BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

IN THE NICK OF TIME

To be in time is all that counts. The lapse of time to naught a-..mounts.

THUNDERER THE Grouse.

What Thunderer means is that it really makes no difference when you have an appointment or have something to do if you are on hand a long time before or if you get there or do what you have to do with little or no time to spare, the only thing that really counts is being on time.

One of Thunderer's well-grown children had been hurt by a hunter with a dreadful gun. The young Grouse couldn't fly. That was because one wing had been hurt. Mother Grouse had taken him over to the most lonesome gloomy part of the Green Forest because she was sure that no one would look for a Grouse there. Only Hooty the Owl and Mrs. Hooty lived there. Because they lived there was one reason no one else did. So smart Mrs. Grouse knew that that was the safest place for the young Grouse. The big Owls would not expect anyone to be living close to them and so would do no hunting there.

Mrs. Grouse was right. The Grouse found that it was just so. In the daytime those big Owls were sleepy. When the Black Shadows came they started out hunting, always at a distance. The young Grouse became less and less afraid. He boldly hunted food by day, and at night he felt perfectly safe in a big hemlock tree with banches gowing so close to the ground that he could hop up from one to another as if he were going up stairs.

Mother came every night to sleep in the same tree with him. Sometimes during the day she left him alone while she went to be with other members of the flock, his brothers and sisters. His father, Thunderer, knew all about what had happened and kept a watchful eye on the young Grouse when mother wasn't near. So it happened that one morning he saw the young Grouse carelessly come out in the open instead of keeping under the branches of the trees. He had forgotten to be afraid. That is a mistake that no one should ever make. If people didn't forget to be afraid there wouldn't be so many accidents as there are every day.

It was a dull dark morning. Hooty the Owl had had poor luck in hunting during the night. Long after daylight he was still looking for a dinner, or perhaps it would be better to say breakfast. He doesn't like bright sunlight, but he often does hunt on dark gloomy days. The young Grouse had forgotten to see if Hooty was on his usual perch. So it was that when Thunderer came over to that part of the Green Forest to see if the young Grouse was all right, he saw at once that while Mrs. Hooty was on her usual perch Hooty was nowhere to be seen.

Then he saw the young Grouse carelessly come right out in the open. He knew that at any moment Hooty might return. If he did he would be sure to see the young Grouse. What to do? He was still too far away to give a danger call. There was only one thing he could do and he did it. He took to his stout wings, making a startling roar with them. Grouse are famous for doing that. Every other Grouse hearing it would know that he was flying from danger. That roar of wings was a danger signal. Hearing it, the young Grouse dodged back under cover. He was in the nick of time. For he was hardly out of sight when Hooty lighted on his usual perch.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By F. H. MacArthur

If figures don't lie, how is it that a few monthly bills ranging from $3.47 to $13.82 add up to $250?

Maybe you haven't heard about them, but there are ant skyscrapers this side of Africa.

These amazing apartment houses for thousands of ants can be seen by roadsides, wooded clearings, or along the fringe of abandoned fields many places in the eastern half of the United States.

An ant city of more than 100 huge mounds — one of them towering 15 feet high — existed for more than a century near Lutherville, Md. A housing development in recent years wiped out all of them except one lone hill.

Ant "engineers" use great skill in constructing these mounds. In addition to the many living chambers and tunnels above ground, they build more under the surface and hibernate in them in winter.

Many entrances dot the sides of the mound and lead into interior rooms. Each entrance has a slight overhang which protects the passageway from rain.

Water is led away from the mound through drainage tunnels dug by the ants. Flooding of the skyscraper would hardly take place, however, because of the exterior mound covering of twigs, sand, and clay baked into a hard surface by the sun.

Observers of these occupied ant hills, notice that the southern exposure is usually free of any vegetation while the north side may sometimes have grass on it. The sunny side of the mound is the scene of the greatest activity and thus the ants keep it clear of extraneous growths. The grass on the north side is probably of use to the ant builders in thatching the steeper slope in that direction.

The ants use their powerful clipper-like jaws and exuding formic acid, which effectively kills weeds, to get rid of undesirable vegetation.

In many a case the person who looks on both sides of a question with an open mind winds up by sitting on the fence.

The letter carrier who goes for a walk on a holiday has nothing on the college profesor who is trying to educate a monkey in his spare time.

For 75 years a white-bearded, little man in flowing robes and horn-rimmed glasses has threaded his way seriously through the politics of Morocco.

His experience stretches from the murderous tribal wars of 60 years ago through German, British, and French disputes to the present French protectorate.

Now, 108-year-old Haj Mohammed El Mokri serves his country as grand vizier — a post hard to define but likely to last, despite his advanced age.

Each morning the old man walks haltingly along the tiled open passageways of the palace to the sultan's chambers. There he reports on the affairs of the day, a task reasonably important because the sultan seldom ventures outside his palace.

The grand vizier's job also includes the day-to-day administration of Moroccan affairs. With the politeness of a Bedouin chieftain, he sees streams of callers.

He never lets his official duties interfere with Moslem prayers or household problems. He rises early and retires only after the last call to prayer.

