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**BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES**

(By Thornton W Burgess)

**NOT A FISH AT ALL**

Some folks there are who climb to fame  
On nothing better than a name.  
—Old Mother Nature.

It shouldn't be so, but it is. So it is important that folks and things should always be given their right names. Prickly Porky over in the Green Forest often is called Hedgehog. Many people don't know him by any other name. Yet he has no right to it; none whatever. He has nothing to do with hedges, and isn't a Hog. But more important is the fact that the name really belongs to some one else, a small person with a prickly coat who lives in Europe, but nowhere in America.

In the same way was Jimmy Skunk often is called Polecat. That name rightfully belongs to another who does not live in America, and beside whom Jimmy Skunk is a gentleman. To call him Polecat is an insult to him and



"And they are not fish even if they are called Blackfish," she added

shows how ignorant is the one who calls him that.

Johnny Chuck the Woodchuck is called Ground Hog although he isn't even a cousin of the Hog family. Boomer the Nighthawk is called Bull-bat, but Bats are mammals and Boomer is a bird. For that matter he isn't even related to the Hawk family. That is how misleading even a correct name can be. And there is the little Caterpillar called Woolly Bear. Isn't it silly to call him a Bear? Names can be so confusing.

Ahead of Honker the Goose and his flock, flying not far off shore over the ocean on their way to the Sunny South, several black fins were cutting through the water. They were like the fins on the backs of some small fish, only big, very big.

"See those big fish!" cried one of the young Geese making the long journey for the first time. As they caught up with those fins cutting through the water they could see black backs just beneath the surface, and sometimes above water just for an instant. The eyes of the young flyers above grew wide as they looked down.

"What big fish!" cried one.

"How black they are! They should be called Blackfish," cried another.

Now, curious enough that is just what they were called, and are called wherever they are and their kind are known along the coast. And they shouldn't be. No, sir, they shouldn't be.

"Those are not fish," explained Mrs. Honker to those flying nearest to her as she held her place just back of Honker.

"Not fish!" cried one nearest to her. There was unbelief in his voice. "Then I guess I don't know a fish when I see one." He really was seeing only those fish-like fins showing above the water.

"I guess you don't if you call those fish," replied his mother dryly.

"If they are not fish what are they?" cried another.

"Whales," replied Mrs. Honker. Just then several came to the surface to get fresh air and from the top of each head shot up what looked like a jet of water but was vapory breath held down in the lungs for so long. They had seen two others do that, Finback and Baleen, whom they had called Big Mouth, the two Whales who were so big it was still hard to believe they could be real. Certainly they were not fish.

"These must be little Whales, baby Whales," said one. He spoke as if he were not quite sure.

"You are both right and wrong," said his mother.

"How can I be both right and wrong?" demanded the other.

"You are right about their being little Whales, but wrong about their being baby Whales. They are as big as they ever will be," replied Mrs. Honker. "And they are not fish even if they are called Blackfish," she added.

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**DAILY CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

- Boatswain's whistle
- Group of islands (Pac.)
- Former silver coin (Ger.)
- Tuber (S. M.)
- Galley with two banks of oars
- Needlework pieces
- From Corrode
- Detest
- Live coals (Russ.)
- Approaches
- Beamed
- Choking bit
- A flaring part
- Eager
- Lubricate
- Earth as a goddess
- Little roots
- A business trip
- Flightless, extinct bird (N. Z.)
- Bondsman
- Barked, as a dog
- River (Fr.)
- Excess of chances

**DOWN**

1. Rodent (S. A.)
2. Mohammed prince
3. River (It.)
4. Water god (Babyl.)
5. Mix
6. Stern
7. Malt beverage
8. Lowering in rank
9. Distress signal
11. An arbitrator
13. Wagers
15. Nobleman
16. Man's name
20. Egyptian god (var.)
21. Hires
22. Thinly
23. Evergreen shrub (Asia)
26. Cut
27. Corridor
29. Neourishment
31. Tomb
35. Extraordinary person (slang)
36. Fresh-water tortoise
37. Digits
38. Unhappy
40. Abyssinian prince
43. Board of Ordnance (abbr.)
44. Public notice

