

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

CHATTERER'S UNPLEASANT FEELING

Forgetting for but just a minute May prove to have disaster in it. —Old Mother Nature.

Some folks seem to delight in brightening other folks, or in making other folks feel uncomfortable. A fright is a real joke, but a lot of people seem not to know this. Chatterer the Red Squirrel is one of these people. His idea of fun seems to be to scold others, scare them, and make fun of them. For this reason, Chatterer isn't too well liked by his neighbors in the Green Forest.



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Chatterer is smart. A person must be smart, especially one as small as Chatterer, to live as long as he has in the midst of so many dangers. But at times the smartest folks do forget; and sometimes a lot can happen in just a minute when one forgets.

Chatterer had found the home of Gray Fox. It was in a big hollow log in the middle of a thicket of young trees that kept it well hidden. Chatterer had known all about that old log once, but it was a long time since he had been near it. This day he had just happened that way, and decided to have a look at it. Perhaps you can guess how he felt when he discovered three little Gray Foxes in there.

Chatterer wasn't as well acquainted with Gray Fox as he was with Reddy Fox. But gray or red, a Fox was a Fox, an enemy to all small folk in the forest and far. Making sure that mother and father were not near, and that it was safe for him to do so, Chatterer proceeded to have what he called fun with those little Foxes. He frightened them by screaming at them from a tree just overhead. They scampered back into their house. The next time they appeared he was right down on top of that old log, and once more he sent them scampering into hiding. Chatterer would have had fun doing this to any babies, but it was double fun to scare the babies of one whom he regarded as an enemy of whom he was afraid. It was such fun that for the time being he quite forgot something that no one ever should forget: he quite forgot to watch for danger.

He was down on the ground at the open end of that old log looking inside, and scolding as only he can. Way at the back of the old log he could see three pairs of eyes in which was something very like fright. You see those were very young Foxes, and they didn't know what to make of this noisy, threatening visit to their home. Suddenly that noisy tongue was still. Chatterer had a queer feeling. It was a wholly unpleasant feeling. He hadn't heard anything to make him think anyone was near. He hadn't seen anything that might mean approaching danger. But he had that most unpleasant feeling. It was the feeling that he was being watched.

He backed away hastily, and for all sides. At first he

neck at one place, sometimes like a hinge. Other animals have two hinges, or places of joining. That's why a bird can turn his head around so he can look down his own back. No other creature can do so.

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BOCK W. I.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

SLAM DOWN

PLAYERS who don't mind doubling slam contracts when they are "pretty sure" that they have two tricks, had better give more attention to the mathematics of bridge.

Suppose you don't double, and you defeat the slam one trick. You collect 50 or 100 points (according to the vulnerability). Now suppose you double, and you lose as the result of that card-placing action, the declarer fulfills his contract, or runs to a different slam that you can't defeat. Your brassness has cost you from about 1100 to about 1900 points—and all so that you might have gained 50 or 100 points!

It is rather obvious that this is not a sound investment—as West discovered in this deal.

North dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

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

The Holdings:		South		West	
♠	10	♠	10	♠	Pass
♥	3	♥	3	♥	Pass
♦	3	♦	3	♦	Pass
♣	Pass	♣	Pass	♣	Pass

It was a good idea for South to run to six notrump—the six-spade contract would have had no chance.

West elected to lead his top diamond. East wisely refused to cover dummy's ten, and South overtook the trick with the jack, to lead the club jack. West led up the ace but South overtook the jack and knocked out the ace. West excited with a club. South then cashed the K-Q of hearts and the A-K of diamonds, and led his low heart to the ace.

EGYPT, ISRAEL CENSORED

GAZA (Reuters)—The Egyptian-Israeli mixed armistice commission Saturday condemned and censored Israel for an attack on an Egyptian outpost and the shelling of a village on May 27. Egypt also was condemned for a mine incident on Israeli territory the same day. The mine exploded under an Israeli military vehicle and injured four occupants.

Mrs. Edgar Forsyth invited the members to her home for the next meeting which will be in September. Assistant hostesses will be Mrs. Lloyd Wilkie and Miss Margaret Forsyth. The members intend to plan a community picnic during the summer.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

When you say someone moves at a snail's pace you mean s-l-o-w-l-y! An experimenter actually timed a snail, discovering that it traveled two inches an hour or less than a mile in 44 months.

Money on Wings—Every Friday morning Bill Burman, a bricklayer of Croydon, England sends housekeeping money home to his wife, Kathleen, by way of carrier pigeon. He has done this every week for the past 15 years. Bill, whose hobby is carrier pigeons uses them so that his wife can do the week-end shopping during the days instead of waiting for him to come home with his pay envelope in the evening. Sometimes the pigeon has traveled up to 26 miles with the money, but not once in all the 15 years has a pigeon failed to arrive home with it.

People are born with two eyes, but with one tongue, in order that they should see twice as much as they say.

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ATTENTION

LIVESTOCK SHIPPERS AND PRODUCERS

Our plant will be closed on Friday, July 1st. We shall be receiving hogs and other livestock until 12 noon Thursday, June 30th.

The following shippers will be loading hogs on Wednesday instead of Tuesday for this week only:

Fraser and Anear, Montague; MacEwen and Caseley, Kensington and Summerside; Gordon Bagnall, Hunter River; D. L. MacDowell, Fredericton; Elmer Wigmore, Breadalbane.

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Our Boarding House Major Hoople

EGAD, TWIGGS! HERE'S THE LAST OF THE FINE FAMOUS SAYING RIDDLES, AND IT LOOKS LIKE A STICKER! TAKE THOSE COFFEE SPOTS ON YOUR VEST?

WHY WHERE COULD I FIND STRICT SECLUSION SO I MAY SOLVE THIS WITHOUT THOSE INFERNAL SAD-FLIES BUZZING OVER MY SHOULDER?

TRY THE ONCE CLUB!—THOSE PUZZLES ARE NOT IN THEIR LEAGUE—THEY GET A MUCH KICK OUT OF 'EM AS LAST WEEK'S RACE RESULTS!

THANK GOODNESS... THAT SONG HAS STOPPED! I THOUGHT I WAS HEARING THINGS!

DANNY--DANNY CROCKETT...! THERE IT GOES AGAIN...!

THAT'S NOT YOU SINGING, IS IT?

YES, MY SPRAINED ANKLE IS COMIN' ALONG FINE, MR. OTIS...!

BUT I SUPPOSE IT'LL BE ANOTHER WEEK OR SO BEFORE I WON'T NEED THESE CRUTCHES ANY MORE, AN...

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE...!

H-M // ALWAYS FORGETTIN' SOMETHING! I MUST'VE LEFT 'EM AT TH' GROCERY...

JIGGS, I HOPE YOU'RE GOIN' TO LEAVE THE NEW COOK!

SHE LOOKS VERY COMPETENT, MAGGIE!

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