Rheumatism occasionally bothers El Mokri, but he is otherwise possessed of good health.

Most of our suspicions of others are aroused by what we know of ourselves.

TUESDAY, DEC. 6
TELEVISION
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Television Programme

Channel 2

2:00 p.m.—F. M. Concert Hall
3:00 p.m.—Florian Zabach
3:30 p.m.—At Home with Helen Crocker
4:30 p.m.—Today with Arlene Holder
4:45 p.m.—Uncle Jack at the Piano
5:00 p.m.—Magic of Music
5:30 p.m.—Howdy Doody
6:00 p.m.—Barbie's Scrapbook
6:[illegible] p.m.—CKCW—TV News
6:40 p.m.—Weather
6:45 p.m.—Sports
—CJC News
7:00 p.m.—People Are Funny
7:30 p.m.—Adventures of Robin Hood
8:00 p.m.—Chevy Show
9:00 p.m.—Dragnet
9:30 p.m.—Pick the Stars
10:00 p.m.—Citizens Forum
10:30 p.m.—Jimmy Durante
11:00 p.m.—CKCW—TV News
11:10 p.m.—Weather
11:15 p.m.—I'm From Arkansas
12:15 p.m.—Sign Off

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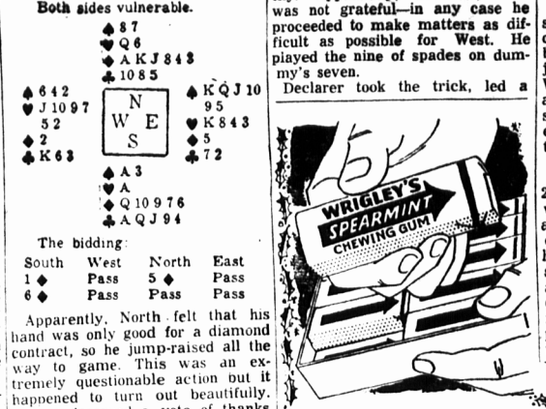
CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

NOT ALWAYS THE BEST

The academically correct play may not be the best play in every situation. Consider this case:

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.



The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Apparently, North felt that his hand was only good for a diamond contract, so he jump-raised all the way to game. This was an extremely questionable action but it happened to turn out beautifully.

West deserved a vote of thanks from his partner for opening the only suit that could give the defenders a chance, namely a spade. Obviously, if West had led a heart, declarer easily could have established his clubs while retaining control on all fronts, and discarded the spade loser from dummy. Apparently, however, East was not grateful—in any case he proceeded to make matters as difficult as possible for West. He played the nine of spades on dummy's seven.

Declarer took the trick, led a diamond to dummy and tried the club finesse. West held off for one round, hoping that he might get an informative signal from East, but on the suceeding club finesse, of course West had to take his king.

Now West was very much up against it. Did East have all the spade honors, or did he, perhaps have the ace of hearts? It was a difficult guess—and West guessed wrong. He led a heart, and South won and got rid of dummy's spade on his own club suit.

Technically, East's play of the spade nine was correct, but psychologically and practically it was bad. East should have put in the jack or the queen, thus giving West the greatest possible encouragement toward continuing the suit if West got in again. The only effect of the nine-play was t ocloud the situation.

BONN, Germany (Reuters)—A 22-year-old German law student whose article in a university magazine defending Nazi concentration camps set a storm raging here, has resigned from Bonn University. Oklaus Petri said in the article that he believed Nazi concentration camps, in spite of many injustices, were "justified as a political measure, at any rate in their basic conception."

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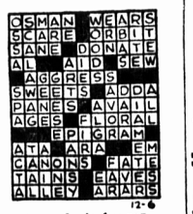
DAILY CROSSWORD



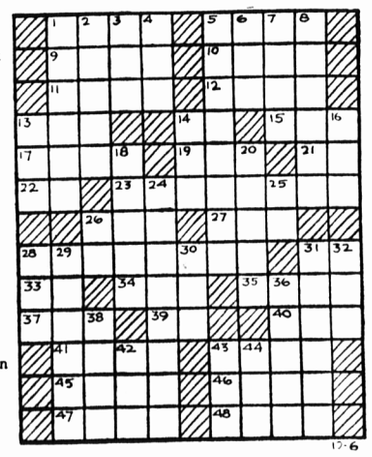
Yesterday's Answer

ACROSS

1. Used with violins
5. Loiters
9. Seaport (Algeria)
10. River (Russ.)
11. Spirited
12. Variety of cabbage
13. Insect
14. Southeast (abbr.)
15. Even (poet.)
17. Feat
19. Solemn wonder
21. Norse god
22. Note of the scale
23. Filled with consternation
26. Sayings
27. Narrow inlet (geol.)
28. Patent medicines
31. Exist
33. Mulberry
34. S-shaped worm
35. Absent
37. Tiny
39. Negative reply
40. Malt beverage
41. Hillside dugout
43. Rude dwellings
45. Snare
46. On the ocean
47. Ages
48. Duration

DOWN

1. Island (Malay Arch.)
2. Harangue
3. Women's Army Corps (abbr.)
4. Upward curving of a ship's planking
5. Tepid
6. Constellation
7. Strong wind
8. Part of a garment
13. Sum up
14. Juice of a plant
16. Man's nickname
18. Italian poet
20. Girl's name
24. Root vegetables
25. Louisiana (abbr.)
26. Like
28. No (slang)
29. A salt of oleic acid
30. United Service Organizations (abbr.)
31. A variety of fir
32. Hole in a needle
36. Liquid necessary for life
38. River (Span.)
42. Flowed
43. Head covering
44. Employ



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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

U K Z B F P J R E J B X F W O B C P Q . M J P C F W J B U Q C B E J F X F W U K Z B F — U Z N P Q J M .

