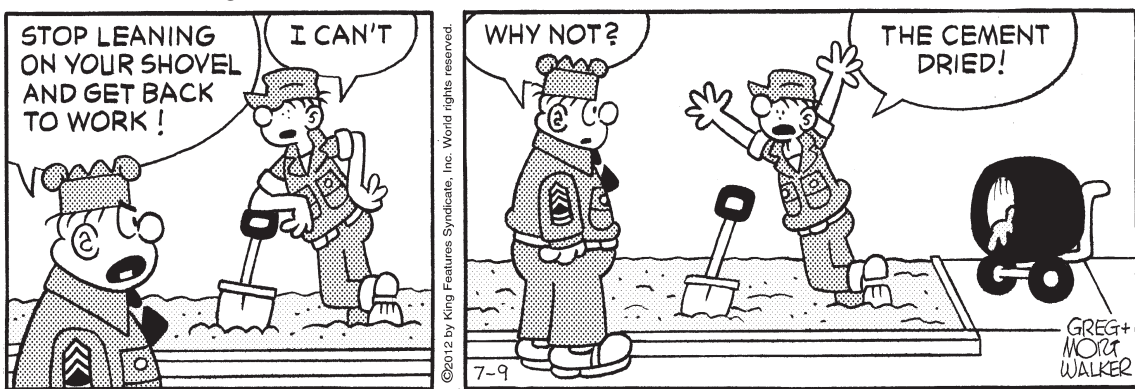


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



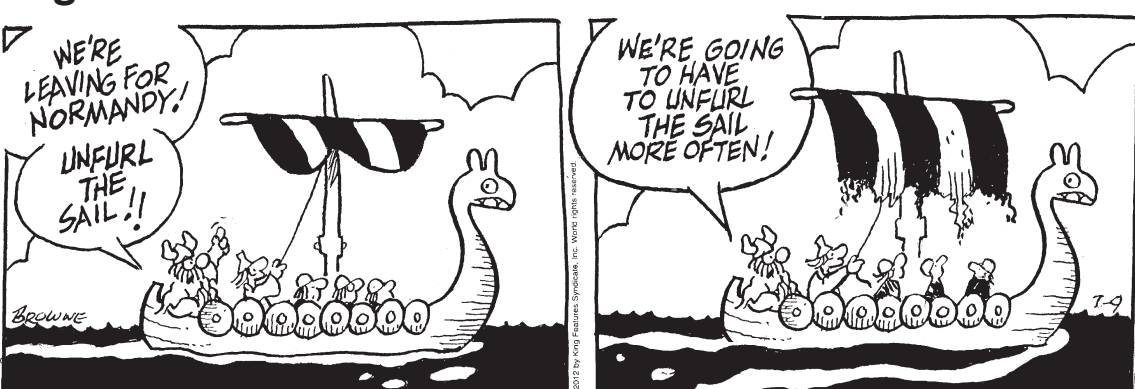
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Blondie • Chic Young



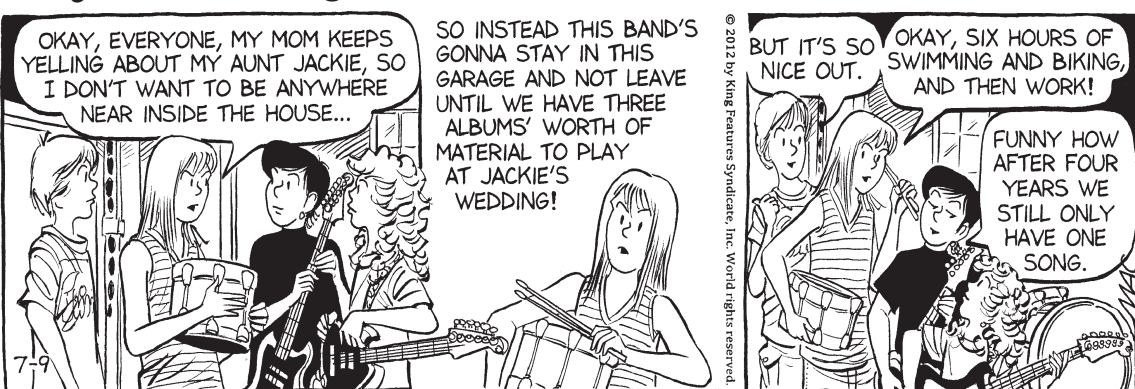
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Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel

• **Antiques and Collecting**

Vegetable cards liked in 1880s

Fresh vegetables were part of the diet of the Victorian household during the warm months. But stored root vegetables and home canned food were used on snowy days.

Advertisers knew imaginary vegetables acting like humans were as popular a fantasy as fairies, elves, brownies, pixies and gnomes. Few color pictures were available. Magazines and newspapers were printed in black and white. But in the 1880s, retail stores advertised with colored trade cards, about 6-inch-by-2-1/2-inch, that were saved and often put in scrapbooks.

There were many different anthropomorphic fruit and vegetable cards. Humanized veggies were pictured not only in the U.S. but also in England, Germany, France and Italy.

The comic figures with human bodies often had names, Mr. Prune, The Baldwin Twins (apple heads) or Mr. Pumpkin. And there often was a funny caption, like two strawberry heads asking "What are you doing in my bed?"

The trade cards are not the only place for veggie people. Vegetable people postcards came next, about 1900. Figural salt and pepper shakers, children's books, decorated plates and even small figurines were popular in the early 1900s. Now that eating fresh food is a national goal, veggie people are being noticed by collectors. And maybe they will encourage the family to eat their fruit and vegetables. Trade cards can be \$10 to \$25 each, postcards a little less. Many salt-shaker sets sell for less than \$40.

CURRENT PRICES

Current prices are from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the U.S.

Super Suds detergent box, "Super Suds, Floods o' Suds for Dishes and Duds," blue box and letters on white, Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co., 1930s, 1 lb. 7 oz., \$20.

Carnival glass toothpick holder, Octagon pattern, marigold, curved-in lip, Imperial Glass Co., 2 1/2 inches, \$35.

License plate, Illinois, 1947, fiberboard (to save metal for war effort), black, white numbers 1144-114, \$50.

Model kit, U.S. Army Patton Tank, Monogram Co., red box, unopened, 1959, \$80.

Mortimer Snerd ventriloquist dummy, painted face, crooked mouth and buck teeth, cloth body, vinyl head and hands, pull string moves mouth, Jurn Novelty Co., 1950s, 29 inches, \$85.

McCoy jardiniere, Springwood pattern, mint green, white flowers, 6 3/4 x 8 1/2 inches, \$125.

Gentleman's smoking jacket, cotton and polyester, red and black print, black grosgrain sash belt, collar and cuffs, State O' Maine Co. label, large size, \$145.

Sewing bird, brass, cast flowers, leaves and rope edges, c. 1856, 3 1/2 x 2 inches, \$155.

Ericsson Bakelite telephone, black, curved mouthpiece, chrome dial, 1950s, 6 x 8 inches, \$185.

Thonet bentwood dining chairs, upholstered seats and backs, 1950s, 32 1/2 inches, set of four, \$695.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 3
♥ Q 9 2
♦ K Q 10 6 3 2
♣ K J 10

WEST
♠ A K J 10 9 7 2
♥ —
♦ 9 5
♣ 9 8 6 4

EAST
♠ 6 5
♥ 10 8 7 4 3
♦ A J 7
♣ 7 3 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 8 4
♥ A K J 6 5
♦ 8 4
♣ A Q 5

The bidding:
South 1♥ West 4♣ North 5♥ East Dble
Opening lead — king of spades.

Famous Hand

This deal was played many years ago by Ralph Hirschberg, one of the top players of his era. If you enjoy challenging problems, try to figure out how he made five hearts doubled on this layout after the lead of the spade king, a diamond shift to the queen and ace, and a spade return by East, ruffed in dummy with the deuce.

