BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

The Warning of Little Friend

The danger that you least suspect,
Is always hardest to detect.
—Old Mother Nature.

What Old Mother Nature says is true. The reverse of it also is true. A danger you are sure of often proves to be no danger at all. Snowfoot and Tinkle, the two little Wood Mice who had come to live under the roots of the big hickory tree beside the Smiling Pool were round-eyed with wonder and almost disbelief. They had seen something happen that they were still having hard work to believe had happened. Little Friend the Song Sparrow was a neighbor with whom they had made friends. They told him about it. They had to tell someone.

"Whoever saw a stick run away!" exclaimed Little Friend a bit scornfully.

"What do you think we saw just now? cried Tinkle Mouse, when Little Friend lighted near them.

"By the way you two look it must have been something exciting," replied Little Friend.

"It was. We saw a stick come to life and run away. If that isn't exciting I don't know what is," declared Snowfoot.

"Whoever saw a stick run away!" exclaimed Little Friend a bit scornfully.

"We did!" cried the two little Mice together.

"Tell me about it," said the little Sparrow. There was a twinkle in his bright eyes, but the excited little Mice didn't see it.

"It was long and straight and black," said Tinkle Mouse.

"It was very small at one end," added Snowfoot.

"It wasn't like any stick we had ever seen before," said Tinkle Mouse.

"Where did it go?" asked Little Friend. The twinkle was no longer in his bright little eyes. There was a worried look instead.

"It went off along a little path through the grass. It had no legs, but it ran away," said Tinkle Mouse.

The twinkle came back for a moment in Little Friend's eyes.

"Did you ever see a stick with legs?" he asked.

The little Mice looked as if they felt a bit foolish. Probably they did. "Anyway, it ran away," repeated Snowfoot.

"What a lucky pair you are!" exclaimed the little bird in the brown coat.

"How are we lucky?" demanded Snowfoot. His voice was squeaky and a bit sharp. He suspected Little Friend was making fun of them.

"That wasn't a stick. That was Mr. Blacksnake. If he had seen you, you wouldn't be here now. He didn't see you and that is how you were lucky. You better keep watch for him and if he comes back keep out of his sight. There is nothing that fellow likes better for dinner than a fat Mouse unless it is a tender young bird or a nestful of eggs," explained Little Friend as he looked about in the grass on all sides.

The two little Mice looked as frightened as they felt. Does he live around here?" Snowfoot asked.

"Not unless he has come back here lately," replied Little Friend. "He did live around here for a while, but I haven't seen him for some time."

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Many years ago Minetta Brook flowed through the marsh that is now Washington Square, in New York City's picturesque Greenwich Village. The turbulent little stream refused to die when the city filled in the marsh. The brook found a subterranean track where it again sees the light of day in a village hotel lobby. A pretty fountain honors it — the only known monument erected to a brook. A sign by the fountain reads: "Minetta Brook — flowing under Greenwich Village till memory had made it a legend. The waters of Minetta again meet the eye through this fountain as the spirit of the Manhattan rises to greater glory."

The "Do-it-yourself advocates" now warn the public that serious hazards may trap the novice, for instance, careless tinkering could cause fatal electric shocks on ladders made of aluminum, be blown up by wood or varnish dust, poisoned by insecticides, incinerated in beds having fancy plastic trims, or maimed by power tools.

Over 10,000 persons in the U.S. and Canada each year suffer disabling injuries while doing their own repairs.

Those receiving minor injuries runs into big figures: 115,000 a year injured by trying to do their own carpenter repairs; 98,729 had accidents while replacing broken window panes, 95,000 came to grief while painting exteriors, and 57,000 while replacing damaged spouting.

Almost half of the population of Holland rely on bicycles as a means of getting from one place to another.

Monroe Reeves, 24, of Detroit, Michigan, too matters into his own hands when he got tired of waiting for a bus recently. He walked to a nearby bus barn, selected a city owned bus and drove away.

His story in court was that he borrowed the bus because he wanted to get home in a hurry. He was convicted of driving a bus minus a permit and sentence was suspended.

The Royal Naval College, Britannica, at Dartmouth, England, this year celebrates its golden jubilee.

CHAPLIN PLANS FILM

NICE, France (AP) — Charlie Chaplin arrived here by air from Geneva Thursday and told reporters he is going to make a film in England this winter about an imaginary king. It won't be an old cane-and-derby-hat type, he said, but it will be a comedy.

CHILD BURIED

SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. (AP) A six-year-old girl was buried alive and suffocated Thursday when a bulldozer pushed eight feet of dirt onto her. Christine Dodd was playing on a mound of dirt at a housing development site about 40 yards to the rear of her home when the bulldozer pushed another pile of dirt over the edge and buried her.

Canadian Order of Foresters

A special meeting of Canadian Order of Foresters, to be held at The Charlottetown Hotel Tuesday night, August 30th, 8 p.m.

The High Court officials will be in attendance.