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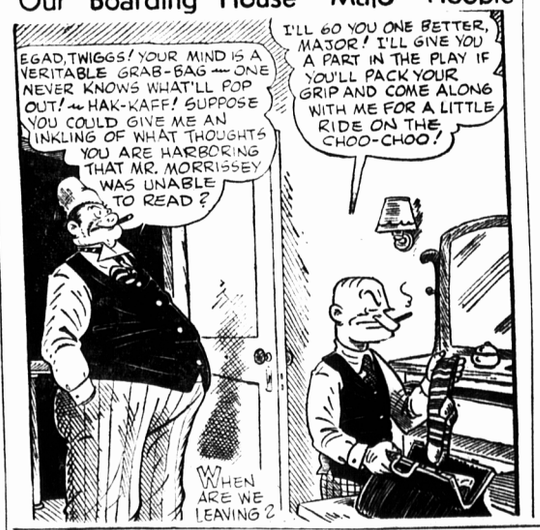
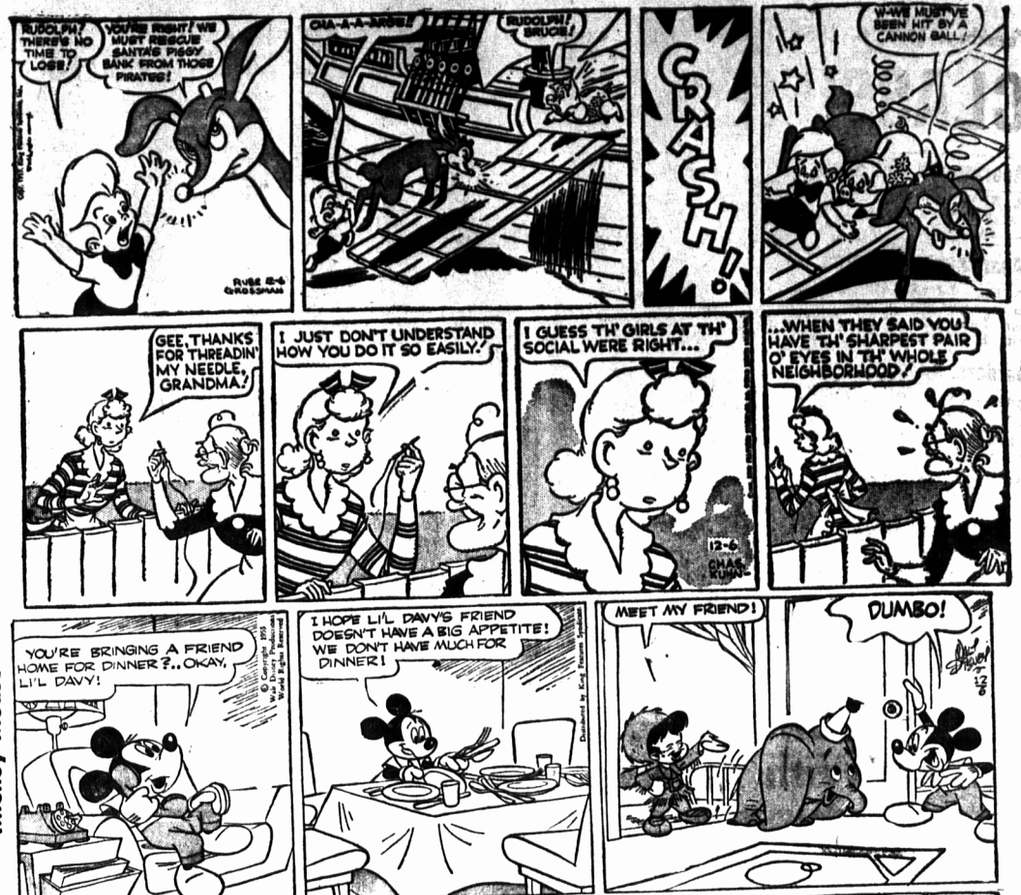
Our Boarding House — Major Hoople



Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney



Grandma — By Charles Kuhn

Etta Kent — By Paul Robinson

Henry — By Carl Anderson

POGO — By Walt Kelly

Muggs and Skeeter — By Wally Bishop

The Lone Ranger — By Fran Striker

Tilly The Toiler — By Bob Gustafson

Secret Agent X9 — By Mel Graff

Joe Palooka — By Ham Fisher

L'il Abner — By Al Capp

Bringing Up Father — By Bob Gustafson