

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE FIGHT

Rage is a disordered mind—Senseless, heedless, deaf, and blind.

—Old Motter Nature.

In a lovely spot in the Green Forest where the spring flowers were blooming near a mossy old log, and where some ferns were spreading their green fronds, there was a fight. Two of the handsomest birds in all the Green Forest were fighting. They were Thunder the Grouse, and a young and handsome Grouse who was a complete stranger. Where he had come from Thunder had no idea. But he meant to send him back there. What were they fighting for? Mrs. Grouse knew. They were fighting to win her admiration and love.

Now it is true, as Old Motter Nature says, that rage is senseless, heedless, deaf and blind. Those two fighting birds had neither ears nor eyes for anything or any one but each other. They had forgotten that there

were hungry enemies in the Green Forest. They had forgotten the first law of life in the Green Forest, which is unceasing watchfulness. They were too filled with hate for each other. They were utterly heedless.



Sammy Jay and Blacky the Crow were watching.

Now all this time Mrs. Grouse, in a safe hiding-place very near, was watching so excited that she too had forgotten to listen and watch. But up in a couple of trees from which they were looking on were two who had not forgotten. They were two who never forget. And it is because they never forget that they are perhaps the smartest of all the feathered folk. They were Sammy Jay and Blacky the Crow. They had heard the two fighters drumming before the fight, and knew what that drumming meant. Really it was a quarrel on the air. They had guessed it would lead to a fight. When it did they were right there. They wouldn't have missed it for anything. It is curious how people rush to see a fight.

Now as Sammy and Blacky were watching.

watched the two fighters pounding each other with their stout wings, striking with their spurring feet and stout bills, making feathers fly, they didn't forget to be watching for possible danger. They didn't let excitement make them heedless, or careless. They knew perfectly well that it was quite likely certain hungry enemies might learn of that fight, and try to catch the fighters when they were too occupied with each other to even other to even think of danger.

Some folks do not like Sammy Jay. They say unkind things about him. They say he is noisy, that he steals the eggs of birds smaller than himself, and that he does other things he shouldn't do. They either forget, or they do not know, of the many times he has saved the lives of his neighbors by giving warning of the approach of enemies. More than once he has warned Light-foot the Deer and Mrs. Light-foot of two-legged hunters with dreadful fangs. More than once he has warned Peter Rabbit, Jumper the Hare, and Mrs. Grouse, and Happy Jack Squirrel, and others of the smaller folks, just in time to save them from Reddy Fox, or his cousin Gray Fox or Redtail the Hawk, or some other furred or feathered hunter. He seems to delight in doing this and, of course, that is all to Sammy's credit. It is somewhat the same with Blacky the Crow.

So it was that while Thunder and the young stranger were too occupied with each other, and Mrs. Grouse was too filled with excitement to remember that there is ever such a thing as danger, Sammy Jay and Blacky the Crow were watching.

FREDERICTON SCHOOL

Report of Fredericton School for February and March:

GRADE IX — 1. Jimmie Ross. 2. Albert Weeks.

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Teacher — Mrs. Jennie Cameron

SWEDISH DEFENCE PLANNERS

STOCKHOLM (CP) — A new civil defence plan submitted to Swedish defence authorities contemplates evacuation of cities on a large scale. Under the plan, Stockholm's population in case of attack would be reduced from nearly 800,000 to 50,000, with corresponding evacuations at Gothenburg and Malma. Other places would be left with a maximum of 15,000.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Comb.
- Wool.
- Sooty.
- Measuring stick.
- Estimate.
- Silly.
- Fortify.
- Dwell.
- Endangered.
- Man's nickname.
- Mooshah drum.
- Weird (var.).
- Fencing swords.
- Vehicle.
- Herb of aster family.
- Part of "to be".
- A light javelin (var.).
- To pace again.
- Cover.
- Tilted.
- Worship.
- Conical tent (Am. Ind.).
- Aquatic birds.
- Plant ovule.
- Girl's name.

DOWN

- Kind of wine.
- Feminine of "alumnus".
- Large roofing slate.
- Coloring agent.
- Cooked in fat.
- Ladders in stockings.
- Girl's name.
- Painfully sensitive pipe again.
- Lizard (Old World).
- Full of reeds.
- Set free.
- Incite.
- Crown.
- Serf.
- Bitter vetch.
- Unit of weight (gems).
- Rugged mountain crests.
- To pipe again.
- Eskimo houses.
- Heaps of stones used as landmarks.
- Assistants.
- Performed.
- Toward the lee.
- White linen robe (Eccl.).
- Female deer.

Yesterday's Answer

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR = 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

DPT BPTLF UIL HMLLR KWMTA URNJB UIL BPTLF LOPL HMLLR FLWJTE—OJHDF.

