By Thornton W. Burgess

AT THE OLD DRUMMING LOG

Regardless of the wrong or right.
Some people love to watch a fight.
—Old Mother Nature.

What Old Mother Nature says is quite true. It is one of the queer things in life that nothing will draw a crowd of onlookers as quickly as a fight. There was going to be a fight in the Green Forest, and all the Green Forest knew it. For some time now the two fighters had been telling everybody with ears to hear that they were getting ready to fight. They were Thunderer the Grouse and another Grouse whom as yet he never had even seen. They had been quarreling on the air, so to speak. They had been drumming the news of their hate for each other; foolish hate, born of foolish jealousy.

Now that old mossy log on which Thunderer delighted to strut and drum he liked to think of as his secret, but it wasn't a secret. Almost everybody in the Green Forest knew just where it was. Through the year Thunderer does a lot of drumming, and for the last year or two most of it had been done on that old mossy log. Of course, every time he drummed he was telling those who listened just where he was.

Hooty the Owl had heard those two drumming. He knew that it meant a fight, and he guessed it would be at that mossy old log. Terror the Goshawk had guessed the same thing. So had Reddy Fox, and he and Mrs. Reddy had left the Old Pasture to see that fight if possible. Blacky the Crow and Sammy Jay were two others who guessed that there was about to be a fight and both of them headed for that neighborhood. Little goes on in the Green Forest that Blacky and Sammy do not know about. If it is anything exciting they usually are on hand to see it. A fight usually is exciting. They didn't intend to miss this one.

Hooty the Owl had heard those two drumming.

Over near the mossy old log, keeping well hidden but where she could see the old log and all that happened on it, was Mrs. Grouse. She had been watching Thunderer strut and drum before there had been any answering drumming. All his strutting and drumming then had been wholly for her. He hadn't known that she was watching him, but he had hoped that she was, and had felt pretty sure she was. From the distance had come the low drumming of another Grouse. It made the heart of Mrs. Grouse beat a little faster. What if that other drummer should come over and pick a quarrel with Thunderer?

He didn't have to come over to pick a quarrel. They did that on the air. Thunderer was no longer drumming for the admiration of Mrs. Thunderer. His drumming now was a warning to that other to keep away, or else to come over and fight. Mrs. Grouse could have stopped that quarrel on the air at any time. She would had only to show herself and let Thunderer see how much she admired him to have made him forget the other fellow altogether. She didn't do that. She had been fought for before in other years, and it was exciting. It always made her feel important. She always pretended to herself that she wasn't sure who she wanted to win, but right down in her heart she did know.

So it was that many folks were being drawn to the mossy old log, some of them by excitement, and some with the hope of getting a dinner.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

HALF A LOAF . . .

The cold slam contract, North-South in either hearts or clubs was virtually impossible to reach in the hand below, but at least South should have earned a fair profit instead of taking a loss.

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable

North: ♠ 7 3 ♥ A Q J 6 4 2 ♦ 10 5 3 ♣ J 6
West: ♠ A 9 8 ♥ 10 8 5 3 ♦ Q 8 6 2 ♣ 7 4
East: ♠ K Q J 10 5 4 2 ♥ 9 ♦ J ♣ 10 9 8 2
South: ♠ 6 ♥ K 1 ♦ A K 9 7 4 ♣ A K Q 5 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	3 ♠
4 ♣	4 ♠	5 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

In view of the vigorous shut-out bidding by the opponents, North-South would have had to be inspired to reach six hearts or six clubs. This does not mean that North made a good bid when he said five diamonds, but even if he had properly passed, the result probably would have been the same. In all likelihood. South would have bid five clubs, and North then would have had to bid five diamonds simply as a preference. North could scarcely know that his J-6 of clubs would be excellent support for a club contract; and South certainly could not afford to raise hearts at such a high level on the K-7 support.

West, on lead against five diamonds, laid down the ace and another spade. South ruffed and cashed the trump ace, then when he saw East's jack fall, confidently cashed the diamond king. His confidence quickly faded, however, because West now had two sure trump tricks.

