



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

PETER AND JERRY DISAGREE

Good or bad depends on you, How you feel or what you do. —Old Mother Nature

The Smiling Pool was covered with a sheet of ice. There had been snow, but there was none now and the ice looked almost like still black water. Peter Rabbit had gone over to the Smiling Pool from the dear Old Briar-patch. Of course he had no real business there. But Peter is one of those folks who seldom have any business anywhere. Folks who do not work usually are that way. Happy-go-lucky Peter isn't a worker. He had gone over to the Smiling Pool just out of idle curiosity.



"Oh, it's you!" cried Peter. "You course it's me. Why else did you think it might be?" replied Jerry Muskrat.

"I didn't think," replied Peter. "Do you ever think?" asked Jerry. This wasn't at all nice of him.

Peter pretended not to notice it. "I don't like this cold weather, do you?" said Peter.

"Yes," replied Jerry Muskrat. "I certainly do."

"What?" cried Peter. "Do you mean to tell me that you like hard times?"

"Who says these are hard times?" squeaked Jerry. His voice is always squeaky.

"I do," said Peter. "Everybody does."

Jerry Muskrat shook his head. "Not everybody," said he. "I don't. Johnny Chuck doesn't."

"Johnny Chuck doesn't count. He's asleep," said Peter.

"If he's asleep he certainly isn't finding these hard times," squeaked Jerry. "I don't believe Happy Jack Squirrel is finding these hard times, nor is his cousin Chatterer the Red Squirrel."

Peter hesitated. He didn't know just what to say. "Perhaps you are right," said he finally. "I don't suppose those who have plenty to eat really have a hard time just because the weather is cold."

Jerry Muskrat swam over to the edge of the ice and climbed out. He shook the water from his coat. Peter shivered. He could not swim in icy water and then climb out in a bitter cold wind, and

SOUTH MILTON W. I.

The December meeting of South Milton W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Russell Coles. The meeting opened with carol singing followed by the Creed in unison. Roll call was answered by nine members, passing in an article for the committee. Four visitors were present. Reports were given by the Treasurer and several committees. Correspondence relating to the W. I. was read and discussed.

Committees to look after the school Christmas treat and Christmas remembrances to sick and shut-ins were appointed as follows: Mrs. Stanley Curtis, Mrs. Stanley Froude, Mrs. Gerald Hooper and Mrs. Albert Piercey.

Following the usual business an auction of attractive, useful articles took place, proceeds of same were almost \$14.00.

The January meeting will be held at the Rectory. Roll call will be answered by telling an interesting fact about Ceylon. Lunch committee will be as follows: Mrs. Russell Coles, Mrs. Fulton Willis, Mrs. Dan McLean and Miss Addie Moore.

Following the serving of lunch by hostess and committee in charge the meeting closed with "The Queen."

Retires From Canadian Navy

OTTAWA (CP) — When John Grant Knowlton was a boy of nine in Saint John, N.B., he decided he wanted to be a sailor.

Rear-Admiral Knowlton, now 52, today ends a 38-year naval career, one of the most distinguished in the history of the Royal Canadian Navy.

"If I had the choice, I'd do the same thing all over again," said Thursday in an interview in his second-floor office in the defence department.

The navy wanted Admiral Knowlton to stay on as chief of technical services, a job he has held for nearly nine years, but he wanted to retire to get in some quiet fishing.

Our Boarding House Major Hoopie



Believe It or Not!



STRANGE BUT TRUE

By F. H. MacArthur

The amazing tale of a life saved through mental telepathy recently was told to this scribe by one of our oldest citizens, whom I shall name Robert Brown.

Thomas and Henry were farmers and worked in the same district in the County of Kings. Thomas' wife had left him as the result of a bitter quarrel and, alone in his farm home near Mitchell River, he felt deserted and badly in need of companionship. Hearing that Henry's wife and children had gone to Charlottetown on a visit, Thomas invited Henry to have dinner with him at his home. Although neighbors of many years, this was the first time they'd been together in the same house.

The two men talked about the weather, politics, farming problems, and what not until quite a late hour. Then Henry left for his home, taking a short cut through the fields and Thomas lighted his pipe and looked over some bills which were overdue because that year the crops had been below standard and money was about as scarce as hen's teeth.

A short time later he put out the lamp and fell asleep and the still alive pipe slipped from his hand and the burning tobacco spilled over the bedclothes and on the sheep's skin that lay beside the bed.

He dreamed that he was trapped in a fire and that he was shouting loudly for help. It seemed to him that his neighbor Henry was the only person who could save him and he called for his neighbor to come quickly.

At this time Henry was home and in bed but not asleep. Suddenly, he said later, he felt an overwhelming urge to return to Thomas' house. He tried to shake off the feeling but just couldn't, somehow. Like an automaton, he got out of bed and retraced his steps back to the Thomas farm. He found Thomas fast asleep in a blazing bed. He had arrived only in time to rescue him from certain death.

In the near future I shall have other stories for my readers covering the field of telepathic rescue. History is full of such strange occurrences, and many of them have had their setting right here in the Garden of the Gulf!

