

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

MAKING THE BEST OF THINGS

Waste no time on plans gone dead. Make the best of things instead. —Paddy the Beaver.

Things were bad at the pond of Paddy the Beaver. Things were very bad. Rain and the warm breath of Sister South Wind had melted the deep snow on the hills and the Great Mountain so fast that there was now a flood. You see the water couldn't run off as fast as the snow melted. Far up Laughing Brook there had been another Beaver pond where a pair of young Beavers had been living. The flood had washed away their dam, their house and their food pile. They had come down to the pond of Paddy and Mrs. Paddy. They had arrived there just after a great log had knocked a hole in the dam which made it as fast as the snow melted. Far up Laughing Brook there had been another Beaver pond where a pair of young Beavers had been living. The flood had washed away their dam, their house and their food pile. They had come down to the pond of Paddy and Mrs. Paddy. They had arrived there just after a great log had knocked a hole in the dam which made it as fast as the snow melted.



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my coat," croaked he. The four Beavers paid no attention to him. The Beaver folk are not ones to give up easily. People who work for things do not give up easily. At first Paddy and Mrs. Paddy had been discouraged, but when the two young Beavers joined them they started work with a will. "It could be worse," said Paddy. "Yes, sir, it could be worse." "Of course it could," replied one of the young Beavers. "That log that hit the dam and made the hole in it can be used to make it easier for us to fill that hole. See how it is stuck in there. It is already partly blocking the hole, and that is going to be a help."

"We've got to work fast," said Paddy. "If you two bring sticks and other material, Mrs. Paddy and I will put it in place." "You are lucky that that big house of yours is still standing," said one of the young Beavers. "It was built to stand," said Paddy. "But it was getting a little shaky," confessed Mrs. Paddy. "I feel it shaking. I guess if the water hadn't stopped rising when it did we might have lost the house! Do you know what I think?"

"What do you think?" asked one of the young Beavers. "I think the worst is over," replied Mrs. Paddy. Paddy looked the pond over. It was twice as big as it had been before the beginning of the flood. The water seemed to be rushing down as fast ever. "Maybe you're right, my dear," said he. "But whether you are or not, we'll make the best of things as they are!"

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

There are no icebergs in the Arctic Ocean despite the fact that ice is everywhere. To this day no ship can smash through thousands of miles of this white desolation. Some have managed to nose a way into the great ice seams in summer. The fortunate ones returned to safety, but many went to Davie Jones' locker. Among the ill-fated ones was the Karik, used by Valhalmur Stefansson's Canadian Arctic Expedition in 1913-1918.

But with the warming up of the Arctic many changes are taking place in that cold, inhospitable region. Ellesmere Island, once lay unknown and uncharted beneath a glacier icecap such as covers most of Greenland today.

Desolate windswept Ellesmere is one place in Canada where no real estate taxes are collected. The North Coast has no permanent inhabitants. A weather station is operated jointly by the Canadian and American governments, together with a small military force at Alert and Eureka, and the R. C. M. P. maintain a few men at Craig Harbour.

Some of the nearby islands—floating islands—are 2,000 feet above the bottom of the ocean, so the rocks strewn across their surface are presumed to have been deposited by an Ellesmere glacier.

Weather information from the Arctic is most important, and broadcasts continue every six hours. From here instruments are sent skyward on balloons. One of the unexplained phenomena of this region is the warm layer of ocean water discovered 400 feet below the sea's surface. Less than 150 feet thick, it averaged about 20 degrees warmer than the water below and above it.

U. S. Vulnerable As Britain

LONDON, (AP)—Supply minister Selwyn Lloyd said Wednesday the hydrogen bomb has made the United States and Russia just as vulnerable as Britain. Lloyd told a group of Britain's prominent engineers: "Certainly atomic war would mean the extinction of life on these islands. The new factor is that the hydrogen bomb also would mean extinction for those who live in large countries. JUST AS VULNERABLE

"The sub-continent—the great land masses of Russia and the United States—are now as vulnerable as we have been for the past 10 years."

LONG RIVER SCHOOL

Honor Roll for February of Long River School: GRADE IX — 1. Doris Bernard; 2. Ethel Fitzsimmons; 3. Laura Bell. GRADE VII — 1. Donald Thompson; 2. Donald MacLeod; 3. George Doughart. GRADE VI — 1. Ronald Thompson; 2. Hillard Bernard; 3. Grafton Brown. GRADE V — 1. Lawrence Thompson; 2. Kenneth Carr. GRADE IV — 1. Ruthie Johnston; 2. Marcella Bernard. GRADE IV (b) — 1. Allan Johnston. GRADE III — 1. Pauline Thompson; 2. Dale Johnston. GRADE II — 1. Brenda Paynter. GRADE I (a) — 1. David Johnston. GRADE (b) — 1. Donnie Paynter.

Perfect attendance — Grafton

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DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. City (Chin.)
2. Former capital of California
3. Status of an alien
4. Manacles
5. Contingent
6. Obscure
7. Single unit
8. Contest of speed
9. Augment
10. Salted
11. A game at water
12. Adversaries
13. A size of coal
14. Particulate
15. Down
16. Job
17. Not working
18. Celestial
19. Body
20. Greek letter
21. By way of
22. Senior (abbr.)
23. Peak
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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
TRUMP SUPPORT

It is pleasant, of course, to have four or more of partner's suit in order to give him a safe raise, but the idea (prevalent in some circles) that four-card support is a must is totally unrealistic. This idea, applied without due discrimination, leads to the sort of bad result that North-South had in this deal.

