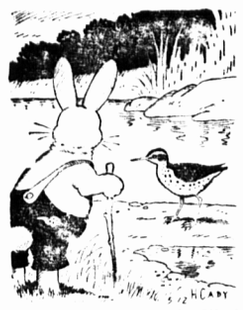
BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

PETER MAKES A MISTAKE

The thing that's easiest to make
Is nothing less than a mistake.
—Peter Rabbit.

Peter Rabbit just couldn't keep away from the Smiling Pool these days. "There's something always going on there," he explained to Mrs. Peter. Peter likes to be around where things are going on, and it was true that there always was something to see at the Smiling Pool, especially at this time of year.



"How can you say that?" demanded Peter.

Peter had overheard two homely cousins, Old Mr. Toad and Grandfather Frog, disputing as to which knew most about the Great World. Peter had grinned as he listened, for Grandfather Frog had never been away from the Smiling Pool, and Old Mr. Toad had been no farther than Farmer Brown's garden. Peter himself had boasted that he was the one who really had been out in the Great World, for he had often visited the Green Forest, the Old Pasture, and all parts of the Green Meadows. He had been over to Farmer Brown's garden many times. He had gone far up and down Laughing Brook, and had even been over to the Big River. So Peter felt that he knew all about the Great World, and that the others knew almost nothing about it.

Then along came Teeter Tip-up, and made fun of Peter just as he had made fun of Grandfather Frog and Old Mr. Toad. You see the Spotted Sandpiper, for that is what Teeter Tip-up is, really did know something about the Great World. He had made the long journey to the Land-of-Always-Summer and back again several times. Peter had had a lot of questions to ask, but Teeter had flown away before Peter could ask them.

The next day Peter was back at the Smiling Pool. Teeter was nowhere in sight, and Peter was disappointed. However, he had a little gossip with Jerry Muskrat, and a few words with Redwing the Blackbird, and listened to the singing of Old Mr. Toad. Finally Teeter appeared. He came up Laughing Brook from the direction of the Big River. At least, Peter supposed it was Teeter.

"Good Morning," said Peter, when the little Sandpiper was near enough. "I hope you are feeling as good this morning as I am. You said you spent last winter down in the Land-of-Always-Summer."

"Did I? I don't remember saying so," replied the Sandpiper.

"Don't you remember telling us how much of the Great World you had seen?" Peter asked.

"No," replied the other. "I don't remember anything of the kind, and I have a very good reason for not remembering."

"What reason?" demanded Peter. "You certainly told Grandfather Frog and Old Mr. Toad and myself, of your long journey out in the Great World."

"I did nothing of the sort," declared the little bird, bobbing and bowing.

"How can you say that?" demanded Peter.

"I can say it because it's true. I didn't say anything of the kind yesterday," was the prompt reply.

Peter blinked. "You have a short memory," said he, tartly. "The next thing you'll be saying is that you were not here yesterday."

"I wasn't," was the prompt response. "You see I'm not Teeter. I'm Mrs. Teeter."

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

LAST CHANCE

West was completely blind to his opportunity in the following deal.

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable

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

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 NT	2 ♠	Pass (!)	Pass
Pass			

Even though West opened a diamond, up to South's king, the two-spade contract was easily defeated two tricks, but since West had not seized the chance to double his side collected only 200 points instead of 500.

Evidently, West did not think well of his hand, which was "under average" in that he held less than one ace, one king, one queen and one jack. But the term "average hand" is decidedly relative! The fact that East had guaranteed from 16 to 18 high-card points and balanced hand, with some strength in each suit, made West's holding a great deal stronger than appeared on the surface. Observe that East did not have a really good notrump opening; indeed, it was pretty much a minimum; yet, without declarer suffering any conspicuously bad luck in the break of the cards, the contract was easily defeated two tricks.

