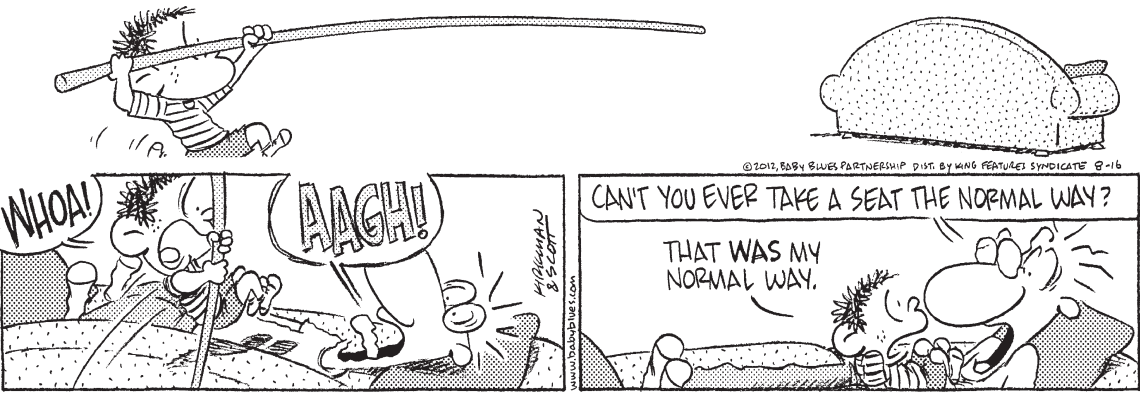


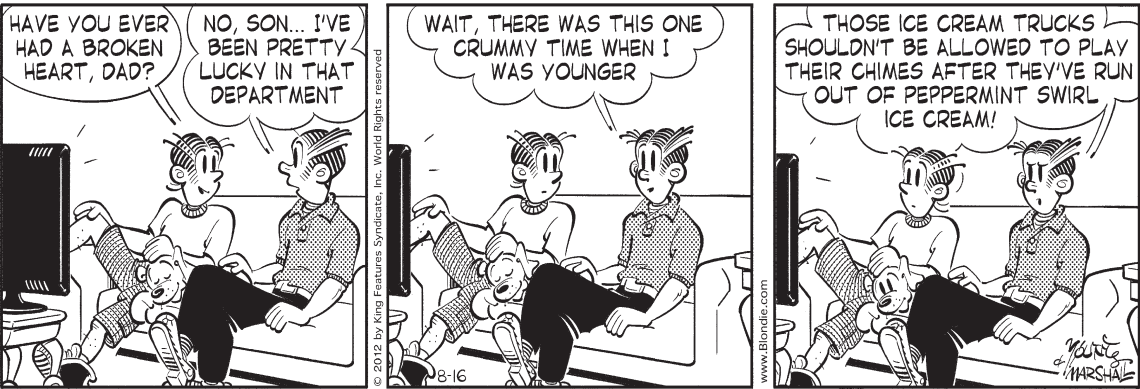
Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