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable

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

The bidding:
North East South West
1♣ 1♥ 1♠ Pass
2♣ 1♥ 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

West opened the deuce of hearts. East put up the king—and South might as well have conceded defeat, there and then. There was no chance for the contract without knocking out the ace of diamonds, and when East got in with that card his heart return gave the defense the setting trick.

It is true that North-South had only seven spades in the combined hands, but nevertheless and notwithstanding, a four-spade contract would have been immeasurably superior to their three notrump contract. Moreover, if North had fully appreciated the power of his own spades in connection with his singleton heart, he would have made an effort, at least, to get into a spade contract. The bidding went hopelessly astray when North refused to raise spades either directly, over South's free bid, or on the next round, over South's two no-trump. Discussing the deal, North said: "How could I raise when South bid the suit only once and I had only three-card support?"

The answer to this was that South couldn't well rebid a four-card suit. Moreover, South might still have bid two notrump to show his strength in the heart suit. The plain fact was that when South bid one spade, he did his duty in that direction, and North should have shown great interest in a spade contract.

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Believe It or Not!

FISH 1 1/2 INCHES LONG FOUND INSIDE AN OYSTER SHELL

Submitted by ROBERT GAGE Lincoln, Neb.

THE BELL TOWER THAT REPROACHED A KING

The Cathedral of Our Lady in England was originally erected as part of a castle—but King Edward III ruled such edifices were not for commoners. ITS DINNER DISMANTLED THE TOWER AND TRANSPORTED IT 7 MILES TO ITS PRESENT SITE—AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF THE INJUSTICE OF KINGS

MEADOWLARK IS NOT A LARK IT BELONGS TO THE BLACKBIRD FAMILY

WHY HAVE SORE FEET?

JUST RUB IN MINARD'S LINIMENT

Secret Agent X9

WELL, HERE I AM—IN MY OWN SHINY OFFICE—AN EMPLOYEE OF 'GLOBAL SERVICE'

MY JOB: LEARN IF THIS OUTFIT IS VIOLATING FEDERAL OR INTERSTATE LAWS!

Meanwhile, off one of the Florida Keys, two men waded ashore from a strange, small craft...

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
NURLRY BCT UCPGRVV, BCT CXLQ ACBPLXNKT, PRE QCPXLY ULOB ECCGRVV, BCT VLVY ON BCT VPXLNKT!—BNNE.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IN CONVERSATION BOLDNESS NOW HOLDS SWAY—HERBERT.

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Henry

I UNDERSTAND BLIMP! JUST FOUND A DIME!

Henry is a cartoon strip by Carl Anderson. It shows a boy named Henry who finds a dime and is excited about it. He says, "I understand Blimp! Just found a dime!"

Grandma

GEE, GRANDMA ALL FREE? HOW COME?

Grandma is a cartoon strip by Charles Kuhn. It shows a boy named Grandpa who is talking to his grandmother. He says, "Gee, Grandma all free? How come?"

Mickey Mouse

YOU SAY BERNICE IS THE ANSWER TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE HUMAN RACE, DOCTOR?

Mickey Mouse is a cartoon strip by Walt Disney. It shows Mickey Mouse talking to a doctor. Mickey says, "You say Bernice is the answer to the problems of the human race, doctor?"

Bringing Up Father

JESS—I'M SENDIN' OUT THE INVITATIONS TO MY RELATIVES FOR MY FAMILY REUNION.

Bringing Up Father is a cartoon strip by George McManus. It shows a man named Bratton talking to his son. Bratton says, "Jess—I'm sendin' out the invitations to my relatives for my family reunion."

Muggs and Skeeter

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? ... ONLY LEAVING A NICKEL TIP?

Muggs and Skeeter is a cartoon strip by Wally Bishop. It shows two boys, Muggs and Skeeter, talking. Muggs says, "Hey, what are you doing? ... only leaving a nickel tip?"

Etta Kent

DAD! HOW'D YOU LIKE THE NEW COAT MOM BOUGHT?

Etta Kent is a cartoon strip by Paul Robinson. It shows a girl named Etta talking to her father. Etta says, "Dad! How'd you like the new coat Mom bought?"

Tilly The Toilet

HELLO, COFFEE SHOP? SEND ME UP SOME BACON AND EGGS, TOAST, ORANGE JUICE AND COFFEE.

Tilly The Toilet is a cartoon strip by Bob Gustafson. It shows a man named Tilly talking to a coffee shop. Tilly says, "Hello, coffee shop? Send me up some bacon and eggs, toast, orange juice and coffee."

Joe Patolka

HOBBY... YOU'LL HAVE TO MATCH ME WITH GROOVER... THERE'S TOO MUCH TALK THAT WE'RE DUCKING HIM...

Joe Patolka is a cartoon strip by Al Capp. It shows a man named Joe talking to another man. Joe says, "Hobby... you'll have to match me with Groover... there's too much talk that we're ducking him..."

The Lone Ranger

NOW WELL KNOW WHY SHE GAVE ME MONEY—THEY SHOT ME WHEN I TRIED TO RETURN IT.

The Lone Ranger is a cartoon strip by Mel Graff. It shows the Lone Ranger talking to a woman. The Lone Ranger says, "Now well know why she gave me money—they shot me when I tried to return it."