

BEDTIME STORIES

Blacky Pussy Interferes

Courage may be born of need. Boldness often springs from greed—Old Mother Nature. Chatterer the Red Squirrel was out late. He doesn't like to be out after dark. He likes to be safe at home before the Black Shadows have done more than begin to creep into the Green Forest. But the Black Shadows were now creeping fast through the Old Orchard and into the Green forest and Chatterer was still out. He was in mischief. Sometimes it seems as if mischief should be Chatterer's middle name. He was over in the Old Orchard trying to get a small ear of corn that Farmer Brown's boy had fastened in a tree especially for Blacky the Crow.



He ran down the trunk of the ground and raced for the old stone wall.

Chatterer has sharp teeth and he knows how to use them. But those sharp teeth did him no good now. He couldn't get that small ear of corn free. It has been fastened in that tree with wire. And sharp as they were, Chatterer's teeth couldn't cut it.

Grains of corn kept dropping as Chatterer tried to bite that wire in two. Even if he succeeded in getting that ear free there would be a lot of corn left at the bottom of the tree for Blacky. Chatterer forgot everything but what he was doing, until he was startled by the hunting call of Hoity the Owl. He had heard it a little while before, but this time it was much nearer.

Chatterer lifted his head to listen. Then he heard a sound down below and looked down. He looked straight into a pair of yellow eyes that were glaring up at him.

Blacky Pussy the Cat was at the foot of that tree and just making ready to climb. Here was trouble right at hand. Supposing Hoity should come over now. With Blacky Pussy down below and Hoity up above, what would Chatterer do? He was a frightened Squirrel. Yes, sir, Chatterer was a frightened Squirrel.

Blacky Pussy started to climb the tree. It wasn't much of a climb and he came up fast. Chatterer didn't wait. Here was real trouble. He ran up to the upper part of the tree. Of course he was perfectly at home in that tree. Squirrel folk are quite as much at home in trees as are feathered folk, more so than some. He wasn't afraid of Blacky Pussy up there. Blacky Pussy was too big to follow him out on the small limbs. As long as he was in a tree, Blacky Pussy had no chance of catching him.

But how long could he stay up in that tree? Supposing Hoity the Owl should come gliding over there on silent wings? He shivered at the thought and shivered again when he heard the frightening hunting call of Hoity. On the ground he wasn't afraid of Hoity. In the tree-top he wasn't afraid of Blacky Pussy. But trapped as he was now, he was a very scared Squirrel.

Chatterer ran out to the tip of a limb and jumped with all his might. He caught the tip of a limb of a neighboring tree. He hung on. He pulled himself up and raced along that limb to the trunk of the tree. He ran down the trunk to the ground and raced for the old stone wall. He got there only a jump ahead of Blacky Pussy. Chatterer wished he had never thought of corn.

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Effect Of Atomic Radiation Will Take Generations To Show

MONTREAL (CP)—Two Canadian scientists say the low levels of atomic radiation, considered harmless now, can be expected to cause harmful effects to future generations. In a discussion of the hazards of atomic warfare to agriculture, Prof. F. Oliver of the Macdonald College department of physics and Prof. R. Brown of the department of agronomy told the college's branch of the Agricultural Institute of Canada that one of the most serious problems arising from radiation is the possible effect on future generations. "This applies not only to man, with his relatively long life cycle, but also to plants and animals, and may well have a pronounced effect on the maintenance of purebred lines in plants and animals," the professors said.

CHANGES IN GENES Radiation at all levels produced changes in genes in living cells. Heredity depends on genes, and the changes or mutations produced in them were harmful. "Fortunately genes occur in pairs and mutations practically never occur in both members of a pair at the same time," the professors said. "Moreover the effects of the mutant gene on its possessor are usually overridden by its mate. The real danger arises from the fact that each individual gets only one gene of a pair from each parent."

The danger was that each parent would contribute a mutant or "bad" gene. Then the offspring would be bad. The scientists add, however, that the same mutation is not likely to occur in many individuals and that it will require many generations before a new mutation is widespread enough through a population that mating is likely to occur between two individuals carrying it. Prof. Oliver and Prof. Brown agreed an H-bomb blast might result in the settling of radioactive particles from the air to present a real danger of immediate injury to man and other animal life for a distance of 200 to 300 miles downwind.

LONG-TERM EFFECTS "With some preparation in advance and given one to several hours of warning, humans and animals could find adequate shelter for a day or two while removal to uncontaminated areas was being effected." They stressed that after an atomic blast, radioactive particles become distributed throughout the earth's atmosphere and fallout is widespread over period of months and possibly years. Radiation of fallout might present no immediate danger, but if an atomic war broke out the health of survivors would be endangered by food contamination. Some of the material falling on the ground would be absorbed by plants, they pointed out. Animals feeding on these plants or drinking contaminated water would acquire active molecules which become built into their bones and tissues. "Humans will eventually acquire these active particles in their bodies. The radiations from these materials may cause anything from slight nausea, to anemia, leukemia, sterility and death."