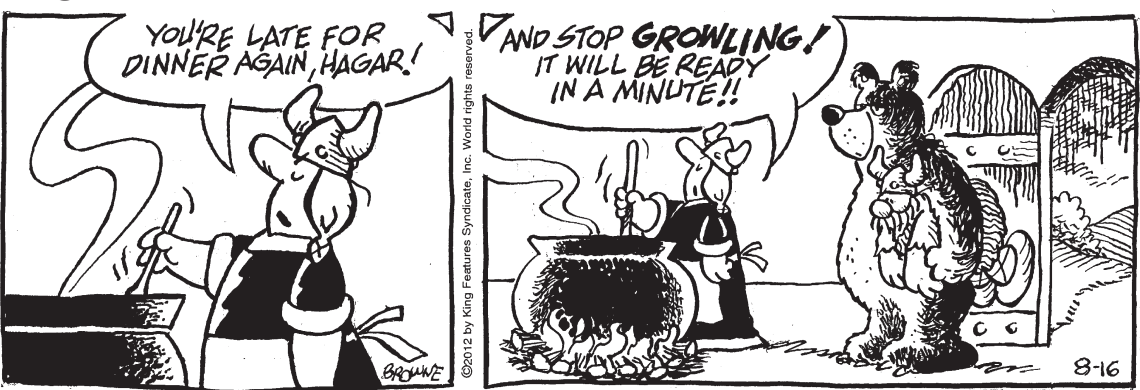
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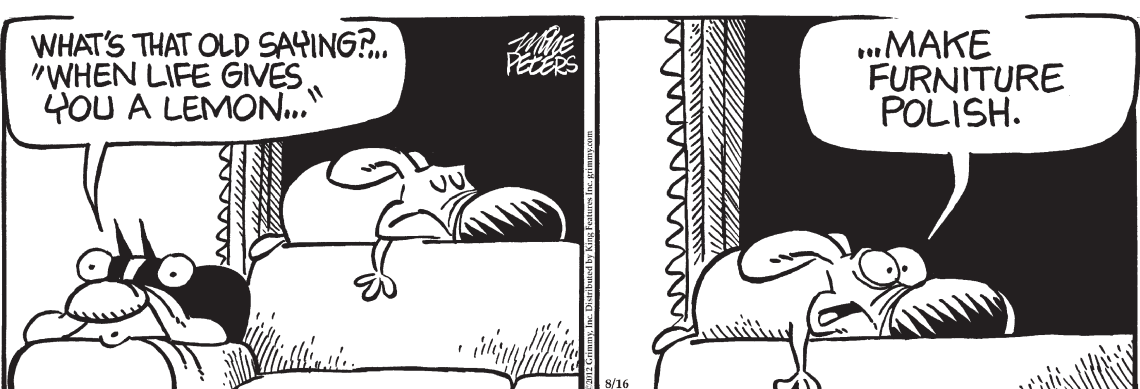
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Terry Kovel
• Antiques and Collecting

Giftware named after two streets

Q: My hammered aluminum tray, at least 70 years old, is marked "Hand Wrought Creation by Rodney Kent 423." Does it have any value?

A: Rodney Kent is the name of a line of hand-wrought aluminum giftware developed for Krischer Metal Products Co. of Brooklyn, N.Y. Hammered aluminum was popular from the 1930s through the 1950s.

The Rodney Kent line was developed under the supervision of Stanley Gelford, who named it after two streets near his office. It includes various serving pieces made of an alloy of aluminum and manganese. Most are decorated with tulips; some have ribbon and flower handles. The number on your tray indicates it is the 14-by-20-inch tray. Some pieces are marked "Rodney Kent Silver Co.," although the pieces are aluminum, not silver. Some had paper labels or tags instead of a mark; others have no mark at all.

Your tray might sell for \$25.
Q: I have an unusual beaded evening bag that belonged to my grandmother, from about 1910 or 1920. The beads are sewn in a flower design in colors resembling peacock feathers. I think the top is silver plate. Both sides have a design of a man in a boat; on one side he's being greeted, and on the other he's being bid farewell. The clasp is two opposing acorns. I would like to know if it has any value.

A: Beaded bags were in fashion during the 19th century and the early decades of the 20th. Companies in the United States, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany and Italy made them.

The foundations of the bags were knit or made on a loom. Early bags were decorated with tiny blown glass beads sewn in floral or scenic designs. Some had as many as 1,000 beads per square inch. Only the well-to-do could afford them since they cost about \$5, a considerable sum in the 19th century.

Bags with simpler designs or those made with a single color date from the early 1900s. Art Deco designs became popular in the 1920s. Cut-steel beads in silver and gold were used by some makers in the 1900s.

Intricate designs sell for more than plain colors. An ornate frame in gold or silver adds to the value. Prices have dropped the past few years, however, and most sell for less than \$100. Older bags in excellent shape and with intricate and colorful patterns of tiny beads attract higher prices.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

West dealer, North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ A J 3
♥ A Q 7
♠ A 7 6 4 2
♣ Q 5

WEST
♠ 6
♥ 9 4 2
♦ A 3
♣ A K J 10 8 4 3 2

EAST
♠ Q 9 8 7 4
♥ 10 6
♦ K Q 10 9 8
♣ 9

SOUTH
♠ K 10 5 2
♥ K J 8 5 3
♦ J 5
♣ 7 6

The bidding:
West North East South
4♣ 4♠ Dble Pass 4♥

Opening lead — king of clubs.

A Little Extra Effort

The ability to utilize information picked up during the bidding and play is a primary prerequisite to good declarer play. Admittedly, it entails extra effort on declarer's part, but the energy expended usually is returned with interest.

Consider this case where South reached four hearts as shown and West led the K-A of clubs. After East discarded the diamond ten on the second club, West shifted to the three of diamonds.

