BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

The truth of this is very clear:
Familiar things are never queer.
—Old Mother Nature.

Danny Sees a Queer Fisherman.

Danny Meadow Mouse kept thinking about the dreadful story of Egret, the beautiful white cousin of Longlegs the Heron. It filled him with such sadness that he began to think the Sunny South a very dreadful place. But a day or two later when he visited the bank of the river in the hope of seeing Egret again, he saw instead a stranger who looked so funny that he forgot all about Egret and his sad story.

It happened that where Danny was was very near to where the river entered the ocean. As Danny reached the bank the first thing he saw was a great bird with very big broad wings flying in from the ocean. He was flying low just above the water. He would flap his great wings a few times, and then sail. He appeared to have no neck at all, but a very big and queer bill.

Now right in front of Danny, two or three feet out in the water, was an old stump. Straight to this came the stranger and alighted on it. Then to Danny's surprise he discovered that the stranger had a long neck. He had simply had it folded back on his shoulders, much as Longlegs folds his back when he is flying. But the queerest thing about this stranger was his bill. It was very long, and under it was a great bag. As he sat on the stump he held his bill pointed down so that the bag rested against his neck. Somehow it made him look very dignified. His coat was chiefly brown. The back of his head and his neck were white with touches of faint yellow. His feet were webbed like the feet of Honker the Goose.

Danny was trying to get courage enough to speak to the stranger when the latter spread his wings and sailed out over the water. Suddenly he dropped into the water with a great splash head first. A second later he tossed a shining fish into the air,

"What is that big bag under his bill for?" Danny asked.

opened his great bill and the fish disappeared head first down his throat.

Danny saw him catch several fish in this way, plunging into the water for each one and making the water fly in all directions. Finally he returned to the old stump and settled himself as if he intended to stay there awhile. Two or three times Danny opened his mouth to speak, but he was too bashful, perhaps if the truth were known, he was a wee bit afraid.

The stranger appeared to be taking a nap when Mocker the Mockingbird happened along. "Hello!" exclaimed Mocker. "What are you doing over here, Danny Meadow Mouse?"

"I'm watching a queer fellow sitting on that stump," replied Danny. "He has been fishing, and now he seems to be taking a nap. Never in all my life have I seen a queerer looking fellow. Who is he?"

"Oh, that's Grandpa Pelican, the Brown Pelican. I thought everybody down here knew him," replied Mocker.

"What is that big bag under his bill for?" Danny asked.

"To catch his fish in of course," replied Mocker. "He just scoops them into that and then he has them."

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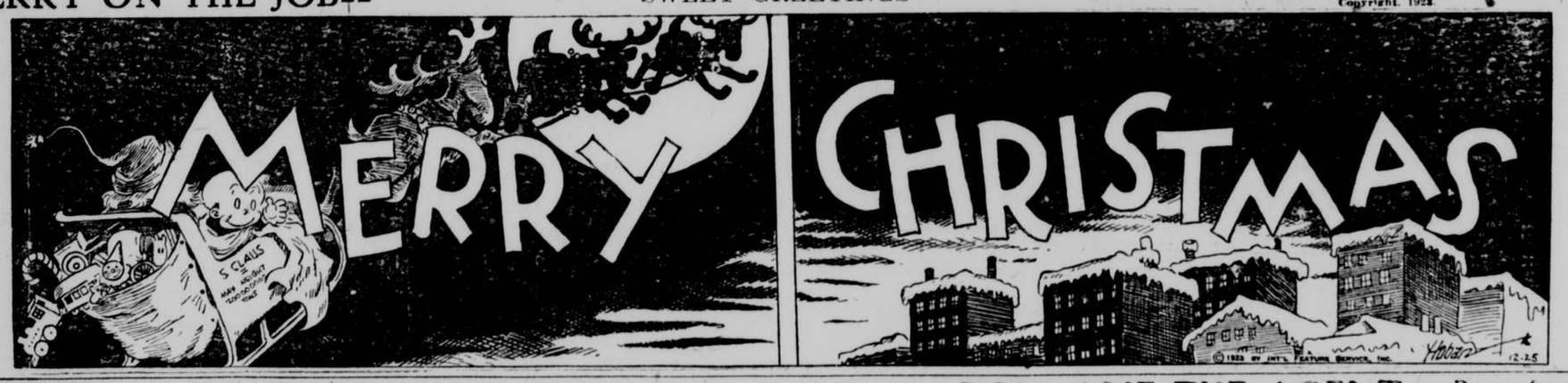