After dropping the diamond jack, the safety play for South was to lead a low diamond toward the ten. Whatever West chose to do, this would hold him to one force declarer's hand he could not force declarer's hand by another spade lead, since dummy's trump would be there as a ruffer, if needed.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

So fine is the thread of the silk worm it takes 90 strands from 90 cocoons twisted together to make an ordinary strand of sewing silk, and it takes 3,000 cocoons to produce one pound of silk, and the thread of each of these half a mile long.

The Bureau of Entomology, of the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C. and set up for the study of insects everywhere employs 400 scientifically trained men, operating 75 stations at an annual cost of $2,500,000.

No matter how much time you find to look for it, lost time cannot be found again.

No two women want to wear dresses that are alike. But mink coats — well, that's different.

Home is a place where wives wish their husbands would hang their hats up.

Yale University football players this year will wear gold pants instead of the usual white.

It is commonly known that snakes eat frogs, but few persons are aware of the fact that big bullfrogs also devour snakes.

Many birds consume half their weight in food each day, and baby birds often eat more than their total weight in one day.

What is the heaviest flying bird in North America? The trumpeter swan, which often weighs as much as 40 pounds.

Did you know the thermos bottle is built on the same principle as the ball-faced hornet's nest — that is, walls with air chambers between?

The Smiths have it. Verda Mae Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith of Memphis, Tenn., married Eugene Smith. She is employed by R. A. Smith, and her husbands works for N. S. Smith.

No vessel is named Mayday because the word is a distress signal for ships.

Large greedy aquatic birds (cormorants) are trained by Jap fishermen along the Nagara River to scoop up fish. The birds are controlled by a long leash.

To keep them from swallowing their catch, the fishermen place rings tightly around their necks.

Things were a bit confused when cars driven by Hugh Carr of St. Paul, Minn., and Frank Carr of St. Peters, same city, collided near Mankato, Minn. Neither Carr was injured, but damage to the cars totalled $450. It was the first meeting for the unrelated Carrs.

CANAL COST

It cost the U.S. $366,650,000 to dig the Panama canal, plus appropriations for its defence.

YE RANSOMED PRAISE THE LORD

Ye, Ransomed, Never cease to sing
The praises of your Heav'nly King
For he has died and rose again,
That we through Him might live and reign.
Ye, ransomed, shout with joy and sing
The praises of your Heav'nly King.

No more ye need fear death's dark doom
Nor the great silence of the tomb;
For He has died and gone before,
To open wide the Heav'nly door.
He bids: "Ye ransomed sinners, come,
And dwell within my Heav'nly home".

And after death in future days,
Behold His face and sing His praise,
And in the great eternal home
With Him to dwell and never roam,
With joy and bliss unknown before
We'll praise Him there for evermore.

—Mrs. Alexander Blue
Little Sands, P. E. I.

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The public is cordially invited

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Boast
5. Social group
9. New England state
10. To man again
12. To make void
13. Capital of Guam
14. A swine
15. Native of Utah
16. A small bit
19. Cubic meters
20. Shakespearean character
24. Nut
25. A rounded hill (Sp.)
26. Chests
27. Famous Italian poet (poss.)
28. Standard
30. Of the Virgin Mary
33. Spanish hero (Lit.)
35. Natives of Arabia
36. Postpone
38. Constructed
39. Goddess of peace
40. March date
41. Botch

DOWN
1. A baluster
2. The mallard
3. God of the sky (Babyl.) Relig.)
4. Jellylike material
5. Packing box
6. Official residences of diplomatic ministers
7. Oriental nurse
8. A novel by Zola
9. Chart
11. Girl's nickname
16. Causes to rise (colloq.)
17. Choleric
18. Enclosure
19. Mineral spring
21. Items
22. People of Greece
23. Hawaiian birds
25. Mass: comb. form
27. One of the 12 Hebrew tribes
29. Endures
30. Queen of the fairies
31. The aoudad
32. Sudden attack
34. Color, as cloth
36. Obscure
37. Before

