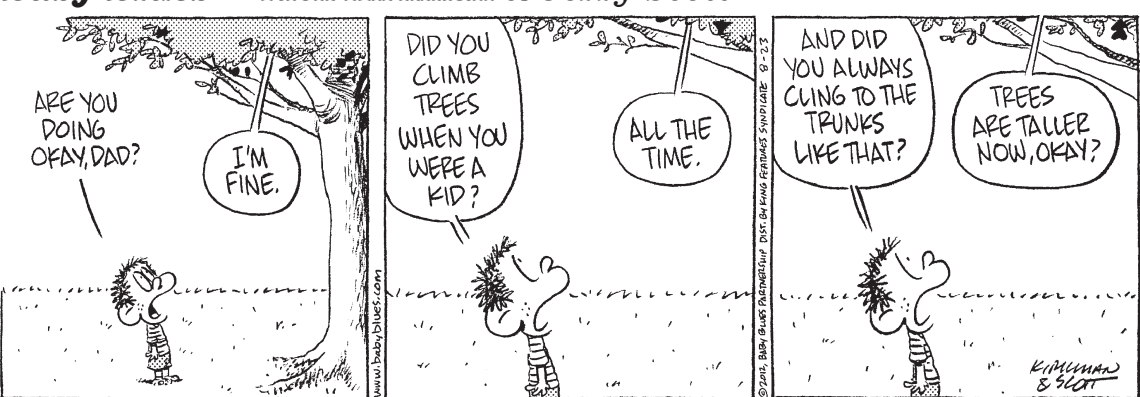


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



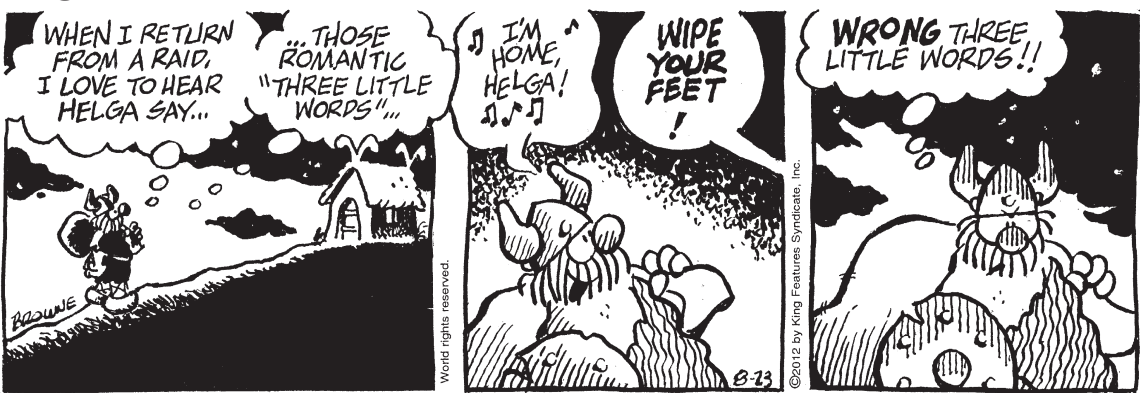
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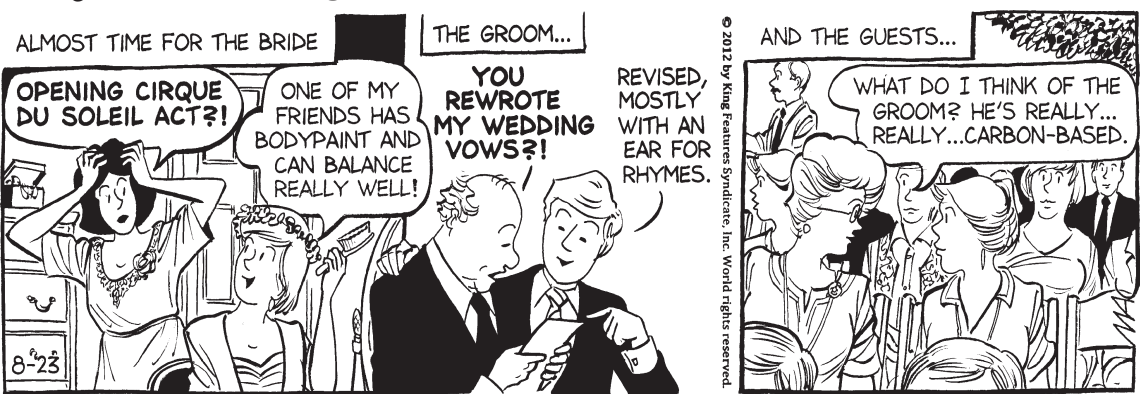
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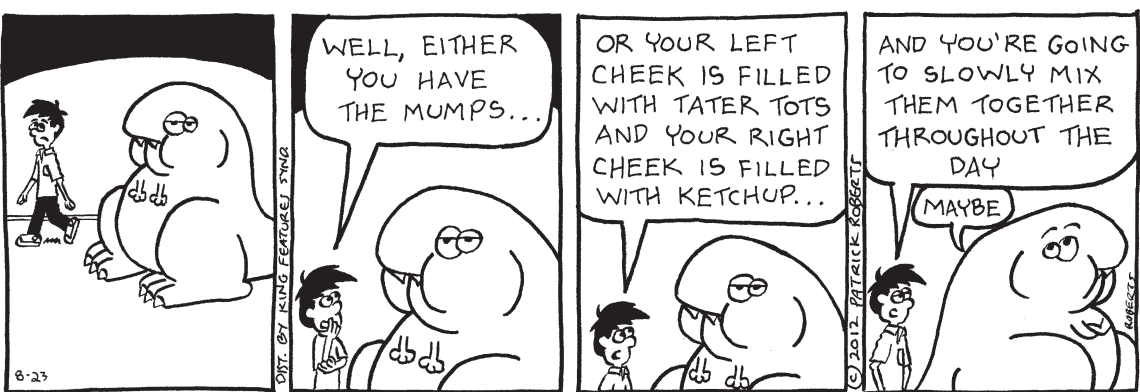
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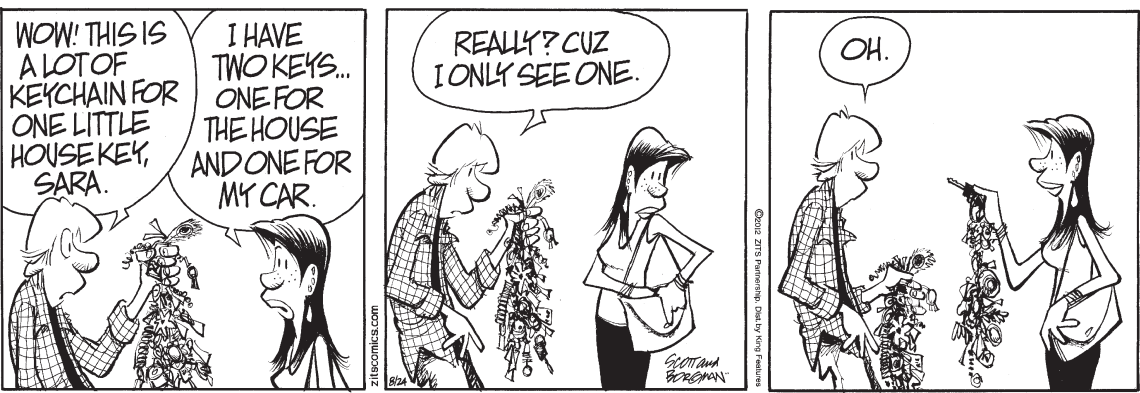
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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel
• Antiques and Collecting