**Yesterday's Answer**

1. J 10 64  
2. 10 83  
3. 10 98  
4. 5  
5. A 10

6. Q 75  
7. K J 4  
8. 4 7  
9. K Q 9  
10. 8 2

**W N E S**

1. A K 9 8  
2. 6 5 2  
3. K Q 7  
4. J 7 3

5. A Q 9 7  
6. A J 6 3  
7. 8 5 4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 Pass 1 Pass  
1 NT Pass 3 NT Pass  
Pass Pass

West properly opened his top diamond. The queen was played from dummy, and East of course gave the discouraging signal of the deuce. Declarer did not like his prospects! In sight were two top spades and four diamonds, but he would have to be very lucky to make the necessary three heart tricks and at the same time stave off the attack of the defenders. This club shift indeed, was a threatening that South adopted a ruse which often succeeds against not-too-alert opponents—he himself led a club from dummy!

East strongly suspected what was going on, and, as the best signal he could afford to give partner, put in his club nine. West, however, did not catch on! Apparently, it did not even occur to him that he and his partner might have the entire club suit; nor did he stop to think that, and in view of signal from East, and in view of South's original heart bid, there was no suit in which enough defensive tricks could be taken if not in clubs. So, sleeping peacefully, East took the trick with the ten and led another diamond!

Now, the defense had "folded." The diamond lead was won in dummy and declarer led a heart to the nine. West won, but when he returned another diamond, declarer took the trick, went to the spade king, and tried a second heart finesse. This time his effort was rewarded, and he quickly gathered in three heart tricks.

East's play of the club nine was extremely provocative — if West had simply stopped to appreciate that fact! There was no point whatever in East's playing that card except as a demand that clubs be continued, and since the only way for West to continue the suit was to unblock, winning with the ace and returning the ten, it follows that he should have taken that course.

**Contract Bridge**

By Josephine Culbertson

**AN UNBALANCED PARTNERSHIP**

East was alert in today's deal and made a defensive play that should have put his partner on the right track, but West remained glib.

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

▲ K 9 8  
♥ 6 5 2  
♦ K Q 7  
♣ J 7 3

▲ J 10 6 4  
♥ 10 8 3  
♦ 10 9 8  
♣ 5

▲ Q 7 5  
♥ K J 4  
♦ 4 7  
♣ K Q 9

▲ 3 2  
♥ A Q 9 7  
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**KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED**

By Zane Grey

"KING, HE IS GOING TO THROW THE DYNAMITE!"

"I SURE AM... OH?"

"SOMEONE BACK THERE SHOT MOUNTIES!"

"UP WITH YOUR HANDS! ARE THERE ANY MORE OF THEM, KING?"

"INSPECTOR!"

**JOE PALOOKA**

By Ham Fisher

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING... STANDING STILL? GET TO WORK... NO TALKING. NO ONE MUST STAND IDLE FOR A SECOND!"

"Y-YES, COMRADE JUDGE."

"W-WHAT ARE WE TRAITORS TO THE TEN-YEAR P-P-PLAN, TIME WASTERS... PHODEY?"

"SHUT UP! BRING ME THE FILES ON THE AMERICAN SPY!"

"Y-YES, COMRADE JUDGE."

"ISN'T SHE IN A WONDERFUL MOOD? HOW I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE TRIAL... IT WILL MAKE HISTORY."

"SHHH... ME TOO."

**HENRY**

By Carl Anderson

"LIGHT SNOW TONIGHT!"

"CARL ANDERSON"

**DOTTY DIPPLE**

By Ruford

"HORACE, WILL YOU HELP ME WITH THE DISHES?"

"JUST A MINUTE, DEAR-- BEFORE WE START--"

"BUT, WHERE ARE YOU GOING WITH YOUR APRON?"