Was the battleship Maine foredoomed? Read on and then judge for yourself.

The Maine was tied up in the Brooklyn Navy Yard. It was a misty afternoon in November. The east wind bit cold and damp as Col. Cromwell Stacey boarded the ship.

His friend Sergeant Wagner was on deck, to greet him.

"Wonderful ship, ey?" the sergeant said proudly.

"Everything is ship shape on this ship."

A feeling of uneasiness cut across the other's heart as he followed his friend to the stateroom. What is it? He felt as if the walls were crushing him. Then turning to his friend he said, "Let's get out of here. I just can't take it, somehow." The sergeant looked at him in surprise. "Why say that?"

"I can't explain it... but I wouldn't sail on her for all the gold in Alaska!"

Sergeant Wagner laughed loud and long. "The only way one could be trapped in a stateroom would be by a shell or torpedo in battle."

So saying the two parted company, and Col. Stacey never saw his friend again. Why? Because the Maine was ordered to Havana. The rest is history. As she lay in harbor an explosion sank her at 9:30 p.m. Sergeant Wagner was in his stateroom at the time. The door jammed and he was drowned.

CONTRACT BRIDGE
By Josephine Culbertson

HE DEFEATED HIMSELF

In the following hand South lost an outstanding opportunity at the very first trick.

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

♠ A Q
♥ K 3 0
♦ A 10 7 5 4 3
♣ K 9 8

♠ J 10 9 8
♥ 2 8 7 4
♦ K 7 6
♣ 5

♠ K 7 6 4 3
♥ A J 6 5 3
♦ Q 9
♣ 4 2

The bidding:
South West North East
4 Pass 5 Pass
Pass Pass 5 Pass

Later, mournfully discussing the hand, North said that he had deliberately underbid when he raised to only five clubs, so as to be sure of cashing in the game. "I might as well have bid a slam," he said bitterly. "At least we would have had the chance for a real killing."

This, however, was not a thoughtful observation. The five-club contract had been excellent—it was only South's lack of imagination that ruined it.

If West had happened to lead a heart, South could have blamed the result on fate, but West actually opened the spade jack, which should have put quite a different face on the matter. However, South promptly played dummy's spade ace, drew the outstanding trump, and led a diamond toward dummy, his intention being to pass the trick to East. West, however, put in the diamond jack, and when declarer went up with the ace and returned a diamond, West overtook his own partner's queen to shift to hearts. Declarer scarcely flinched as he held two or more spades, and so it was clear to West that the only hope was to get two heart tricks. Obviously, the heart shift defeated the contract.

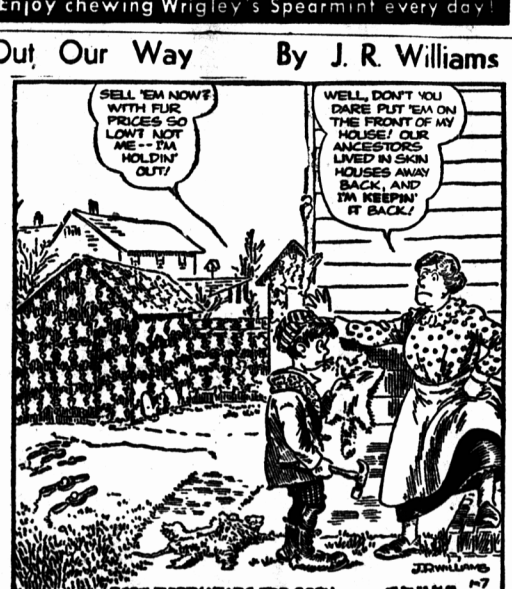
A finesse at Trick 1 would have been a safety play for South. What if East did capture the spade queen? South could discard a diamond on the spade ace and in that way make sure that West could never get in again for the shift to hearts. Then two diamond ruffs would establish the suit, and dummy had plenty of trump entries.

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Out Our Way By J. R. Williams



DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS:
1. Point of land
5. Male red deer
6. Inflammatory
10. Before (naut.)
12. Falls to win
13. Boy's name
14. Female sheep
15. Frolics
16. Biblical mount
19. Antiquated
21. Provinces (Gr.)
26. Heathen deities
27. Summon forth
28. Proofreader's mark
29. More rational
30. Kind of thread
32. Treachery
35. Flap
39. Fruit of the oak
40. Apportion
42. Legislative assembly (Scand.)
44. Ventilated
45. Metallic rocks
46. Compensates
DOWN:
1. Bird
2. One who assesses property
3. American poet

4. Half ems
8. Bliss
9. Southwest wind
7. Method of learning
8. Woody perennial
9. Malt beverage
11. Bitter vetch
15. South America (abbr.)
17. Little island
18. Young birds
19. Egyptian measure
20. Girl's name
22. Elliptical
23. Penultimate
24. Piece out
25. Varying weight (Ind.)
31. Neuter pronoun
32. Dative (abbr.)
33. Reverberate
34. Coconut husk fiber
35. A sea eagle
37. God of war
38. Bottom of a river
40. Juice of plants
41. Hawk-parrot (So. Am.)