STAMP		SLICK								
CANOE		HANOI								
ORGAN		OCTET								
TRET		SO		ODE						
	AL		BITE							
OGIVES		MAMA								
COCAS		GIVEN								
ANAI		PATENT								
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SAVES		RANGE								
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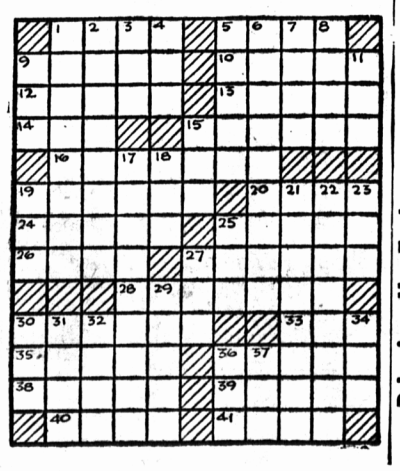
Yesterday's Answer



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

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

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, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

O I T H Z K M Z D L G E C R D T C Z H R I T E Z F. A Y Z L Y W C Y F F Y O, A Y Z L Y W W T E F — K M F R Y H.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I WOULD NOT HAVE A SLAVE TO TILL MY GROUND, TO CARRY ME, TO FAN ME WHILE I SLEEP—COWPER.

Our Boarding House — Major Hoople

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DE SOTO
BIG
SPRING
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Bring the family!

Visit your
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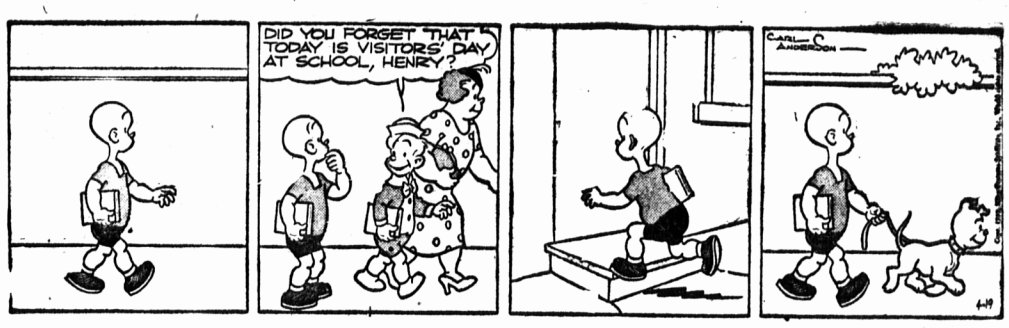
The Lone Ranger — By Fran Striker

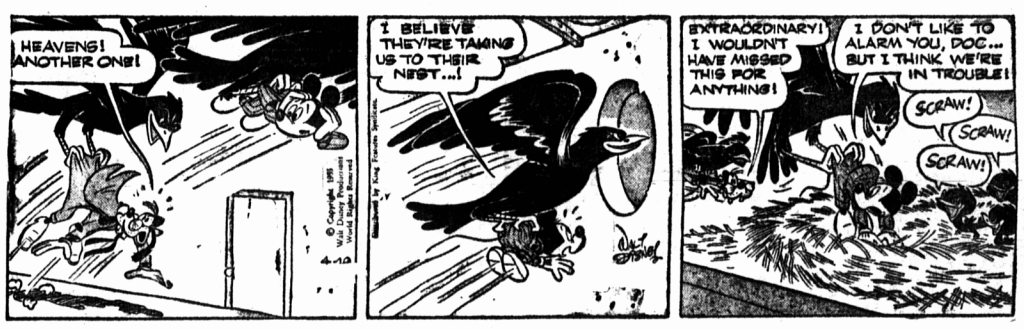
Joe Paloka — By Ham Fisher

Henry — By Carl Anderson



Grandma — By Charles Kuha

Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney



Bringing Up Father — By George McManus

Muggs and Skeeter — By Wally Bishop

Etta Kent — By Paul Robinson

Tilly The Toiler — By Bob Gustafson

Secret Agent X9 — By Mel Graff

L'il Abner — By Al Capp