

BOBBY COON

by Thornton W. Burgess

BOBBY COON WAKES UP.

BOBBY Coon, curled up in his warm house in the hollow chestnut tree in the Green Forest, opened his eyes and yawned. Bobby had been asleep a long time, a very long time. In fact, he had slept most of the winter. Once or twice he had waked and crawled out to stretch his legs on warm days, but there had been very few warm days, and so Bobby had been content to sleep and sleep and sleep.



There at the foot of the big chestnut tree sat Peter Rabbit grinning up at him.

It's just another warm day in the middle of winter, and if I crawl out I'll just be uncomfortable and shivery," he thought. "I might as well stay right where I am and keep comfortable."

You see, Bobby Coon had slept so much that he didn't have any idea how time had been flying. So now he just closed his eyes again and tried to go to sleep. But somehow he couldn't get to sleep. That sunbeam seemed to be trying to tell him that it was time to be up and out. "Go away!" said Bobby crossly, and rolled over so as not to see that warm, bright, merry little sunbeam. But then something else began to tell him that it was time to get up. It was his stomach. Yes, sir, his stomach began to tell him that it was time to get up, and he just had to listen. Shutting his eyes and rolling over wouldn't keep his stomach still. No, indeed! The truth is, there isn't anything that will keep an empty stomach still.

Now, when Bobby Coon had begun his long sleep he had been very, very fat. All through the fall, when there was plenty of food and to spare, Bobby had stuffed and stuffed himself until he was so fat that he could hardly run at all. He didn't know why he had stuffed so, except that everything tasted so good, but if he had taken the trouble to ask Old Mother Nature about it she would have told him that she had given him that great appetite so that he would get fat and that while he slept through the cold, cold weather that fat would keep him warm and would take the place of food, because while he was asleep, of course, he couldn't eat.



"Times are good when a bride can expect more for her honeymoon," says Reno Ritz, "than a ride to work the next morning on the bus."

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And that is just the way it all happened.

But now that fat had been used up, just exactly how, nobody knows, for that is one of Old Mother Nature's secrets. But it had, and this is why Bobby's stomach would give him no peace. Of course, this was Old Mother Nature's way of telling Bobby that it was time to get up, but that she had taken care of him all winter, and now he had to get out and take care of himself. But Bobby didn't know this. All he knew was that he was dreadfully hungry and at the same time he hated to think of going out into the cold to hunt for food that he just knew would be hard to find.

So he twisted and turned and rolled over uneasily, trying to forget that inviting little sunbeam and to think that he wasn't dreadfully hungry. He muttered and grumbled to himself and was as uncomfortable as could be. And then quite suddenly he stopped grumbling and grumbling and lay perfectly still, with both little ears cocked wide open. He had heard something. At least he thought he had, and he wanted to make sure.

"Winsome Bluebird!" cried Bobby Coon. "It is time to get up after all, for Mistress Spring is almost here!"

He kicked off his bedclothes of leaves and scrambled up to his doorway. A dozen warm, merry little sunbeams shone straight in his face and made him blink so that at first he could hardly see at all.

"Hello, old lazybones! It's time you were up. Don't you know that Mistress Spring is almost here?" Bobby looked down. There at the foot of the big chestnut tree sat Peter Rabbit grinning up at him. And while he looked he heard again that soft, sweet whistle. And then Bobby knew for sure that the long, cold winter was over and that Peter Rabbit was right—it was time, high time, to get up.

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Figures Can't Lie to 'Figureometer'



Venice, Calif. — Pretty Marie Venice is being measured in the gadget which will decide the best figure in a "Miss California" contest. As she stands in the frame, the pointers measure her figure.

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THE MODEST MAN

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

I HAVE never, never, never, Ever, ever, ever, ever, Thought myself one half as clever As I am.

All unmoved by adulation And accustomed admiration, When it comes to self-laudation I'm a clam.

I have never, never, never, Ever, ever, ever, ever, Talked concerning my endeavor As I could.

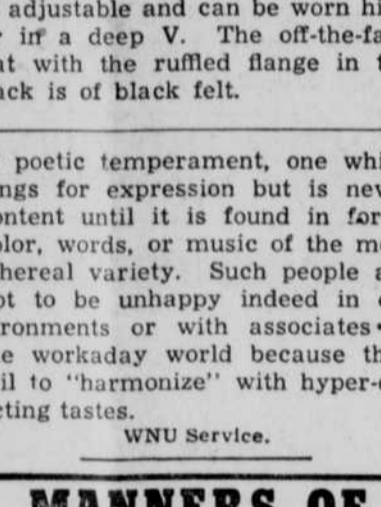
I have not enumerated All the things that could be stated Or myself appreciated As I should.

