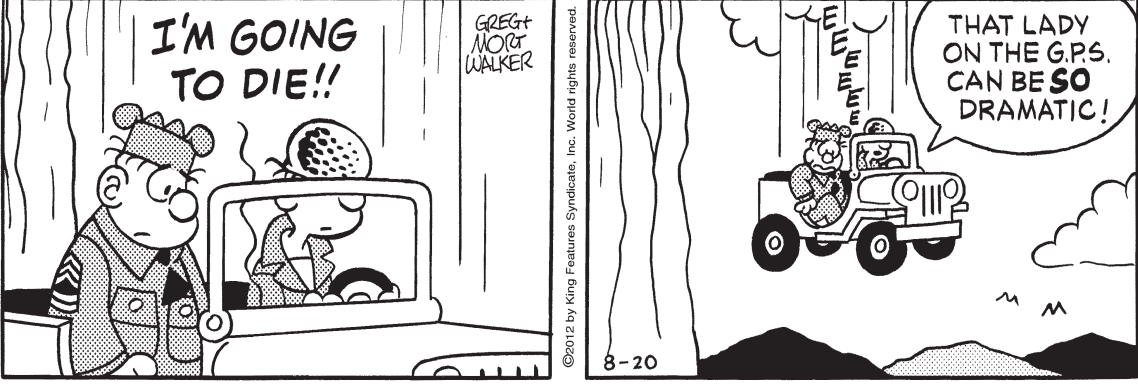


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



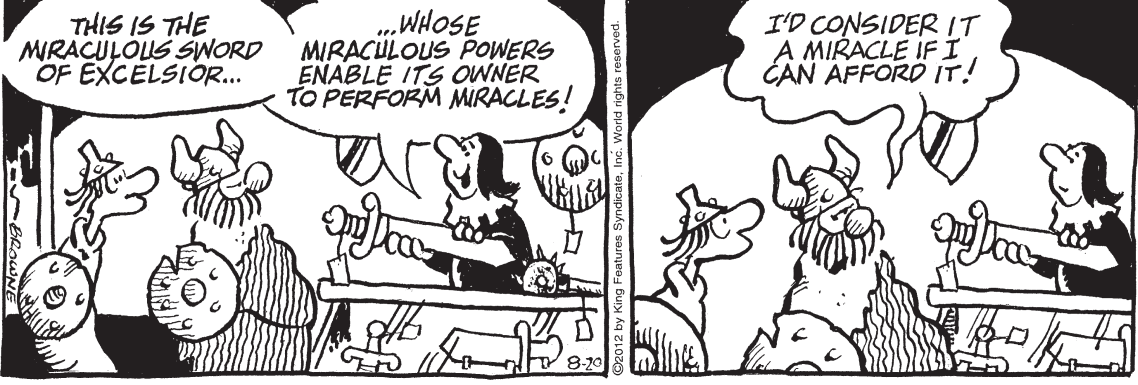
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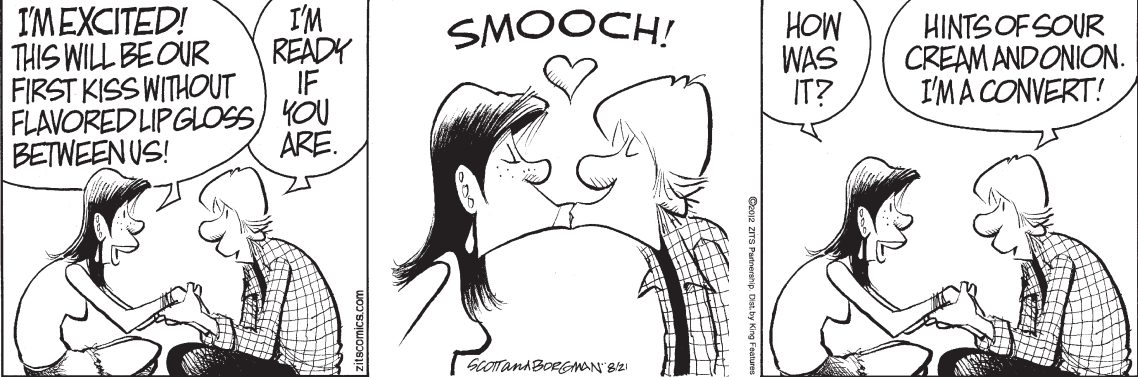
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Terry Kovel • Antiques and Collecting

