where are these brick-shaped nuggets?

Snead has demanded money from many ranchers. Those who didn't pay, just disappeared!

Last week a man came here and said it was my turn to pay!

So that's why you took the money to the red rock.

Yes, and I mistook you for Snead's man!