I have, never, never, never, Told the world how really clever I can be.

When applauses are the loudest, Then the thing of which I'm proudest Is the fact I am so modest Over me.

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Fetching Frock



Dull black acetate jersey makes this attractive frock set off with a rhinestone ornament. The neckline is adjustable and can be worn high or in a deep V. The off-the-face hat with the ruffled flange in the back is of black felt.

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FIRST-AID TO AILING HOUSE

By ROGER B. WHITMAN

MAPLE FINISHES.

MAPLE furniture being so popular, it is natural enough to have many inquiries on the refinishing, not only of old pieces of maple, but for maple finishes to apply to furniture made of other kinds of wood. There is a good deal of surprise when would-be purchasers are told at paint stores that there is no maple stain. The natural color of maple being white, no stain is possible. But maple furniture is never finished in its natural color. There is always a tint. This may vary from a pale yellow to a deep brown; sometimes brown with a reddish cast.

These tones are obtained by various methods. One that is most usual consists of no more than two or three coats of orange shellac. This shellac should not be used as it comes in the can, for it is somewhat too thick; it should be thinned with good denatured alcohol in equal parts; that is, a pint of alcohol to the pint of shellac. Darker tones can be had with oil stain. Light oak stain is usual, but others give good effects; dark oil stain, or light oak stain mixed with more or less walnut stain, and possibly with a few drops of mahogany stain.

The depth of tone given by an oil stain depends on the way it is applied. The stain is put on liberally with a brush, and then wiped off with clean cloths; the longer it is allowed to soak in before wiping, the deeper the tone will be. The practical method is to wipe in less than a minute. This will give a light tone, which can be deepened by further applications with quick wipings. The tone can thus be gradually deepened until it reaches the desired shade. The stain should be allowed to dry before finishing with shellac, varnish or wax.

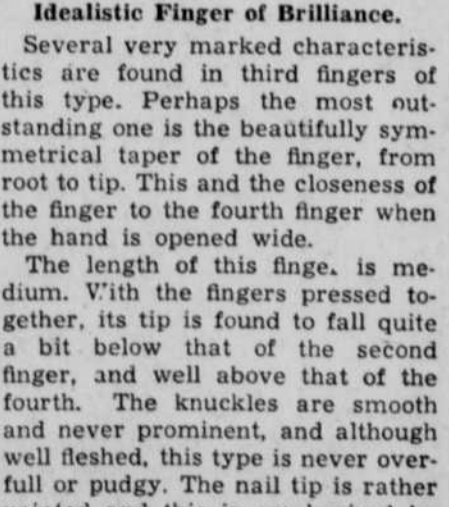
Maple has a very close and fine grain, and except for the birdseye variety, no definite pattern. For this reason an imitation of maple cannot be obtained with a natural finish on oak or other wood with an open and distinct grain. For these woods a match can be made only in color and with a finish that hides the grain. One excellent finish that I have seen began with two coats of yellowish tan paint, which were allowed to dry hard. A liberal coat of walnut stain was then applied, and also allowed to dry. The piece was then rubbed down with fine steel wool, which removed some of the stain, and seemed to blend the remainder into the paint. The result was very satisfactory.

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THE LANGUAGE OF YOUR HAND

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The Idealistic Finger of Brilliance

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MANNERS OF THE MOMENT

By JEAN

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IT'S not so much making up in public that we mind. It's making faces. It's hard to do a thorough job of putting on the lipstick without looking like a Barnum & Bailey clown trying to be funny. And though we've never tried it ourselves, we've watched girls applying the rouge in front of a chewing gum mirror with such energy that we thought at first they were thawing out a frozen cheek or something.

Now it really isn't so bad if there's no one around that you know. Who cares what kind of faces she makes before the unknown public? But those girls who do it in front of their dates really aren't sensitive to their audience. They should watch their steps, for one of these days their boy friends are going to discover how homely they really are.

Of course, if there were somebody around that you wanted to make a face at, that would be a different matter. Go right ahead.

