BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE MERRY LITTLE BREEZES HELP

Helping others should be fun.
Thus it is that friends are won.
—The Merry Little Breezes.

Two little Woodmice, Snowfoot and Tinkle, were prisoners in their own home. That seems a funny place to be prisoners in, but so it was. Their home was an old tin can in which they had made their nest. They had found it beside Laughing Brook in the Green Forest. A heavy rain had caused a small flood, and their home had been washed down to the Smiling Pool. There the old can had been caught in some floating trash, and there it floated. Never in their short lives had those two little Mice been so frightened, or so helpless. The only way in which they could get back on dry land was to swim. They never had been in water. They didn't know if they could **swim, and they were afraid** to try.

"What are we going to do?" whimpered Tinklemouse.

As they peeped out beneath the partly lifted lid of the old can, it was a strange watery world they looked at. They could see Grandfather Frog not far away. He was sitting on his favorite green lilypad. They didn't like his looks a bit. Somehow or other that big mouth of his gave them an uncomfortable feeling. Beyond the lilypads they could see the shore. When they looked in the other direction there seemed to be water everywhere and the shore was very far away.

"What are we going to do?" whimpered Tinklemouse.

"I don't know. I guess there's nothing we can do!" squeaked Snowfoot.

Presently some Merry little Breezes came dancing out from shore across the green lilypads, and discovered the old can. They spied two little noses just above the open edge. Right away they saw the trouble of the two little Mice.

Now the Merry Little Breezes are full of mischief. They do a lot of mischievous things that sometimes cause people a lot of trouble. On the other hand, the Merry Little Breezes can be, and very often are, very, very helpful. They do nice things. On hot days they drive away the heat. They fill the sails of boats, and drive them on their way. They blow away dust and smoke.

When they saw the two frightened little Mice peeking out of their floating home, they also saw what the trouble was. Right away they decided to help. All together they blew against the old can. They blew, and they blew, and they blew. At first, it was all in vain. Then the floating can began to move a little. The Merry Little Breezes blew harder than ever. They got the old can loose from the trash in which it was caught. Then they began to blow it across the Smiling Pool. They blew gently now so as not to upset the queer craft in which the little Mice were sailing. It floated out farther and farther from the lilypads. Grandfather Frog watched it go, and there was something like disappointment in his big goggly eyes. The truth is, Grandfather Frog had been hoping that he might have a dinner of tender young Mouse. He had a mouth big enough to take in one of those little Mice, and his appetite was equally big.

The Merry Little Breezes blew softly, and that floating home slowly drifted out toward the middle of the Smiling Pool. In a way, Snowfoot and Tinkle were more frightened than ever, for the land was getting farther and farther away.

Enjoy the delicious flavour even when both your hands are busy!

Enjoy chewing Wrigley's Spearmint every day!

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

We speak of certain things as being sky-high today — but if you were living in Dawson in the Gold Rush days you would have to pay 75 cents a piece for lemons and oranges. Apples cost 25 cents each, potatoes and onions, 75 cents a pound, butter $1 per pound; eggs 2½ dollars per dozen—mostly stale. Bass's ale 2½ dollars a pint, sugar 30 cents a pound and watermelons $25 each.

Hay brought the unbelievable price of 1400 dollars a ton. Think of it!

The second largest diamond ever discovered weighed 971 carats, or about 6½ ounces. This monster came from the Jagersfontein mine in South Africa.

The largest diamond, the cullinan, was not discovered until 1905 in the Premier Mine, Transvaal. This king of gems weighs 3032 carats, or nearly one and a half pounds. It measures 4½ inches by 2½ inches. Its value is said to be incalculable.

Sign on a shoemaker's door in Weymouth Street, Charlottetown: "We doctor shoes, Heel Them, Tend the Dying, and Save Their Soles."

Mr. Foreign Service holds the job of Under Secretary of State in the U.S. Government in Washington, D.C.

One shouldn't be surprised at anything a woman wears on her head for a hat.

