# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

### A NOTE OF CHEER

In days of gloom, distrust and fear,
How blessed is a note of cheer!
—Old Mother Nature.

It was hard for Peter Rabbit to believe his own ears and eyes. He had found Welcome Robin in a small cedar swamp in the Green Forest. First Peter had heard him, then he had seen him, and now he was talking with him. Even so it was hard to believe. You see, this was mid-winter, and Welcome Robin was supposed to be where it was much warmer.

"I didn't go South at all," said Welcome Robin.

"Have you been here all the time?" asked Peter.

"What do you mean by all the time?" Welcome Robin asked.

"I mean, have you been here all winter, or did you go south and come back?" asked Peter.

"I didn't go south at all," said Welcome Robin." "When cold weather came on, I moved right over here, and I've been here ever since."

"But, I haven't seen you anyplied Welcome Robin. "I mean, I haven't been outside these cedar trees. And, this is the first time I've seen you over here. So of where around," said Peter.

"I haven't been around," recourse you haven't seen me. It probably is just as well you have not.

Peter pricked up his long ears at that "Why?" he demanded.

"Because probably you would have told some one else, and that someone would have told another. And pretty soon every one would have known that I was spending the winter here," said Welcome Robin.

"Well, what if they did?" cried Peter. Then he added, "A lot of folks would have felt a lot better for knowing you were here."

"And some folks would have come looking for me, and then I wouldn't have been here," replied Welcome Robin.

Peter thought this over. "I don't know who," said he. "You would be out of reach of Reddy Fox, and all the other hunters I know of."

"You must have forgotten Hooty the Owl," said Welcome Robin, "and there was Butcher the Shrike; I understand he has been around. He didn't come over here, but he might have if he suspected I was here."

"How did you happen to stay instead of going down where it is warmer with the rest of the birds?" Peter asked.

"I found that these trees were loaded with berries. That meant that I would have food enough all winter if I should stay. I really didn't mean to stay in the beginning, but somehow I didn't feel like a long journey. You know, I'm not as young as I used to be. So I kept putting it off, and putting it off, and then it became too late. So here I am," explained Welcome Robin.

"Are you feeling good?" asked Peter.

"I'm feeling wonderful," replied Welcome Robin. To prove it, he flew to the very top of the tree he was in, and began to sing. "Cheer up, cheer up, cheer!" he sang. "Cheer, up, cheer up, cheer!"

## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

### AN ELEMENTARY ERROR

West's defensive error in the following hand was of the sort that is made very frequently — but that does not mean that it was excusable.

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
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| 1 ♥ | Pass | 2 ♥ | Pass |
| 4 ♥ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

South would have had a laydown at three notrump but he could scarcely know that, and his actual jump to four hearts was entirely logical.

West opened a low spade and South took East's king. Two rounds of trumps were cashed, followed by the club ace; then South led to the club king and ruffed a club. He returned to dummy with a trump to ruff away the last club, then he simply exited with the spade jack.

West, in with the spade queen, realized that he could not afford to return a spade, but in shifting to diamonds he made a very bad choice of cards. Presumably, he felt that he would have to find his partner with excellent diamonds; at any rate, he laid down the ace, then led the ten. This sequence established declarer's diamond queen and the contract was home.

West was correct in thinking that he had to lead a diamond when he was thrown in with the spade queen, but he obviously should not have led the ace. South's hand had been shown as six hearts, two clubs and at least two spades. If he did not have three diamonds, it would be impossible to defeat the contract. Moreover, if he had the diamond king, he would be safe. The one hope from West's point of view was that East held at least the king and jack of diamonds, and on that analysis West should have led the six so that East could win with the king and then return a diamond through declarer to West's ace-ten.

Obviously, this low diamond lead by West would have given the defenders four tricks.

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## Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

We say, we are skating on ice when we ought to say we are sliding along on water. Why? Because when the sharp edge of the skate strikes the ice and slides along it, the friction causes a little heat, just enough to melt the ice under the skate. The skate actually slides along on this tiny sheet of water. Just as if you put oil on the top of the ice.

Is there any difference between the weight of warm air and cold air? Yes, warm air is the lighter of the two. Generally speaking the air weighs about 15 pounds on every square inch of the surface of the earth, and on every inch of our bodies. There is a weight of 150 pounds on a person's hand as he holds it out. We do not feel that weight because the same weight is pressing up.

Did you know that winds have several names such as breeze, gale, hurricane, cyclone, tornado. A breeze travels at the rate of 3 to 10 miles per hour; a gale travels 30 to 40 miles per hour, a hurricane 75 miles per hour, a cyclone about 100 miles per hour and a tornado may reach 120 miles per hour. And strange but true, the prevailing winds that sweep over our continent come from the west or southwest. In India there is a wind that blows from the south in summer and from the north in winter. This is called the monsoon wind. In China they have a wind that goes by the name of typhoon and strange as it may seem these always blow from the east.