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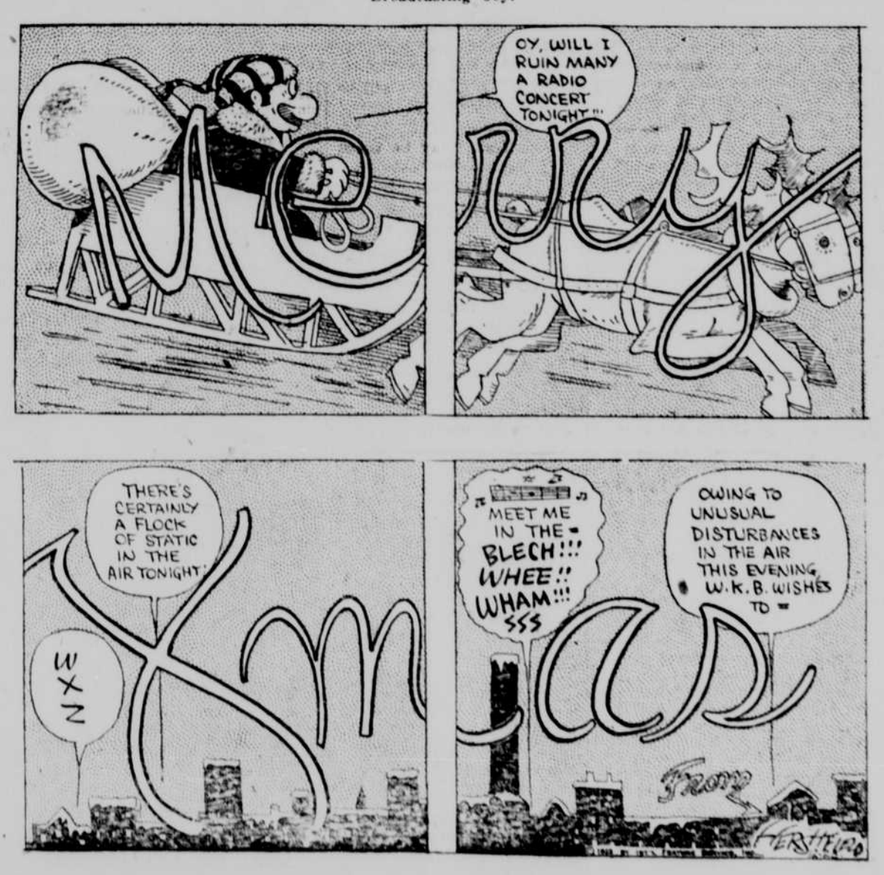

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Margaret M. Buckley and husband to James Johnson, Q St., 100 ft. W. of 29th St., S. Side, 50x150 .....
James S. Coulter and wife to Russell M. Bailey, 55th St., 150 ft. N. of Harney St., W. Side, 50x128 1,750
Westminster Presbyterian Church to John Kilpatrin, S.W. cor. 29th and Mason Sts., 66x140 3,000
Henry D. Schinker and wife to Leonard E. Endicott and wife, 19th St., 170 feet S. of Center St., E. Side, 66x132 1,200
Christine N. Jensen to Michael B. Jensen, N.E. cor. 17th and Madison Sts., 50x132 1
L. S. Leavitt and wife to William A. Elkins, 46th St., 223½ ft. S. of Cass St., W. Side, 53x111¼ 1,650
A. L. Sutton, Admr., to Myrtle Rhamey, 54th St., 205 ft. N. of Pinkney St., 100x133 1,705
Minnie B. Cobb to Anna Hering and husband, S.W. cor. 32d Ave. and Valley St., 43.8x120 700
Bertha Reagan to Joseph A. Koberowski and wife, 15th St., 80 ft. N. of M St., W. Side, 46x120 2,900
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Talmage Thurston Co. to Hayes Gaantner and wife, Mason St., 360 ft. W. of 47th Ave., N. Side, 45x108 1,650
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Gertrude M. Smith and husband to Jesse Holden, Dewey Ave., 45 ft. W. of 23d St., N. Side, 50x99.35 6,350
Emma Bartlett to Morris Rosenstein, S.W. cor. Florence Blvd. & Sahler St., 100x124 19,500
Hugh C. Peters et al to John Peterson, Browne St., 40 ft. E. of 25th Ave., N. Side, 4x1 1
Redmond Johnson to W. H. Brenton, 29th St., 114 ft. S. of Dewey Ave., W. Side, 75x149 5
Clarence H. Pulils and wife to Hayes Gaantner, Mason St., 315 ft. W. of 42d Ave., N. Side, 45x108 1,100
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Joseph and Cecelia Pulte, 2432 North Thirty-third street, girl.
Frank and Kate Yates, 5106 Underwood avenue, girl.
J. W. and Katherine Knowles, hospital, girl.
Julius and Theresa Rese, hospital, boy.
J. E. and Josephine Bando, hospital, girl.
Otha and Mattie King, 1145 North Twentieth street, boy.
Arthur and Hessie Pete, 1638 North Twenty-third street, girl.
James and Mary Turner, 2721 North Twenty-sixth street, girl.
Jesus and Ramona Rastro, 13 C. B. & Q. section house, girl.
James and Anna Fivny, 4918 South Eighteenth street, girl.
Fabian and Minnie Hanson, hospital, boy.
Waldo and Mabel Bankur, 5649 Ohio street, girl.
Leroy and Dorothy Chilson, 240 North Nineteenth street, boy.
William and Ruth Mick, 5139 Evans street, boy.

Deaths.

Michael Einar Christensen, infant, 2430 Bristol street.
Frances William Acton, 74 years, 2107 North Eighteenth.
Louise Henrietta Schmidt, 50 years, 1524 Castelar street.

Omaha Marriage Licenses

Name and Residence.	Age.
Arthur E. Sittler, Omaha	24
Dorothy F. Culver, Omaha	19
George A. Bloomer, Omaha	over 21
Maude Brooker, Omaha	over 21
George Griffin, Omaha	22
Dorothy Weston, Omaha	20
Rene Rivard, Bourbomair, Ill.	27
Marguerite Bonness, Omaha	23
Ralph E. Carey, Omaha	21
Martha M. Drake, Omaha	20
Joseph Prerosil, Omaha	30
Marie Lucinia, Omaha	29

Omaha Divorce Petitions.

Maude Jones against Vincent O. Jones, cruelty charged.
Teresa Collins against John W. Collins, cruelty and nonsupport charged.
Blanche E. Wiley against Daniel S. Wiley, cruelty and non-support charged.
Anna Mary Edwards against John Albert Edwards, cruelty charged.

Omaha Marriage Applications

Name and Residence.	Age.
Paul Anderson, Waterloo, Ia.	23
Edith Larson, Omaha	21
Henry D. Brown, Valley, Neb.	21
Lucy J. Gerkin, Valley, Neb.	21

Building Permits.

H. W. Smith, 5167 North Thirty-seventh avenue, frame dwelling, $16,000.
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