Iridescent glass may be ancient

Ancient Roman iridescent glass dug up in Israel is now being featured in modern jewelry. One of the jewelry designers told viewers of a late-night shopping channel that the thin layer of iridescence called "patina" was taken from the ancient glass and assembled flake by flake on a base used to create new jewelry.

A chemical reaction causes buried glass to form the iridescent layer. We have seen 1950s bottles buried in a damp location that show this type of iridescence.

Artists have admired this glass iridescence since the early 1800s. In 1817, a man from Scotland patented a way to iridize glass, but the glass that collectors like today, the kind with a golden iridescence, was made by Ludwig Lobmeyr of Austria-Hungary in 1873.

Other glass artists, including Louis Comfort Tiffany, began making their own type of iridescent glass. Some of the factories that made gold iridescent glass and the date they started are: Glasfabrik Johann Loetz-Witwe (1890), Wilhelm Kralik Sohn (1890s), Tiffany (1896), Koloman Moser (1900), Quezal Art Glass Co. (1901) and Steuben Glass Co. (1903).

Carnival glass, a less expensive and very different-looking type of iridescent glass, was made after 1908.

Collectors and even experts often cannot identify the maker of a gold iridescent glass piece because the pieces are all so similar. And modern glassmakers can produce similar glass pieces, too, so there is much confusion. The most expensive and most popular is Tiffany gold glass.

Q: I would like to know the age and make of my cast-iron toy gun. It's marked "TG-27" and has a nub on the bottom and a short barrel. It probably opens at the grip. My brother repainted the entire gun to cover up rust.

A: Your toy is a cap gun made by the National Toy Co. The nub on the bottom of the grip lifts up to show where the caps should be loaded.

Although the company didn't officially incorporate until 1914, your cap gun likely dates from 1911. The company's products were successful and sold in stores like FAO Schwarz. Since your cap gun is repainted, its value is very low.

Tip: Do not display carnival glass made before 1910 in direct sunlight. The glass, introduced in 1907, will turn purple or brown and its iridescent finish may fade.

Terry Kovel answers as many questions as possible through the column. We cannot guarantee the return of any photograph, but if a stamped envelope is included, we will try. The volume of mail makes personal answers or appraisals impossible. Write to Kovels, (Colby Free Press), King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10019.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 15 4	♥ 9 7 4	♠ 8 7 6	♥ K 6 5 3
♦ Q 10	♣ Q 8 7 2	♦ J 9	♣ A J 10 4

WEST ♠ A Q 10 9 3 2 ♥ Q 8 2 ♦ 6 2 ♣ 9 3

SOUTH ♠ K ♥ A 10 ♦ A K 8 7 5 4 3 ♣ K 6 5

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 ♦ 2 ♣ Pass
3 ♣ Pass Pass
Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

Famous Hand
Italy defeated the United States in the 1965 world team championship staged in Buenos Aires, Argentina, but the American team did well at both tables on this deal.

At the first table, the U.S. East-West pair got to three spades on the bidding shown. The Italian South could have made three diamonds, but he was denied the opportunity to bid it by the American pair's pre-emptive tactics.

West should have gone down one, but the defense slipped. North led the queen of diamonds and continued with a diamond to South's king. South then played a third diamond, on which West discarded a heart as North ruffed with the jack.

North returned a low heart to South's ace, and South led a fourth round of diamonds. West discarded a club as dummy ruffed with the six, and a trump lead from dummy allowed West to claim the rest of the tricks after the king appeared.