The sum and substance of the situation is just this: after a notrump opening, the partner's honors take on an added value because it can be safely presumed that these honors will be backed up and "promoted" by corresponding honors in the opener's hand. Thus, West's well-guarded spade jack was worth more than a trick because of his length in the suit, and even his diamond queen had potential value. Beyond question or doubt, West should have doubled the spade overcall. The side that has well over half of the honor cards in the deck can't afford to sell out so cheaply.

IRRIGATION VITAL

Pakistan has a total irrigated area of more than 21,000,000 acres, being constantly expanded.

SALT SOURCE

The Turk islands near Jamaica for centuries have produced some of the finest salt in the world.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Before
The School Division No. 1 Inquiries Commission
in
THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER
Provincial Building, Charlottetown
on
Tuesday, May 17 at 2 P. M. (A.S.T.)
for Residents of Parkdale
and on
Wednesday, May 18 at 10:30 A.M. (A.S.T.)
for Residents of Spring Park
and on
Wednesday, May 18 at 2 P. M. (A.S.T.)
for Residents of West Royalty
Further meetings to be announced later. Representations may be made orally or by written submission

DOROTHY W. SAUNDERS,
Secretary for the Commission.

Our Boarding House — Major Hoople

DAILY CROSSWORD

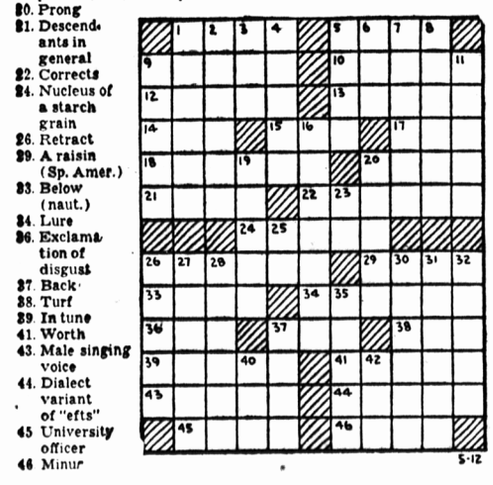
ACROSS

1. A food fish
5. One's dad
9. Place of Kaiser Wilhelm's exile
10. Rugged mountain crest
12. Spirit lamps
13. Short cotton grown in Brazil
14. Medieval type of lyric poem
15. Opposite of "downs"
17. Roman money
18. Overnight stopping places (Mil.)
20. Prong
21. Descendants in general
22. Corrects
24. Nucleus of a starch grain
26. Retract
29. A raisin (Sp. Amer.)
33. Below (naut.)
34. Lure
36. Exclamation of disgust
37. Back
38. Turf
39. In tune
41. Worth
43. Male singing voice
44. Dialect variant of "efts"
45. University officer
46. Minur

DOWN

1. Vegetable
2. Of Ionia
3. Isthmus in Asia
4. Come afterward
5. Knave of clubs (poss.)
6. Constellation
7. A French marshal
8. Accompany
9. Marks for omission (print.)
11. Relieves
16. The Book of Psalms
19. Exclamation of impatience
20. Provoke
23. Greek letter
25. At home
26. Seaport in Morocco
27. In high spirits
28. A palm (Cen. Am.)
30. Passageways between seats
31. Persons sent out to reconnoiter
32. The mosquito who transmits yellow fever
35. Fresh
37. Flowerless plant
40. Common or profane (H. I.)
42. Hail!

Yesterday's Answer



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A Cryptogram Quotation

DTNXCTAV PTC PTO—JBCPD PTO. PV P YCRCTPQ TKQC OBCS PTC RNO OTKC—JNRTPE.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote—THY MODESTY'S A CANDLE TO THY MERIT—FIELDING