CLERGYMAN'S SON

The noted British actor Sir Laurence Olivier is the son of a clergyman.

NUCLEAR STUDY

HELSINKI (CP)—The cabinet of Finland has appointed a committee to study the problem of power resources with special attention to be given to the possibility of having atomic-generated power. Finland has no coal or petroleum and waterpower reserves are being exploited.

COMBATS CASUALTIES

BROMLEY, England (CP)—Choirboys of the parish church in this Kent town are allowed to read "missionary thrillers" during the sermon. The vicar, Rev. W. H. Murray Watson, says it's one way of combating "casualties" and holding the boys in the choir after their voices break.

OLD FESTIVAL

The Three Choirs Festival in England, started in 1724, is claimed the oldest musical festival in Europe.

MORE BICYCLES

NEW DELHI (CP)—India has decided to expand bicycle production to more than 757,000 a year. Production has risen seven times since 1947 and now is 350,000 annually. There are 24 factories which manufacture parts.

MORE POWER

NEW DELHI (CP)—The government of India expects to spend about $534,000,000 during the next five years expanding the country's power output. During the last five years about $200,000,000 has been spent on hydro projects.

NEW ROYAL SCOTT

BONN, Germany (CP)—A new throne for Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia has been made by a 37-year-old sculptor from a village in Westphalia.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

THE WRONG FEAR

IT IS NOT at all uncommon to see a declarer guard against a phantom danger, only to fall victim to his own "carefulness." Consider this case:

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	1 ♠	2 ♣	Pass
6 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

North's leap to the slam was not nearly as sensational as it may appear. The fact that South had come in with a free two-level bid in a suit that North could support so well, made slam prospects very bright.

West opened the spade eight. Declarer won with the ace and then got off to a good start by playing the singleton heart from dummy and, when East played low, putting in the jack (on the sound thought that East would not have ducked with the ace). West won and led another spade, South ruffing.

Now, cashing the trump ace revealed the distribution, and this should have given South food for thought, but he went right ahead, drawing West's trumps. South then cashed the ace and king of diamonds and led a third round. Unfortunately, his ruff at this point did no good—East still had the suit stopped, and there was only one entry left in dummy.

South explained that he had been afraid to cash two diamonds first—West might have had a singleton and ruffed. But this fear of a singleton diamond in West's hand was silly in view of the fact that South lost the contract because of a far more probable break. After cashing the trump ace, he couldn't make the hand if West had a singleton diamond. Thus, the right play, after laying down the trump ace, was to cash the two top diamonds and ruff a diamond with the club queen, then to take the proved finesse against the club jack. Now the club king would draw West's last trump and another diamond ruff would set up the fifth card of that suit.

Our Boarding House — Major Hoople

Out Our Way — By J. R. Williams

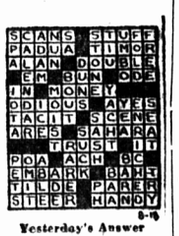
DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

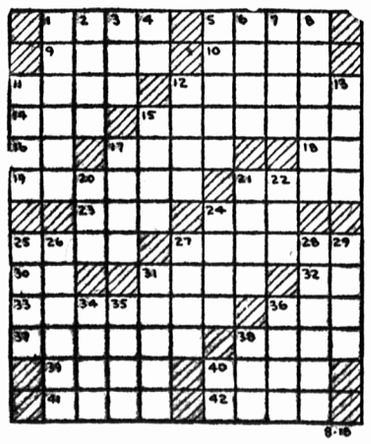
1. Coin (Turk.)
4. Fellow
9. Oriental nurse
10. Natural covering of human head
11. Grind (Eng. slang)
12. Keg
14. Some
15. People of Burma
16. Germanium (sym.)
17. Short for "dormitory"
18. Tantalum (sym.)
19. River (Eng.)
21. Needy
23. Frozen water
24. Mountain pass
25. Apex
27. Placed under bond
30. Hewing tool
34. Breezy
35. Molybdenum (sym.)
36. Looked sullen
37. Chief god (Babyl.)
38. Elder
39. Harbor
40. Beige
41. Suspend
42. Feat
43. Toward the lee

