

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

## YOUNG GREDDY HAS A LESSON

Each has his own peculiar skill. With which his destiny to fill. —Old Mother Nature.

Young Reddy Fox lay in the grass where he could look out at the Smiling Pool, and see in the moonlight what might be going on around him. He had just seen Bobby Coon come out from the bushes at the head of the Smiling Pool, and along the bank to an old log that lay partly in the water. He had gone out on this and now was at the end of it looking down into the water where the reflection of a star twinkled. Could that be that what the big Coon was so interested in?

Bobby crouched and leaned over. There were only a couple of inches of water at the end of the old log. Bobby thrust an arm down in. "What is he doing that for?" wondered the young Fox.

In a moment he found out. Bobby Coon made a quick motion. Then he was backing off the old log, and he had a frog. Yes, sir, in one hand he held a frog. From his hiding place in the grass, Young Reddy watched Bobby eat that frog. It reminded him that he was hungry. In fact, it made his mouth water a little for he too had a liking for frogs when he could catch them.

"Now how did that fellow know there was a frog down there?" wondered the young Fox. "I didn't see any frog dive in there." Having eaten the frog, Bobby Coon started along the shore. He was walking in the water. At a place where the bank overhung a little Bobby stopped. He reached in under the bank.



Bobby waded in a few steps, then reached down in the mud.

"Now, what is he doing that for? What does he think he'd find in there?" thought the young fox. Just a moment later he found out. Bobby Coon pulled out a crayfish. It isn't a real fish at all. It is what you might call a fresh water lobster. Anyway, it is a cousin of the lobster who lives in salt water, but lives in fresh water instead. Once more, Bobby Coon made the mouth of the young fox water. He never had tasted a crayfish, but he felt sure he would

## Pioneer Days In 'E.L.

By F. H. MacArthur

"How were the catches in those days?" I queried. "And the price per pound?"

Lobsters then were very numerous," continued the story teller. "You know, they are regular cannibals, often eating each other up when they are young out shells, and lobster spawn is a favorite dish of the biting tribe; so, you see, with one enemy or another, always pursuing the youngsters, one often wonders how any of them manages to escape."

"When a lobster shed its shell, how does it protect its tender body?" I questioned. "It finds itself a nice soft mud bed and stays there till a new shell is grown, which takes quite a while. I am not prepared to say just how long it does take. You could find any amount of empty shells or bones lying about the shore, and farmers often spread these on their fields for fertilizer."

"Besides catching them in traps, we used to hunt 'em under the rocks along the shore, when the tide was out. 'Rock fishing' as we called it, often yielded good results. We'd drag the big fellows up with a stick or a fork and then toss 'em into a cart to be 'auled to the factory.'"

"Does a lobster shed its shell every year?" I ventured, "or is that just another fable?"

"Not every year," replied the shore fisherman. "But they do shed their shells every year for several seasons, then they retain the casing permanently, or until they are forced to give them up over the dinner table or at the factory."

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During the fifteen years that the Rev. Francis Metherell lived at the Vernon River, a very strong at-

achment had grown up between himself and the residents of that place. He had instructed them in religious matters, and taught them how to obtain the lasting riches. They had sympathized with him in his many hardships, and had given him some of their meagre possessions; for there were times when the parsonage cupboard was as bare as Mother Hubbard's.

On a certain occasion when guests were expected at the manse, the supply of flour was exhausted, the last loaf eaten. How were the strangers to be fed?

## CONSIDER RECOGNITION

OTTAWA (CP)—Recognition of the new Argentine government is under consideration, the external affairs department said Monday. The department did not elaborate. Recognition hinges on whether the government of provisional president Maj.-Gen. Eduardo Lonardi is considered to hold effective control of Argentina. Lonardi led the revolt which ousted dictator Juan Peron, who is fleeing to Uruguay.

## Our Boarding House Major Hoople



THIS IS ALL YOURS, MAJOR! YOU CARRY FREIGHT PEOPLE, ANYTHING YOU CAN JAM ON! MY NAME'S MORRISSEY—I'M SUPERINTENDENT! BY THE WAY, YOU'RE HALF A LOAD OF CARGO ALL BY YOURSELF! FREIGHT? GREAT CAESAR!

## CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

### ALL CONTRACTS ARE IMPORTANT

IT IS TO be feared that "social" bridge players are more interested in the sensational aspects of bridge—slams, redoubled contracts and the like—than in pure theory and technique. For example, in some games there is a general agreement to "throw in" all deals on which the contract is only for a part-score! The obvious implication is, of course, that the players can't be bothered trying to make or defeat such an "unimportant" contract as one spade, for example.