At the second table, where B. Jay Becker and Dorothy Hayden were seated North-South for the U.S., the bidding took a dramatic turn:

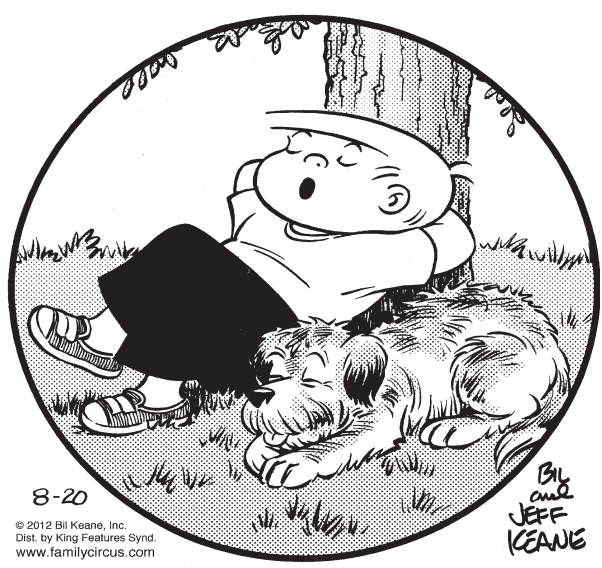
East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ♦	1 ♣	Pass
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 NT!		

Mrs. Hayden's three-notrump call, though highly unusual, was well-judged. With the expected low-spade lead -- assuming West had the ace, which seemed likely -- she could count nine tricks in notrump.

West led the queen of spades, and Mrs. Hayden, thanks to her bold bid, eventually finished with 10 tricks to net the American team a gain of 770 points. It is true that, with the jack of spades in the North hand, three notrump could not be defeated with any lead, but getting there was nevertheless a coup of the first order.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Summer vacation's almost over, Sam. We need to do as much of nothing as we can."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 8/20

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.

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Cryptoquip

ZCO QKCKGHVHZY VHQEZU

DIZAQ D UDJJHKO NZUDY

NPZ'V D QZQDC QJHGH

IASS: "QPK SDEQV ZS NHSK."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WOULD A PROLONGED BITTER BATTLE BETWEEN TWO HEADSTRONG PHILOSOPHERS BE A FEUD FOR THOUGHT?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals W

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lose color
 - 5 Actress Lupino
 - 8 Half a ticket
 - 12 Not "fer"
 - 13 Neither mate
 - 14 Bean curd
 - 15 Tin Man's problem
 - 16 Carriage
 - 18 Cookbook entry
 - 20 Under-score
 - 21 Lacks the ability
 - 23 Brit. reference book
 - 24 One seeking political asylum
 - 28 Unaccompanied
 - 31 — Khan
 - 32 Doctrine
 - 34 Tiny
 - 35 Trumpet, e.g.
 - 37 Shame
 - 39 Third letter
 - 41 Close up tight
- DOWN**
- 42 Narcotic
 - 45 Jackson or Johnson
 - 49 Oppressive ruler
 - 51 Skeleton component
 - 52 October birth-stone
 - 53 Peacock network
 - 54 Reed instrument
 - 55 Depend (on)
 - 56 Blond shade
 - 57 Shril bark
- 2 Chills and fever**
- 3 Platter**
- 4 Lure**
- 5 Started a paragraph**
- 6 Female deer**
- 7 Weaponry**
- 8 Gawks**
- 9 Make less intense**
- 10 Venusian vessels?**
- 11 Prickly seed cases**
- 17 Ike's command in WWII**
- 19 Treaty**
- 22 Morrison and Braxton**
- 24 Doo follower**
- 25 Id counterpart**
- 26 Absurd Use**
- 27 Wikipedia, maybe**
- 29 Zodiac feline**
- 30 "— the ramparts we watched ..."**
- 33 Compared to**
- 36 Without making a mess**
- 38 Address to a bloke**
- 40 Greek vowel**
- 42 Smell**
- 43 Meer-schaum, e.g.**
- 44 Sicilian spouter**
- 46 Post-bout attire**
- 47 Carbon compound**
- 48 Cry**
- 50 Out of use, as a wd.**

Saturday's answer 8-20

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		46	47	48
49				50				51		
52				53				54		
55				56				57		