In Italy and Greece they have the so called sirocco. It always blows from the south and is very warm. In the deserts of Africa and Arabia we find the simoon, a fierce wind that sweeps all before it. In the Rocky Mountains and in Canada there is the chinook wind, so called by the Indians.

The most terrible of all the winds is the dreaded tornado which often carries away houses, livestock, automobiles, and what have you. Fortunately, these are of short duration but in 19 minutes it may do millions of dollars worth of damage.

Tornadoes come only in hot weather and always in the daytime. One can hear their coming by the terrible roaring noise they make.

Last year a farmer living in Iowa could hardly trust his eyes when after a tornado had swept across his farm, he found the feathers had been plucked from a flock of chickens by the force of the wind. Indeed a tornado has been known to play as odd pranks as lightning. Men have been picked off the ground and carried high up into the air and then dropped and killed.

In 1952 an Arkansas farmer was driving his automobile into town when a tornado struck. Suddenly the curious twisting funnel caught the car and its driver and carried them to the top of a high building where they were set down on the roof safe and sound.

Stranger still, while the driver of the roofed car was sitting tight he was amazed to see two cows passing over his head not more than a hundred feet away.

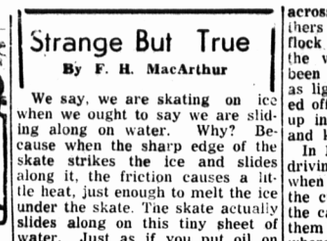
Perhaps the strangest thing about a tornado is its speed. It travels along the ground at approximately 30 miles per hour, but inside the funnel-shaped cloud the wind travels so fast that no one has ever been able to estimate the speed. Some have roughly guessed a speed of 400 m.p.h. Others say it could not be less than 500 m.p.h. Anyway it must be an enormous force that is able to suck up large trees, livestock, automobiles and small houses.

Sometimes a tornado happens at sea and it picks up water instead of dust, etc.; and the sailors call it waterspout. However tornadoes at sea are a rarity. Why? Because the ocean does not have very hot places and heat is what actually causes the twister, — heat that makes the air to rise fast, leaving a place where there is very little air.

The only good thing that can be said about a twister is that it only covers a small area and lasts but a short time.

### THE MODERN WAY

WATERLOO, Ont. (CP)—Council Monday night ordered 16 fire alarm boxes dismantled in a move described as "the passing of an age." Fire alarms will be turned in by telephone from now on.

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## Nurses Valentine Dance

AT THE ROLLOWAY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

Sponsored by the Nurses' Alumnae of the P. E. I. Hospital.

Dancing 9:30 - 12:30 Admission 50c

Music by the DOWNTOWNERS



## ATTENTION
## Potato Growers

The attention of all farmers is directed to the provisions of the Prince Edward Island Potato Production Act passed in 1947 whereby all persons planting one acre or more of potatoes must plant those of the "Certified" class or better as determined by the Inspection Service of the Plant Products Division, Science Service, Canada Department of Agriculture.

Do not be disappointed — procure your seed requirements while ample supplies are available.

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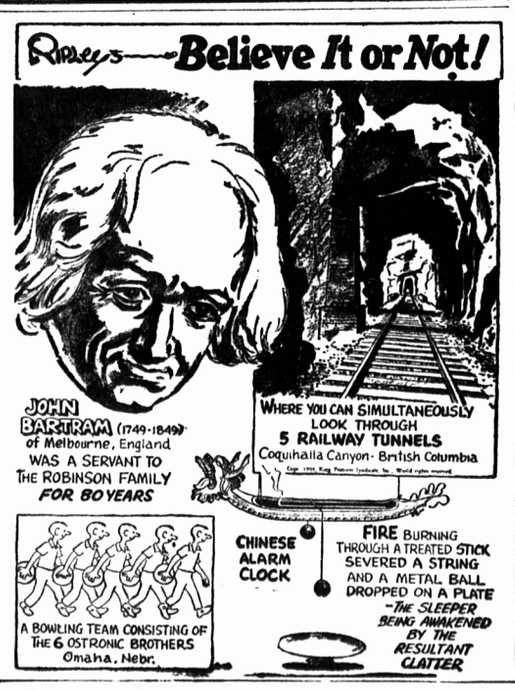