Yesterday's Cryptquote: MINTONS TOO GREAT ARGUE A KING TOO WEAK—DANIEL

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

HIS OWN FAULT

South's defeat in the following hand, played at a slam, was only partly due to the shrewd defense he encountered—his own slip was the conclusive factor.

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♥	Pass

West opened the club king. Dummy's ace was played, and declarer decided (correctly) to establish his own heart suit. He cashed the ace and king, then led the heart jack. When West played low without any revealing hesitation, declarer ruffed the trick in dummy, quite willing for East to over-ruff. East wisely concluded (also without hesitation) that over-ruffing dummy's eight would simply make matters easier for declarer, so he meekly discarded a diamond. Thereupon South returned to his own diamond king and ruffed away West's heart queen with dummy's ten of trumps. This time East discarded a club. South now cashed the spade ace, but since he had to get back to his own hand to draw trumps, he soon found himself in trouble. He ruffed a club and cashed the spade king, but this left him with only two trumps, the J-9, against East's Q-5, and there was no way to keep East from making his low trump as well as the queen. If South led a trump, East would win and return a club; and if South led a red card, East would ruff with his low trump.

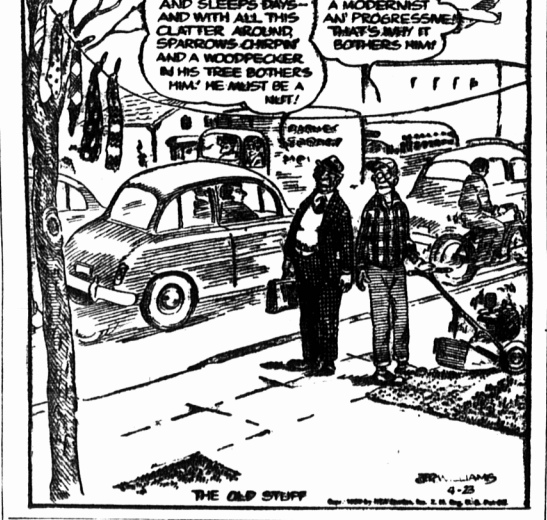
South's plan of play was all right up to but not including his second heart ruff with the trump ten. If he had ruffed that trick with the ace, then led the trump ten and overtook it with the jack, he could have continued trumps, knocking out East's queen and maintaining full control of the play.

WE RENT

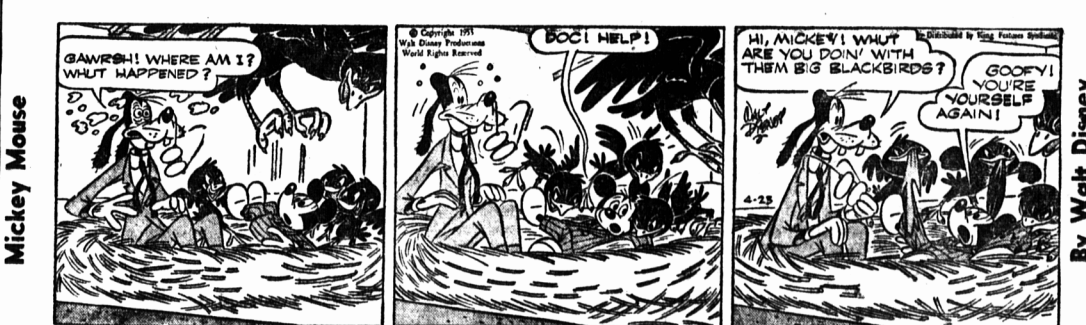
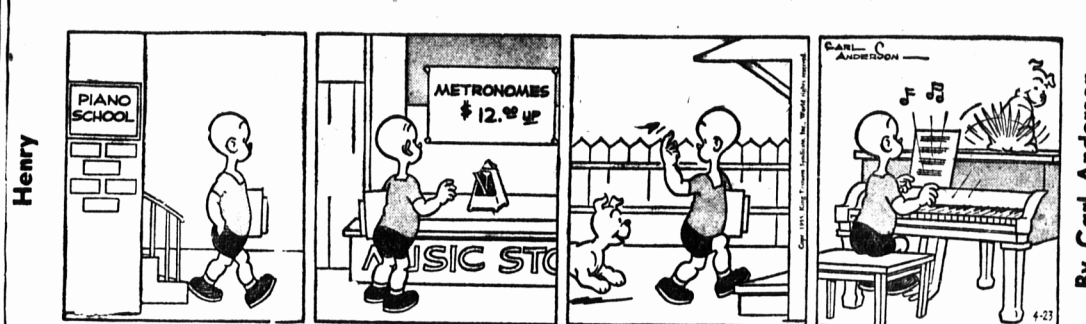
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