*Yesterday's Answer

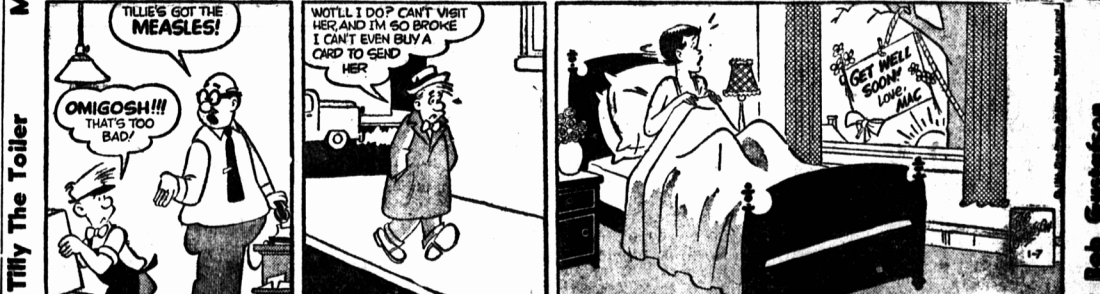
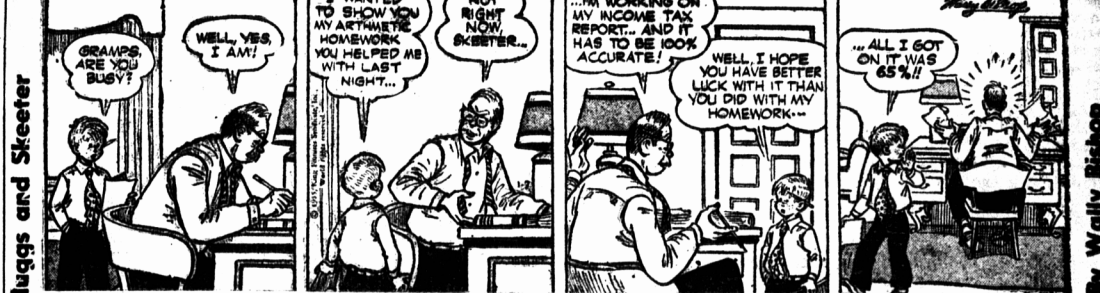
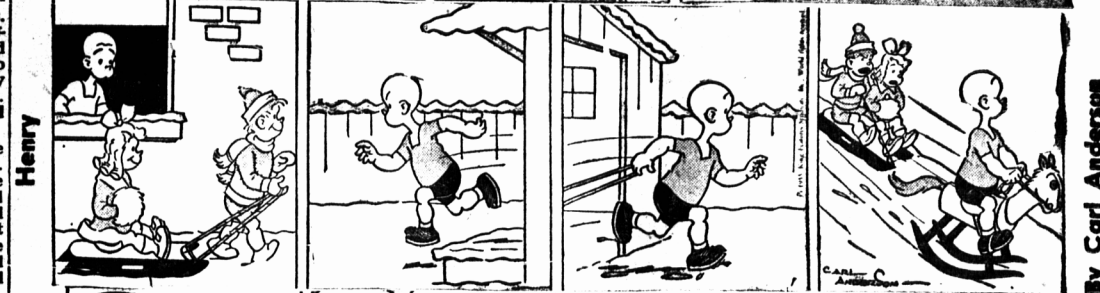
1. BIRD
2. ONE WHO ASSESSES PROPERTY
3. AMERICAN POET
4. HALF EMS
5. POINT OF LAND
6. INFLAMMATORY
7. METHOD OF LEARNING
8. WOODY PERENNIAL
9. MALT BEVERAGE
10. BEFORE (NAUT.)
11. BITTER VETCH
12. FALLS TO WIN
13. BOY'S NAME
14. FEMALE SHEEP
15. SOUTH AMERICA (ABBR.)
16. BIBLICAL MOUNT
17. LITTLE ISLAND
18. YOUNG BIRDS
19. EGYPTIAN MEASURE
20. GIRL'S NAME
21. PROVINCES (GR.)
22. ELLIPTICAL
23. PENULTIMATE
24. PIECE OUT
25. VARYING WEIGHT (IND.)
26. HEATHEN DEITIES
27. SUMMON FORTH
28. PROOFREADER'S MARK
29. MORE RATIONAL
30. KIND OF THREAD
31. NEUTER PRONOUN
32. DATIVE (ABBR.)
33. REVERBERATE
34. COCONUT HUSK FIBER
35. A SEA EAGLE
37. GOD OF WAR
38. BOTTOM OF A RIVER
40. JUICE OF PLANTS
41. HAWK-PARROT (SO. AM.)

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it: **AXYDLBAAXR** 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 are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotator
K P H G H J E M G G H O K X, H Y M L N
T M Y F P H M Y M V G M T H X P I Y M P
P M O X G M J X P H J X G O G Y M O -
P D C T A X N C I.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: NOTHING WAS BORN; NOTHING WILL DIE; ALL THINGS WILL CHANGE—TENNYSON.



Drive out ACHE

MINARD'S LINIMENT