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Body 69 Per Cent Water at Birth
At birth an infant's body is 69 per cent water; at seventy years of age a man's body is only 58 per cent water.

Ask Me? Another

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

1. How much does it cost the United States to turn out each piece of paper money?
2. What are the dimensions of Big Ben on the House of Parliament, London?
3. What is the average pay of state governors?
4. How do the Chinese indicate the use to which a building is put?
5. Are any of our states debt-free?
6. Who transcribed the Declaration of Independence?
7. How many telephones are there in this country?
8. How much income does the government derive from dead letters?
9. Who originated the agricultural fair?
10. Was Gen. Nathaniel Greene rewarded for his military services?

1. Each piece of paper money made by the bureau of engraving and printing costs Uncle Sam around six mills, and for the same amount he can turn out 100 postage stamps.
2. The dials are 22½ feet in diameter; hour figures, 2 feet; minute spaces, 1 foot square; pendulum, 13 feet; weight, 700 pounds.
3. gubernatorial pay in the various states ranges from \$3,000 in South Dakota to \$25,000 in New York. The average is about \$7,500.
4. In China the use to which a building is put is not indicated by its design but by the color of the tiles used for the roof, etc. Green indicates an official place, yellow a commercial place and brown a place where people live.
5. Nebraska, Florida, Ohio and Wisconsin have no debt. Nebraska has a balance of over \$21,000,000 in her treasury.
6. The actual work of transcription was done by Timothy Matlack.
7. American telephone users can now be connected with 17,000,000 telephones in this country and some 15,000,000 in foreign countries.
8. In 1936 its revenue from all sources, including sale of unclaimed packages, recovery of unused stamps, fees collected for returning misdirected letters, and money contained in letters, totaled \$229,353.
9. Elkanah Watson is known as the father of the agricultural fair. The National Grange is to honor his memory by a memorial in City Hall park, Pittsfield, Mass., which will bear the following inscription: "Erected to the memory of Elkanah Watson, nationally known as the Father of the Agricultural Fair." He was founder and president of the Berkshire Agricultural society. Near the old elm in this park (1807) its original exhibition was conducted under his direction.
10. Congress presented him with a medal in honor of his services, and the Carolinas and Georgia made him valuable grants of land. When peace was restored in 1783 Greene returned to Rhode Island, where he received numerous testimonials of the public's appreciation.

Answers

Uncle Phil Says:

But It's Callousness
People with no feeling can acquire a reputation for great fortitude.
When one undertakes to "plan" happiness it consists mainly in eluding unpleasantness.
It's all right to bank on the future, but it's quite another matter to draw checks against it.
Advantage of living in a small town is that you can be so many kinds of a charter member.
A pedestrian used to be a person who walked. Now it's one who jumps.
Now to Curb Imagination
Man is unreasonable only on account of his imagination. If it were not for that he could be as prosaic as an old work horse.
How are you to find out the meek are meek unless they tell you so?
Some people seem imbued with the idea that common sense is too common for them to associate with.
Babies start life with crying out loud and some natures never get over it.

AROUND the HOUSE

Disagreeable Odor.—The smell of new paint has a very bad effect on some people. To minimize it, fill a pail of water and sprinkle in it some hay and one or two onions, freshly sliced. Stand this in a room newly painted, and much of the smell will be neutralized.

To Clean the Piano.—Use the suction cleaner to remove dust from the inside of the piano, and clean the keys with a soft cloth moistened with methylated spirit. Polish with a chamois leather.

Turnips Au Gratin.—For this tasty dish half-cook turnips in boiling salted water, then cut into fairly thin slices and drain well. Arrange in layers in a buttered fireproof dish, and cover each layer of turnip with grated cheese,

a seasoning of pepper, and some little dabs of butter. The last layers should consist of breadcrumbs sprinkled with grated cheese and dotted with butter. Bake in a moderate oven until well browned.

Browning Biscuits.—Biscuits can be given rich brown tops by brushing the tops with a pastry brush dipped in milk before placing them in the oven.