With every reason to believe that the three was a singleton, declarer put up dummy's ace and drew three rounds of trumps. When West turned up with three hearts, the hand became virtually an open book.

West was known to have started with eight clubs, three hearts and apparently two singletons. This in turn meant that East had the K-Q of diamonds and, in all likelihood, the queen of spades. Although one successful spade finesse could be taken against East, declarer was still in danger of losing his fourth spade as well as a diamond.

South's knowledge of East's hand enabled him to circumvent the spade loser. At trick seven, he cashed a fourth heart, bringing about this position:

North
♦ A J 3
♥ 7 6 4

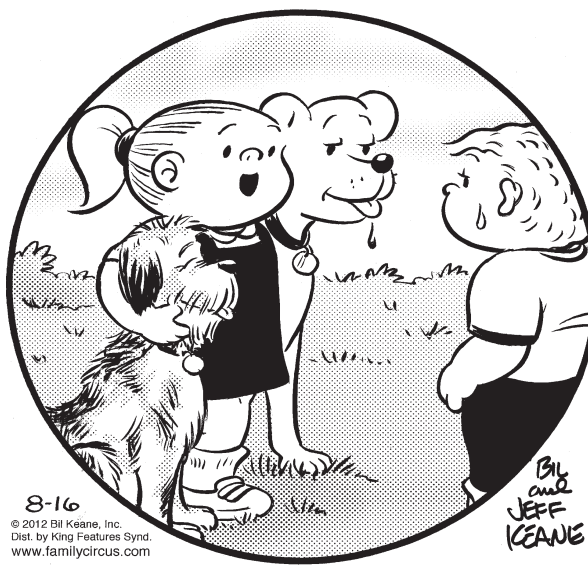
West
Immaterial

East
♦ Q 9 8 7
♥ K Q

South
♠ K 10 5 2
♥ 8
♦ J

When South next played his last trump, discarding a diamond from dummy, East was a dead duck. If he discarded a spade, declarer could score four tricks in the suit, so he pitched a diamond instead. South then led the diamond jack to East's king, establishing dummy's diamond seven as a trick. East's forced spade return rode to dummy's jack, and declarer had the rest of the tricks.
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"This is Barfy and Sam's favorite time of year 'cause it's full of dog days."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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.

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

Cryptoquip

P Q U R I O G C O A Q N Z X I L A
P D I R G N L O S Q P C J J L F I S C P
C U I M C Y D J I , Q F L Z J S R C J J
Q O C U Q M I S Y I O C D G L X .
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THE TWO DOMINANT RAMS DO BATTLE BY BANGING HORNS, THEY ALWAYS USE THE BUTTING GREEN.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals A

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Information, informally

5 Genie's home

9 Commercial — a

12 "Once in a while ..."

13 Sheltered around the track

14 Helen Reddy hit

17 Sch. org.

18 Charlie Brown's dog

19 Fire residue

21 Yours truly

22 Accordion rendition, often

24 Amorphous mass

27 Lingerie item

28 Concept

31 Edge

32 Decay

33 Have

34 Newspaper pg.

36 Fool

DOWN

1 Clothing place

2 Admitting clients

3 Horse-play?

4 Bury

5 "My Fair —"

6 Carte lead-in

7 Kitten's comment

8 Punishment-related

9 Pack leader, maybe

10 Appointment

11 Resorts

16 Gorilla

20 Take to the slopes

23 Feedbag fill

24 Bud

25 Back talk

26 1971 Heston film, with "The"

27 Actor Pitt

29 Ram's mate

30 In addition

35 Poorly lit

37 Goat hair made into wool

39 Twelve

40 British rule in India

41 Uncontrolled

42 Lyricist's subject, often

43 History

44 Responsibility

45 Sandwich shop

46 On the briny

49 Before

50 Wage earner's payment

Solution time: 25 mins.

ALSO	LAW	SNIP
RAIN	ORE	TACO
TRIGATE	OVEN	
ASSORT	DERIDE	
NIH	STAG	
ATM	DEC	AGAIN
WAIF	DUB	ETNA
EXTOL	EEL	EGG
IRIS	ROT	
LEGATE	ADORES	
AWAY	LITIGATE	
METE	MOE	AGUE
BRED	AND	SAID

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13					14	
15			16						17	
18							19	20		
21					22	23				
24	25	26			27			28	29	30
31					32				33	
34			35		36			37		
		38		39				40		
41	42						43		44	45
47				48	49	50				
51				52					53	
54				55					56	