This is scarcely a good way to improve one's game! Any contract may hold great interest, and even as a matter of competition the one-spade contract that was about to be thrown in might have been defeated two or three hundred points. Moreover, if the hand is played out as it should be, it may be found that instead of bowing out to the one-spade contract, the opponents should have done some spirited bidding on their own account. In short, only by playing the game seriously, without home-made "rules," can the fullness of bridge be appreciated. Let's look at a typical part-score deal:

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

♠ Q74  
♥ 63  
♦ A52  
♣ A10943

♠ KJ5  
♥ KJ  
♦ KQ74  
♣ J862

♠ A1096  
♥ 72  
♦ J883  
♣ K5

♠ 82  
♥ A Q 109854  
♦ 106  
♣ Q7

The bidding:  
West North East South  
1♣ Pass 1♠ 2♥  
Pass Pass Pass (!)

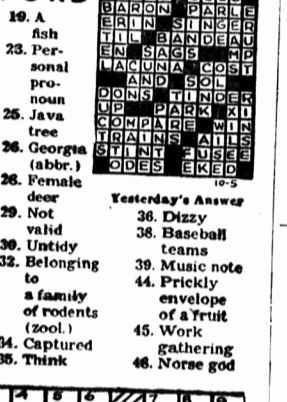
South made exactly two hearts, whereas East could have made at least three spades even if he guessed wrong about the spade queen.

Perhaps East would have been more energetic if West had happened to bid a diamond instead of a club, but West could hardly foresee that point, and it would be unfair to criticize his actual selection, which was intended to hide weakness if his side bought the contract. West's opening bid, whatever it was, was so weak that he could not afford to give East a free raise of spades over two hearts.

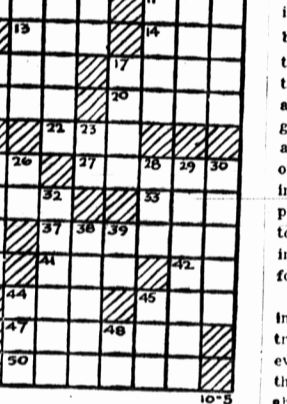
East, however, should have rebid his suit, not because he could entertain great hopes of "going anywhere," but simply because he had too much to sell out so cheaply.

## DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1. An abundance (colloq.)
  7. Sleeveless garment (Arab.)
  10. Wagon wheel mark
  11. Something to chew
  12. Portion of a curved line
  13. Damp
  14. Constellation
  15. Tefturium (sym.)
  16. Male adults
  17. Half a quart
  18. Variety of precious stone
  20. Poker stake
  21. Man's name
  22. Demand, as for a price
  24. Contract, as the shoulders
  27. Rockgarden plant
  31. Knave of clubs (Loo)
  33. Single unit
  34. Roman garment
  37. Except that
  40. Sacred bull (Egypt.)
  41. Narrow inlet
  42. Bone (anat.)
  43. Young goat
  44. Storage place
  45. Purchase
  46. Finish
  47. Not even
  49. Marshal of France (1804)
- DOWN
1. Like an eagle
  2. Grampus
  3. Note of the scale
  4. Let down
  5. Leveled
  6. Place
  7. Once more
  8. Scorched
  9. To daunt
  10. (archaic) Volume of maps
  11. Greek letter
  12. Glass in a window
  19. A fish
  23. Personal pronoun
  25. Java tree
  26. Georgia (abbr.)
  28. Female deer
  29. Not valid
  30. Untidy
  32. Belonging to a family of rodents (zool.)
  34. Captured
  35. Think
  36. Dizzy
  38. Baseball teams
  39. Music note
  44. Prefix, as in a family of rodents (zool.)
  45. Work gathering
  46. Norse god



Yesterday's Answer



## DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it: AXFDLBAAXE 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, and hints. Each day the code letters are different.

## A Cryptogram Quotation

XMRZJTZ MX LYZ UEDMLACQ SW LEAZ DWZTTLMSJ—XYZEMQDJ.

Walter's Cryptograms: I HAVE LIVED A COURTYER ALL MY DAYS, AND STUDIED MEN, THEIR MANNERS, AND THEIR WAYS.—POPE.

## NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Hazelbrook Dairying Co. Ltd., will be held at or near the factory Wednesday, October 12th, 1955 at 8 p.m.

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