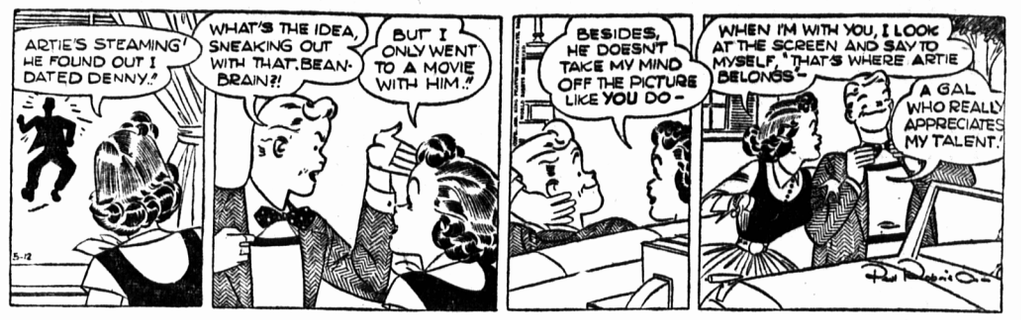
RAILWAY
TIME TABLE CHANGES
Effective Sunday
May 15th, 1955
Full information from agents
CANADIAN NATIONAL

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
VICTORIA DAY
LOW WEEK-END FARES
Good going from Noon, Friday, until 2 p.m. Sunday. Return journey to commence not later than Midnight, Monday.
RIDE RELAXED
ARRIVE REFRESHED
Full information from any C.N.R. Agent.

Out Our Way — By J. R. Williams

Tilly The Toiler — By Bob Gustafson

Etta Kent — By Paul Robinson



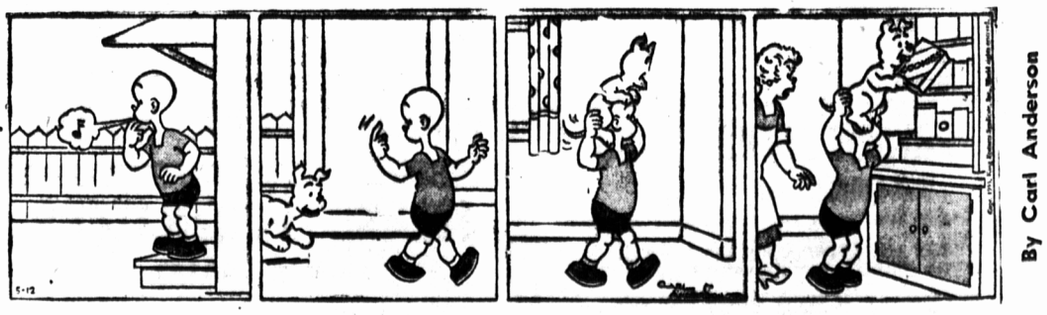
Muggs and Skeeter — By Wally Bishop

Bringing Up Father — By George McManus

Grandma — By Charles Kuhn

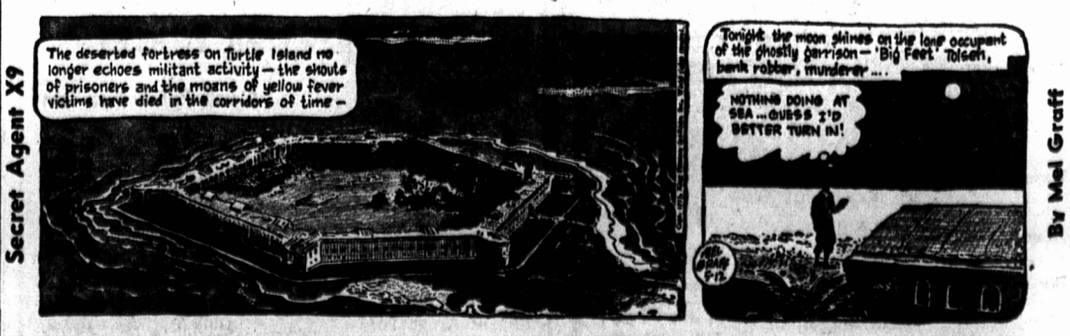
Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney

Henry — By Carl Anderson



The Lone Ranger — By Fran Striker

Secret Agent X9 — By Mel Graff



Joe Palooka — By Ham Fisher

L'il Abner — By Al Capp