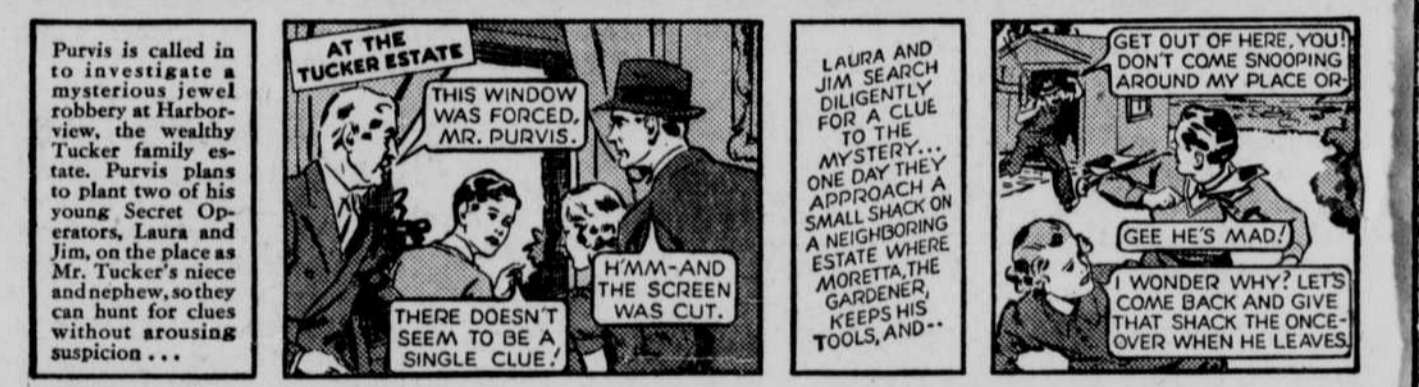
Cooking Cabbage.—Cabbage should be cooked only until tender when tested with a fork. Too much cooking results in changed color and an indigestible product.

Storing Brown Sugar.—Brown sugar will not become lumpy stored in an airtight jar.

The CLUE of the COPPER SCREEN

MELVIN PURVIS FORMER G-MAN
invites all boys and girls to become **SECRET OPERATORS**

Melvin Purvis, former Ace G-Man who founded the Junior G-Man Corps, has formed a new organization—Melvin Purvis Law-and-Order Patrol. Members are called Secret Operators. They have special codes, passwords, and special equipment. This story is taken from the secret files and published to prove that CRIME DOES NOT PAY.



AT THE TUCKER ESTATE
THIS WINDOW WAS FORCED, MR. PURVIS.

LAURA AND JIM SEARCH DILIGENTLY FOR A CLUE TO THE MYSTERY...
ONE DAY THEY APPROACH A SMALL SHACK ON A NEIGHBORING ESTATE WHERE MORETTA, GARDENER, KEEPS HIS TOOLS, AND...

GET OUT OF HERE, YOU DON'T COME SNOOPING AROUND MY PLACE OR...
GEE HE'S MAD!
I WONDER WHY? LET'S COME BACK AND GIVE THAT SHACK THE ONCE-OVER WHEN HE LEAVES.

THE METAL DETECTOR shows when 2 pieces of metal come from the same original piece. It showed Purvis that the metal on the shears came from the copper screen in the Tucker home.

NEXT MORNING—IN MORETTA'S SHACK
HAND 'EM OVER, MORETTA! YOUR BIG MISTAKE WAS FORGETTING TO SCRUB THE COPPER OFF THOSE SHEARS AFTER YOU CUT THE SCREEN!
THE JEWELS!
WE WERE RIGHT, LAURA!

Boys and Girls!

BE A SECRET OPERATOR IN MY NEW LAW-AND-ORDER PATROL! GET MY NEW SECRET OPERATOR'S SHIELD AND MY SECRET OPERATOR'S MANUAL CONTAINING SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS... CODES AND PASSWORDS... SECRETS OF CRIME DETECTION... HOW TO WIN PROMOTION TO HIGHER RANKS... ALSO PICTURES OF ALL MY WONDERFUL FREE PRIZES! TO BE A SECRET OPERATOR, JUST SEND ME THE COUPON BELOW, WITH TWO RED POST TOASTIES PACKAGE-TOPS.

JUST TASTE THAT RICHER FLAVOR
from the tender hearts of the corn!
Here's the grandest breakfast treat ever... Post Toasties with rich milk or cream!
Post Toasties are made from the tender hearts of the corn, where most of the flavor is stored.
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MELVIN PURVIS
FORMER G-MAN
LAW-AND-ORDER PATROL

SECRET OPERATOR'S SHIELD
MELVIN PURVIS
FORMER G-MAN
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