Is iron table junk or treasure?

Q: Please settle a dispute between my husband and me about a small table that has been in my family for years. We think it's made of iron. It has two pierced oval shelves and a marble top and is marked "B & H" and "1646." The paint is chipped. I say it should not go to a landfill and my husband insists it should. Who is right?

A: Your iron table was made by Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co. Walter Hubbard and his brother-in-law, Nathaniel Lyman Bradley, started making cast-metal clocks, call bells, lamps, chandeliers, sconces, bookends, frames, andirons and sewing birds in 1854 in Meriden, Conn. The company was sold to Charles Parker in 1940.

During the late 1800s and early 1900s, Bradley & Hubbard made many types of small ornate tables and stands to hold plants, flowers, calling cards, smoking accessories and inkstands. The tables and stands sell today for about \$150 to \$350, depending on condition. All Bradley & Hubbard products are collectible. Don't throw the table away.

Q: A Dr. Scholl's counter display has been in my family for years. It advertises "Dr. Scholl's Zino-pads. For Corns, Callouses & Bunions." The display has a pair of men's feet and contains a flickering light bulb that shines through a red lens to simulate pain. What is its value?

A: Dr. Scholl's was founded in Chicago in 1906 by podiatrist William Mathias Scholl. He was working for a local shoe retailer when he realized the potential for shoes that addressed common foot problems. He took night classes at a medical school and received his degree in 1904.

When Scholl hired salesmen, he paid them higher wages if they took a podiatric course. On his first trip to Europe, Scholl personally sold arch supports to Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany.

The company used many different styles of counter displays to advertise its products in drugstores. Your display is unusual because it has electric components. A nonelectrical vintage display recently sold for \$144 at auction. Any large advertising sign with lights is worth hundreds of dollars.

Q: I have a scrapbook that belonged to my great-grandfather and then my grandfather. It's all about the Villa Igia in Palermo, Sicily. It has about 145 pages, filled with newspaper clippings from the early 1900s. We want to keep it in the family, but wonder what it might be worth. Who might be interested in it?

A: Collectors and libraries value letters, cards, documents and photographs of famous people. If the person who kept the scrapbook isn't famous, the value of material in an old scrapbook is minimal unless the photos and letters relate to a historic event.

Condition is always important, too. Collectors don't like newspaper clippings as much as they like postcards, trade cards and "scraps" (small die-cut colored pictures). They will pay \$1 to \$10 for common examples and more than \$100 for rarities. If your scrapbook includes more than clippings, you may find it has more value by taking it apart and donating or selling the individual photos, postcards and scraps.

Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 9 8 5 2
♥ A 6
♦ 8
♣ A J 9 7 3

WEST
♠ 7 4
♥ K Q 10 7
♦ Q 9 6 3 2
♣ 8 2

EAST
♠ 6
♥ J 9 5 3 2
♦ K J 7 4
♣ Q 5 4

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 4♦ Pass
4 NT Pass 5♥ Pass
6♣ Opening lead — king of hearts.

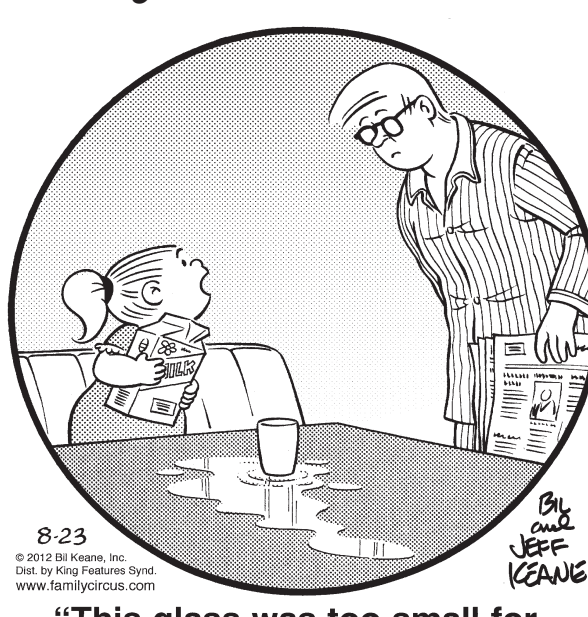
It's Easy When You Know How
Consider this deal where South got to six spades on the bidding shown. North's four-diamond bid (called a "splinter") was conventional, indicating the values for a game in spades while at the same time showing a singleton (or void) in diamonds. West led the king of hearts, taken by dummy's ace. Superficially, it seemed that declarer would have to guess which way to take the two-way club finesse to make the slam. But South had been to the wars before and was not inclined to stake the outcome on guessing which defender had the queen of clubs. Instead he embarked on a line of play that assured the slam regardless of where the queen of clubs was located.

After cashing the ace of trumps at trick two, he played the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond in dummy. This was followed by a low trump to the king and another diamond ruff in dummy, setting the stage for a sure-fire endplay. Declarer exited from dummy with a heart, and it did not matter which defender won the trick. Whoever wound up on lead would next have to return either a club (trapping the queen) or a heart or diamond (allowing South to discard a club as he ruffed in dummy).

The elimination play executed by declarer followed standard procedure. First he eliminated suit No. 1 (spades), followed by suit No. 2 (diamonds). He then put the enemy on lead with suit No. 3 (hearts) to force the return of suit No. 4 (clubs). That's how most elimination plays work.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

Cryptoquip

ENIY H BVKI V ENMSI RDYFN
MA XMAG FNMFM SVGI
FVYKHIX, H SDQQIK GNIB
VOMDYK HY V GODAASI RVQ.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE I OMIT TOO MANY WORDS FROM NEW DICTIONARIES, WHAT MIGHT YOU SAY I DO? ABRIDGE TOO FAR.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals I

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Hairstyle
5 Fond du
8 Wan
12 Pitch
13 Bachelor's last words
14 Old portico
15 Largest continent
16 — canto
17 Get ready, for short
18 Catch sight of
20 Eye layer
22 West Virginia industry
26 — nerve
29 Japanese sash
30 Sticky stuff
31 Frog's cousin
32 Pair
33 Timely question?
34 Unwell
35 Miller Sebastian
36 Name

DOWN
37 "Kiss Me Kate" composer
40 Up to
41 Discomfort
45 Dressed
47 Botanical sticker
49 Walked (on)
50 Heap
51 "— was saying, ..."
52 Enthralled
53 PC operator
54 Scooted
55 Shetland, e.g.

2 Northamp-
tonshire
3 Rainbow
4 Limp
5 Egypt's neighbor
6 Citric quaff
7 Ruffled sleuth of TV icons
8 Colorado ski mecca
9 Poker-winning hand
10 Weeding tool
11 Shrill bark
19 Sinbad's country
21 Half of XIV
23 Depress
24 Yule refrain
25 Missing
26 Ear-related
27 Horse-play?
28 Yarn
32 Strip of icons
33 Bug
35 Sgt.'s subordinate
36 Coffee break
38 Duck time
39 Shroud city
42 Jason's ship
43 Any day now
44 Nervous
45 PC's brain
46 Fleur-de-
48 "Born in the —"

Solution time: 25 mins.

W	O	K		R	A	T				
P	I	P	E	P	E	R	S	E		
C	A	R	E	T	I	C	E	A	X	E
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O	R	I	O	L	E			C	O	I
S	N	O	O	D				T	O	T
A	P	E						S	L	Y

Yesterday's answer 8-23

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15				16				17		
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