"I JUST WANT TO RESERVE MY SEAT!"

**TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS**

By Edwin

"SEE HOW PREOCCUPIED MILT IS... WHY HE'S ONLY READING THE PAPER."

"HE'S WORRIED... I TELL YOU!!"

"IF MR. BUDGE THINKS HE'S MAKIN' A BIG MISTAKE GOIN' TO WORK FOR TOM CLUBB... WHY MILT'S JUST AS SMART AS CYRUS BUDGE, MY LAND, AN--"

"HOW DO YOU FEEL TONIGHT, MILT??"

"GRAN'MA--"

**BRINGING UP FATHER**

By George McMahon

"EVERYTHING IS READY-- DUGAN AND HOGAN WILL BE ON THE BRIDGE THIS YACHT WILL PASS UNDER-- AN' I WISH YOU LUCK!"

"DON'T WORRY-- I'LL MAKE IT!"

"I'VE GOT TO GET TO THAT CHANGING PARTY DINTY IS GVIN'!"

"I'LL BE BACK BEFORE MARGE EVEN KNOWS I'VE BEEN ASHORE!"

"OHAY, BOYS!"

**TILLY THE TOILER**

By Westover

"MR. MACDOUGAL THINKS TILLIE WON'T QUARREL BECAUSE SHE HAS SUCH A SWEET DISPOSITION"

"WHEN I TELL HIM THE REAL REASON, NO DOUBT HE'LL FEEL DIFFERENTLY ABOUT HER"

"THE REAL REASON TILLIE SEEMS SO SWEET IS BECAUSE I MADE HER PROMISE NOT TO QUARREL"

"THAT ONLY PROVES HOW SWEET TILLIE'S DISPOSITION IS--"

"THINK HOW DIFFICULT IT MUST BE FOR HER TO KEEP A PROMISE LIKE THAT!"

**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:**

A K Y D L B A A X R  
I S 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, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

**A Cryptogram Quotation**

G Z P U V W S D B L P, D B L P U W J R V  
E X F L P K—Y X K K B U D P M.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THERE STILL REMAINS, TO MORTIFY A WIT, THE MANY-HEADED MONSTER OF THE PIT-POPE.

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"YIPPA! MAMMY YOKUM NAILED BASIL RUMBONE, SO LITL' FINISH LINE, AN' LET'S GET A NEW RAPPY NO MATTER HOW PORE TH' QUALITY!"

"OHON! YANK HIM OVER TH' FINISH LINE, AN' LET'S GET THIS MIZZLEB' 30-CENT WEDDIN' OVER!"

"WAIT, BANSHEE! WAIT!"

"DO A OLD BACHELOR ONE LAST FAVOR? DON'T YANK ME OVER TH' FINISH LINE, UNTIL TH' VERY LAST MINUTE!"

"JUST LET ME LIE HERE AN' WATCH THET SUN SET ON MAH NINETY YARS O' GAY YOUNG BACHELORHOOD!"

"SUITS ME, AH DON'T WANT YO, AN' MORE'N YO WANTS ME. YO FLEA-BITTEN OLE BUZZARD!"

By Al Capp

**RIP KIRBY**

"YOUR UNCLE IS CALLING FOR HIS HEARING AID, DEBORAH, SEEN IT?"

"NO! YOU PROBABLY MISLAID IT YOURSELF!"

"SHE LIED! IT WAS IN HER PURSE! I SAW HER PUT IT THERE!"

"SING TO ME, CHILD... BUT FIRST FETCH MY HEARING AID..."

"OH, DEAR! HE CAN'T HEAR ME!"

By Alex Raymond

**PENNY**

By Harry Moonigan

"HOW WAS THE RECREATION CENTER MEETING?"

"OH, I GUESS."

"MRS. GABBY TOOK OVER THE MEETING AND TALKED AND TALKED."

"SHE SAID SHE WAS LISTENING TO AN INNER VOICE."

"WHAT HAS SHE ONE INSIDE TOO?"