DOWN

1. A North American Plains Indian (Okla.)
2. Seaport (China.)
3. Rodent
4. Exclamation
5. Fascinate
6. Injure
7. River (Fr.)
8. Quickly
11. Droops in the middle
12. Scorch
13. Shakespearian king
15. Caliber
17. Array
20. By way of
24. Small horse
22. Ancient
24. String
25. Mountain defile
26. To surpass others
27. Coffin
28. Come into view
29. Simpleton
31. Out loud
34. At one time
35. Telegraph
36. Hard tissue which composes a skeleton
38. Chum
40. Exclamation



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

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

OT OZDD HYR OYY WYMD OTERLTF
EDD RYY CYYH—IYYL

Yesterday's Cryptogram: THE GODS SELL US ALL GOOD THINGS FOR HARD WORK—EPICHARMUS.

SUPER Kem-Tone
THE SUPERIOR LATEX-BASE WALL PAINT

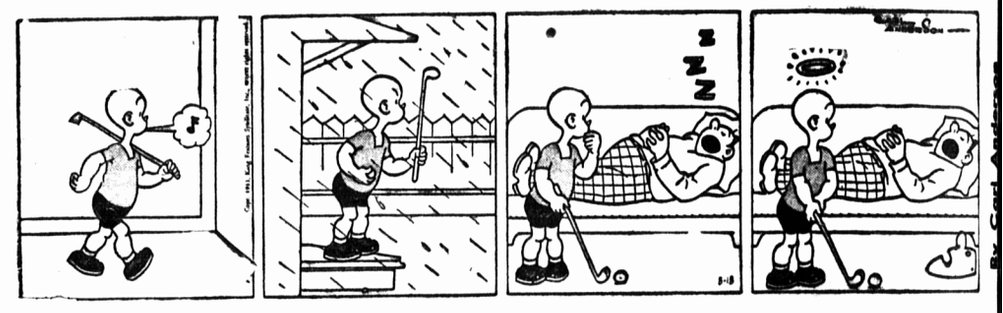
Refrigeration
Repairs To All Makes
APPLIANCES
SALES & SERVICE
MOTORS
Rewinding and Repairs
ELECTRICAL
Repairs
Palmer Electric
Phones 8548 - 8544

Tilly The Toiler

Etta Kent

Muggs and Skeeter

Henry



Bringing Up Father

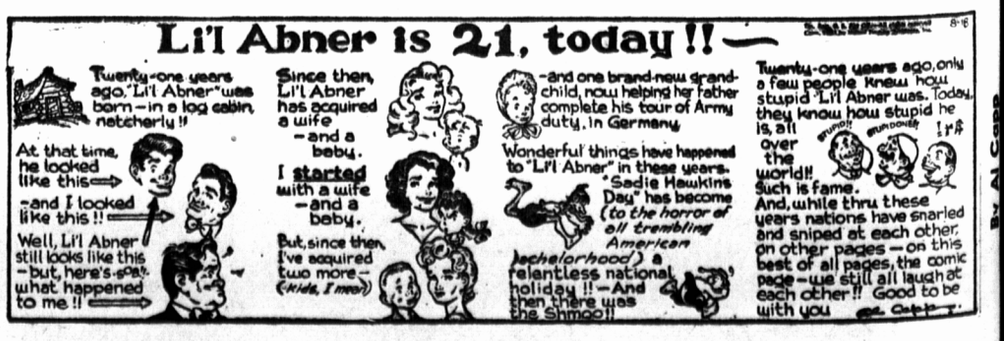
Grandma

Mickey Mouse

Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher

L'il Abner



The Lone Ranger

By Fran Striker

Secret Agent X9

By Walt Disney

By Al Capp