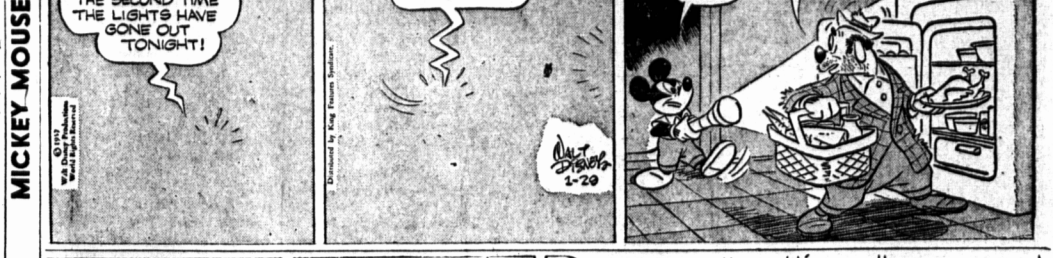
Japan Now Tops World Nations In Shipbuilding

OTTAWA (CP)—The sum of LONDON (Reuters)—Japan replaced Britain for the first time in history in 1956 as the world's largest shipbuilding nation, it was announced Tuesday. Japan more than doubled her production in 15 months to produce a total of 5,311,700 tons of ships commenced, launched and completed to Britain's 4,179,000 tons, Lloyd's Register of Shipbuilding showed.

The register gave the following picture of shipbuilding in the two countries for 1956 with 1955 totals in brackets: Japan: Total tonnages commenced 2,038,000 (1,035,000), launched 1,378,000 (1,378,000), completed 1,437,000 (1,322,000). At the end of the last quarter of 1956 there were 328 ships of 2,135,218 tons under construction in Britain, representing 26.48 per cent of the world's total of 8,065,068 tons being built. Japan was constructing 158 ships with a total tonnage of 1,364,190 or 16.91 per cent. Germany was third on the list with 240 ships, 798,722 tons, 9.90 per cent, Italy fourth with 86 ships, 657,529 tons, 8.15 per cent, and Holland fifth with 187 ships, 599,780 tons, 7.44 per cent.



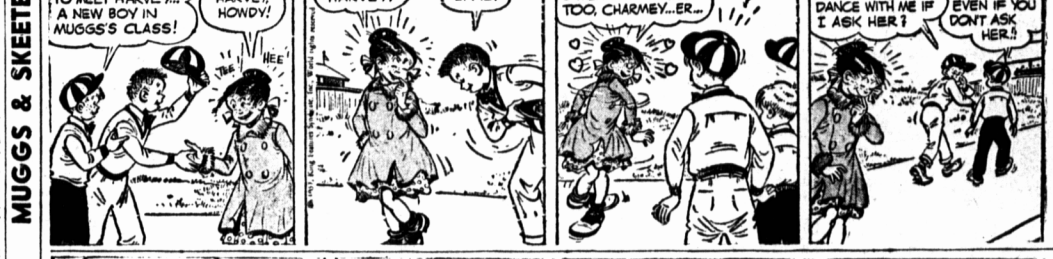
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Busy Beavers Do His Work

HAILEYBURY, Ont. (CP)—Wood and stone carving has always been a hobby for John Belland, 72-year-old mining pioneer. But now he's put beavers to work for him. He is making furniture from cuttings left behind by beavers on lakes and rivers in this northern area.

His simplest creation: An end table, made by setting a two-foot stump, gnawed three-quarters through, on a flat board base and topping it with a round wooden panel. His masterpiece: An attractive and durable chair made from 24 individual cuttings and joined together with five dozen two and three-inch brass screws.

All his products, made for souvenir-seeking "city folks who set me to thinking about uses for cuttings," are finished with varnish. Mr. Belland, a native of Quebec who helped open the mining centre of Cobalt in 1906 and later the mines near Timmins, got his idea for furniture-making four years ago.

Since then he has scoured surrounding lakes and rivers for pieces of gnawed poplar sticks and stumps. He feels smug about being one step ahead of the Indians, who had something of a head start when it comes to making souvenirs. "Indians don't both much with beavers," he said. "Although the squaws are quite clever at handicraft and Indians made souvenirs from the teeth of bears and bones."

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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS: 1. Pale frontiersman, 2. Subdivided, 3. Shave, as leather, 4. Clamor, 5. Supported an argument, 6. Girl's name, 7. Number, 8. A man of 19. Own, 20. Nimble, 21. Newt, 22. Crooked, 23. Understool, 24. Timid, 25. Peninsula (Eur.), 26. Buttonlike fastener, 27. Samarium (sym.), 28. Like asthmatic breathing, 29. Curved line, 30. Lull, 31. Aair, 32. Bar, in weaving, 33. Morning reception, 34. Paradisees, 35. Music cue, 36. Down, 37. Donkey, 38. Capricious, 39. Conceal, 40. Level, 41. Boy's nickname, 42. Animated.

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample 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 CYEU SGJR ICNS MUAS DGCT APME NGII. MUAS BGTM APME WS BGDH GYB BSGDT—IUYFNIIUL. Yesterday's Cryptogram: EVERY MAN'S AFFAIRS, HOWEVER LITTLE, ARE IMPORTANT TO HIMSELF—SAMUEL JOHNSON.

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