All members requested to attend.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

A COSTLY BIT OF CARELESSNESS

East's apparently inconsequential play to the first trick in the following hand cost his side three tricks, and over 1100 points.

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable

	♠ Q 8 3 ♥ 10 7 6 2 ♦ A Q J 8 2 ♣ A	
♠ 9 7 ♥ J 5 3 ♦ 6 4 ♣ K Q J 8 3 2	N W E S	♠ 10 6 5 4 2 ♥ A 9 8 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ 9 4
	♠ A K J ♥ K Q 4 ♦ 10 9 3 ♣ 10 7 6 5	

The bidding

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West, not being gifted with second sight, could scarcely know that dummy would come down with the blank ace of clubs, and so he opened the club king rather than his fourth-highest club.

East, without giving the matter a passing thought, played his club four on the first trick—and with that single play wrecked the defense. Declarer entered his hand with a spade and let the diamond ten ride. East won and returned the club nine, but South had nothing to gain by covering, and when he played low, West was blocked. He overtook the nine with the queen, but when he then cashed the club jack, he was finished. (If West had not overtaken the club nine, his side would have made even fewer tricks.)

A little thought on East's part might have shown him the wisdom of unblocking the club nine on dummy's blank ace. South's two-notrump bid indicated that West could scarcely have an entry outside of the club suit, and so the defensive chance, if any, clearly depended on West's being able to run quite a few clubs. Under no circumstances could it do East any good to keep the club nine, but it might be extremely effective to keep the club four. Obviously West's suit had been headed by K-Q-J or K-Q-10. In the latter event, with South holding at least four clubs to the jack, no defense could avail, but if West had the better holding and also held the all-important eight, it was vital for East to lead the four of clubs, not the nine, through the closed hand.

Our Boarding House — Major Hoople

Out Our Way — By J. R. Williams

DAILY CROSSWORD

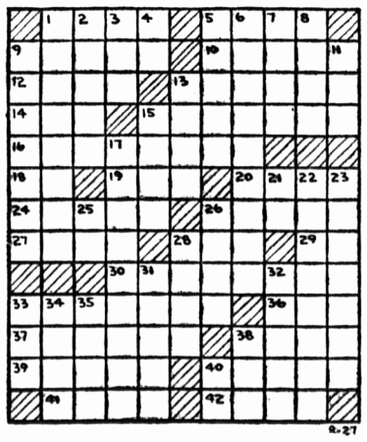
Yesterday's Answer

ACROSS

1. French city
5. Native of Scotland
9. Linger
10. Circles of light
12. Epochs
13. Small, natural beauty spot
14. Steal
15. Weirdest
16. Aquatic rodents
18. Part of "to be"
19. Electrically charged atom
20. Spheres
24. Appendages
26. Girls' name
27. Patron saint of sailors
28. Before
29. The home of Abraham (Bib.)
30. Selecting
33. Remaining
36. Feminine pronoun
37. Punctured as by a thorn
38. Hindu month (Sept.-Oct.)
39. Sing. as a Swiss mountaineer (var.)
40. Mature person
41. Golf mounds
42. Having toes

DOWN

1. Jovial revelry
2. Natives of Arabia
3. Bitter vetch
4. New York (abbr.)
5. Outer garment
6. Women's dressing jackets
7. Leather flask for oil
8. Sanskrit schools (India)
9. White ant
11. Clique
13. University officer
15. God of love
17. A unit equal to 1,000 cycles
21. International language
22. Queen won by Siegfried
23. American artist
25. I am (contracted)
26. Leaping amphibian
28. Ages
31. Tramps
32. Put into circulation
33. Enemy scout
34. Jog
35. Assistant
38. Fuss
40. Close to



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is 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, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

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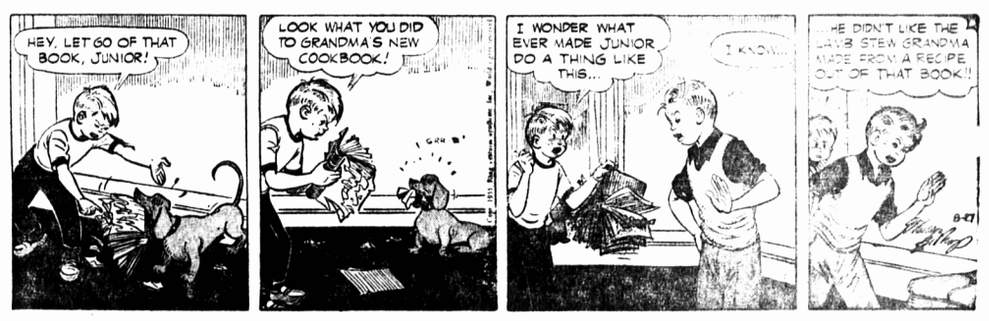
Yesterday's Cryptoquote—THE APPLAUSE OF LISTENING SENATES TO COMMAND—GRAY.