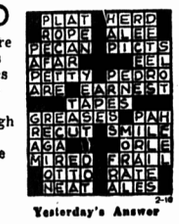
## DAILY CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1. Ocean vessel
5. Crystalline mineral
9. Plague
10. Peels
12. A relative
13. Muse of lyric poetry
14. Similar
15. Blazed
16. Distress signal
17. Destitute of hair
18. Lord (abbr.)
19. Biblical mount
21. Lazily
23. Route
24. Miscellany
25. Price
27. One who erects scaffolding
30. Indefinite article
31. God of thunder (Scand.)
33. African antelope
34. Pulverized
36. Exclamation of sorrow
37. Heaps
38. The little girl in Wonderland
39. Smells
40. Desires
41. Projecting end of a church
42. Units of work

**DOWN**

1. Elder
2. Cutting tools
3. Little island
4. Letter of the alphabet
5. A charm
6. Promenading
7. Sandarac tree
8. To tell again
9. City (Okla.)
11. A sod house (West. U. S.)
15. Obese
17. A shore recess
20. Snakes
22. Dragging through mud
24. Breeze
25. Open area in town (It.)
26. A tribe of the Iroquois confederacy
27. Pole
28. Performs
29. Tricks
32. A state in W. Germany
35. In a lopsided state
36. Winglike
38. Solemn wonder

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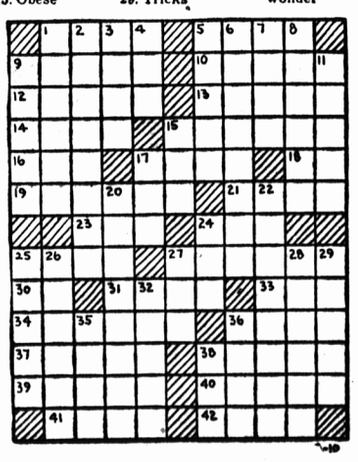

**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:**

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**

B O P N W Y R Z E I Z J D B O P A T S D N R G
K N T X H D B W R Z J W I H D O D B R F F Z Y
R T W E F — E B Q A H D I I

**Yesterday's Cryptoquote: PEOPLE WILL NOT LOOK FORWARD TO POSTERITY, WHO NEVER LOOK BACKWARD TO THEIR ANCESTORS — BURKE.**

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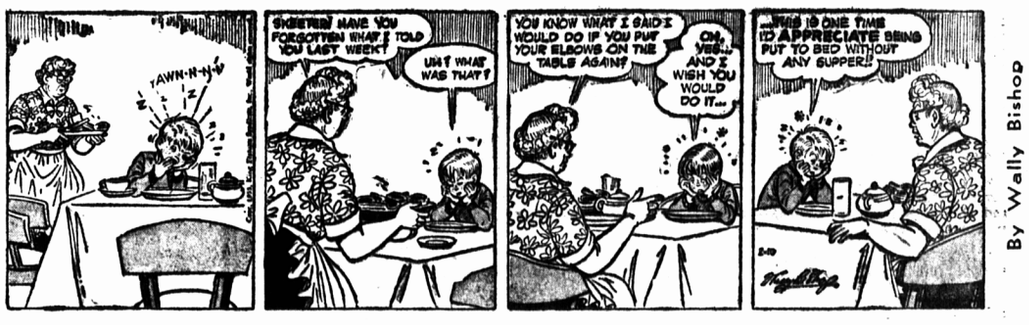
Grandma — by Charles Kuhn

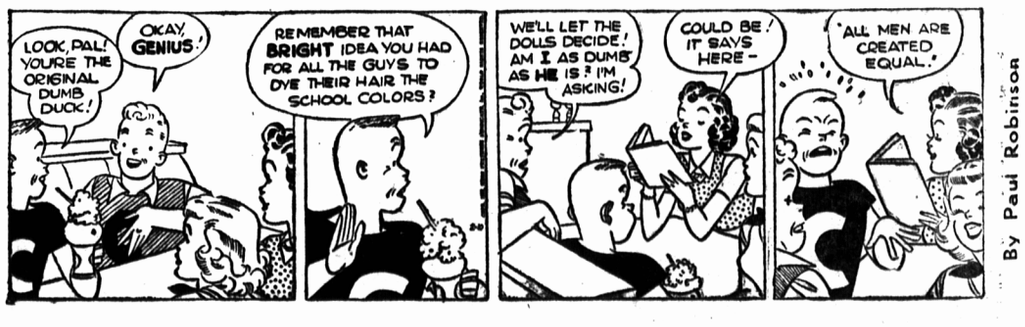
Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney

Bringing Up Father — By George McManus

Muggs and Skeeter — By Wally Bishop




Etta Kett — By Paul Robinson




Tilly The Toiler — By Bob Gustafson

Li'l Abner — by Al Capp

Secret Agent X9 — By Mel Graff

The Lone Ranger — By Fran Striker

Joe Palooka — By Ham Fisher