Hirschberg reasoned that East had to have all five missing trumps for his double of five hearts. The problem was how to do East out of his seemingly certain trump trick.

He began by leading dummy's nine of hearts. East was forced to cover with the ten to protect his trump holding, and Hirschberg won with the jack. He then led a diamond to the king, ruffed a diamond and cashed the A-Q-K of clubs to produce this position:

North
♥ Q
♦ 10 6 3

West
Immaterial

East
♥ 8 7 4 3

South
♠ Q
♥ A K 6

A diamond was now led from dummy. East could not afford to ruff with the three since South would overruff with the six, trump his spade loser with the queen and score the last two tricks with the A-K of trumps.

So East ruffed the diamond with the seven, and Hirschberg overruffed with the king. When the queen of spades was next ruffed in dummy, East was forced to undertrump with the three.

This left East with the 8-4 of hearts in front of declarer's A-6, and when a diamond was led from dummy, East's apparently invincible trump trick went up in smoke.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

	6	7			3	9		
3			6		2			8
			9					2
			8					3
			1					7
		9				5		
	1				4			
6					9			
5	3	8	4		7	2	1	9

Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/11

This is a logic-based number placement puzzle.

The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral.

The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

9	6	3	8	7	2	5	1	4
2	1	8	4	5	3	6	9	7
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8	2	6	5	3	1	7	4	9
1	3	5	7	4	9	8	6	2
4	9	7	2	6	8	3	5	1
7	5	9	3	8	4	1	2	6
6	8	1	9	2	7	4	3	5
3	4	2	6	1	5	9	7	8

Cryptoquip

UWGGWXNHA ZGWR SXRP VHB T

RZWHV VOT TBVGP WN R

FGWHL WN FTBVEQ GTLAEQRU:

"UTBS EB VOT QAWBTU."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BE CAREFUL! IF THAT BIG AUSTRALIAN BIRD'S FEELINGS GET HURT, IT TENDS TO BECOME EMU-TIONAL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Binge
 - 4 Founded (on)
 - 9 Stir-fry need
 - 12 Eggs
 - 13 Scent
 - 14 Rage
 - 15 Quasi-modo's workplace
 - 17 Shelter, at sea
 - 18 Flightless bird
 - 19 Kevin of "SNL" fame
 - 21 They give one pause
 - 24 Faucet problem
 - 25 "The — Daba Honey-moon"
 - 26 Siesta
 - 28 Skier's hill
 - 31 Protein-rich beans
 - 33 Felon's flight
 - 35 Move back and forth
 - 36 Lifts to test the weight
- DOWN**
- 2 Task
 - 3 Guy's companion
 - 4 Bruce Wayne's alter ego
 - 5 Stirring
 - 6 Boar's mate
 - 7 Make corrections
 - 8 "— go first"
 - 9 Energetic determination
 - 10 Sandwich cookie
 - 11 Acute lot device
 - 16 Moon vehicle
 - 20 Has a bug
 - 21 Moolah
 - 22 Reed instrument
 - 23 How pilgrims progressed?
 - 27 Remuner-ation
 - 29 Macadamize
 - 30 Watched
 - 32 Undo a dele
 - 34 "The Piano Lesson" painter
 - 37 Tribal chief
 - 39 Mom
 - 42 Coastline
 - 44 GIs' entertainment grp.
 - 45 Mediocre
 - 46 Theater box
 - 50 Tit for —
 - 51 Peruke
 - 52 Environmentally friendly
 - 53 Stop signal

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RAZZ	HMO	WEPT							
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THROW	ALLAY								
ORATES	OTT								
ESPY	PAL	ZING							
	AUDIT	NIL							
LINED	DRIVE	AGO							
AROMA	OIL	PER							
DATUM	SAL	TRY							

Saturday's answer 7-9

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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			18			19		20			
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