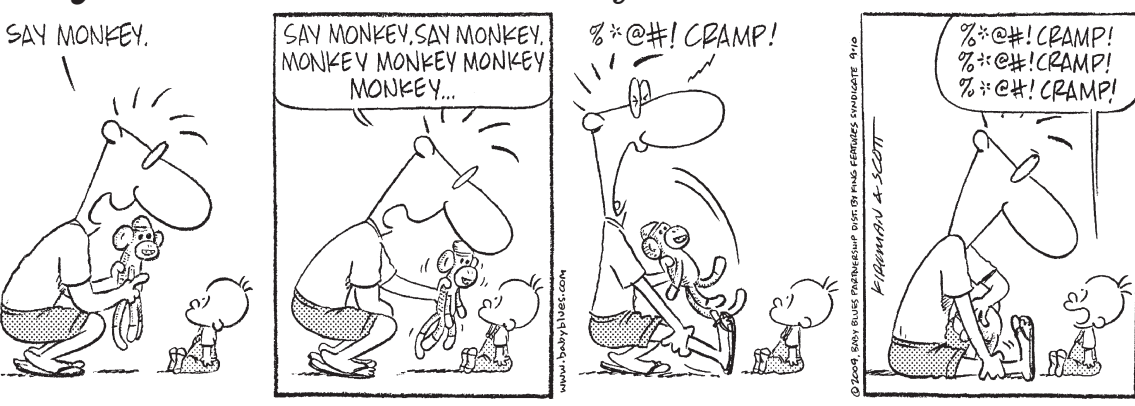
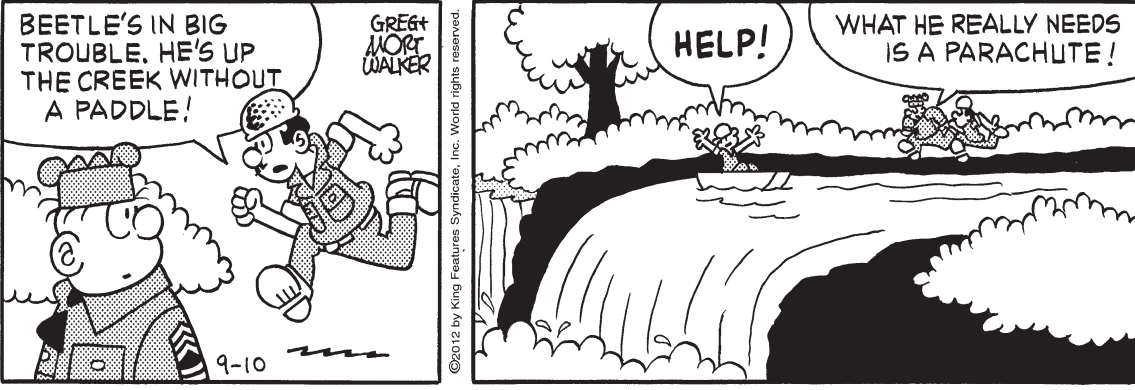


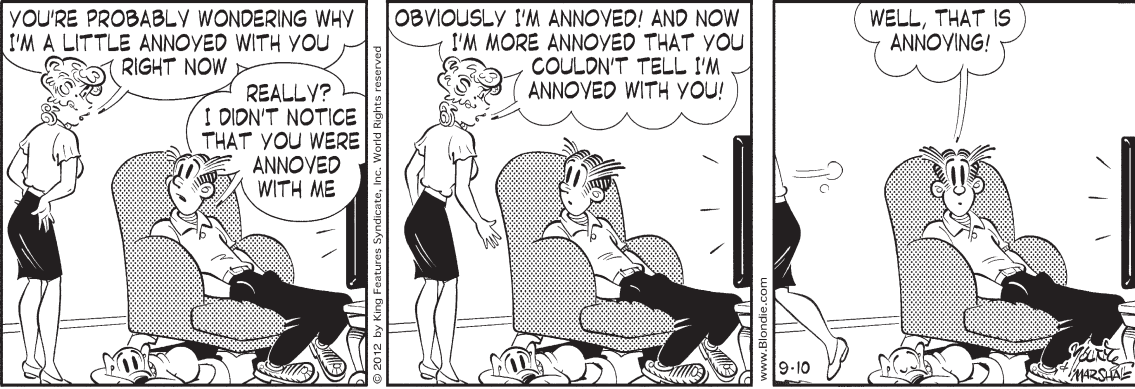
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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



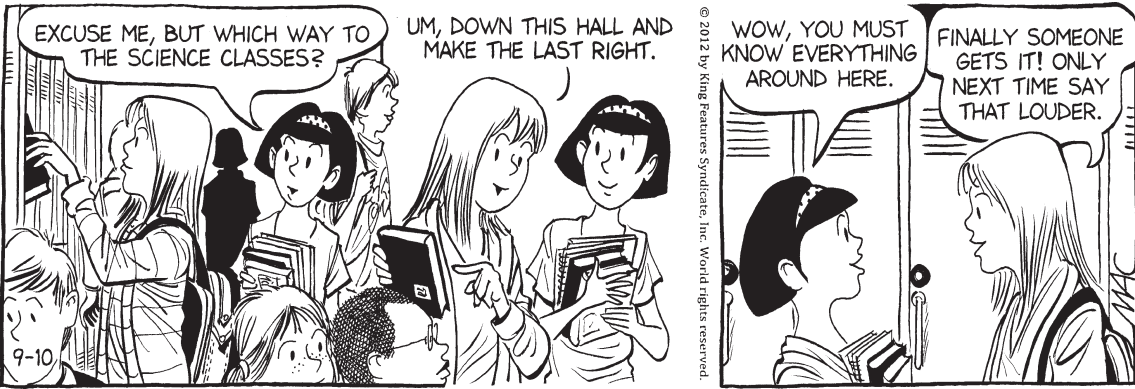
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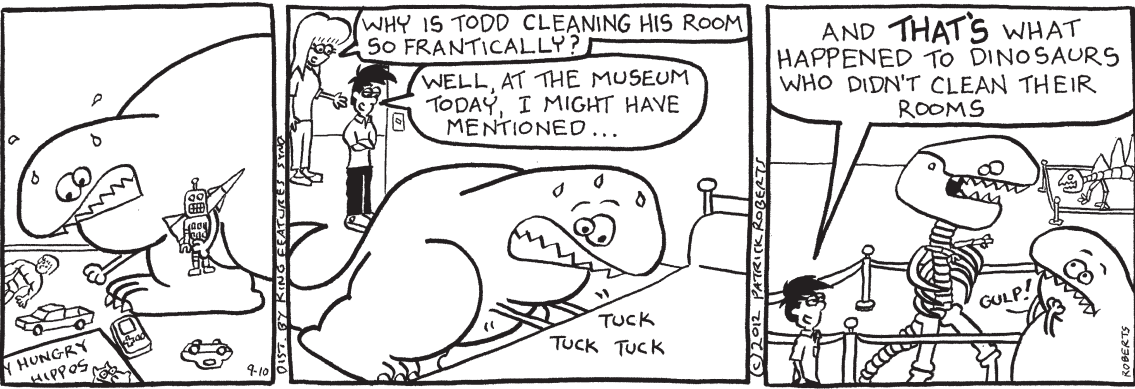
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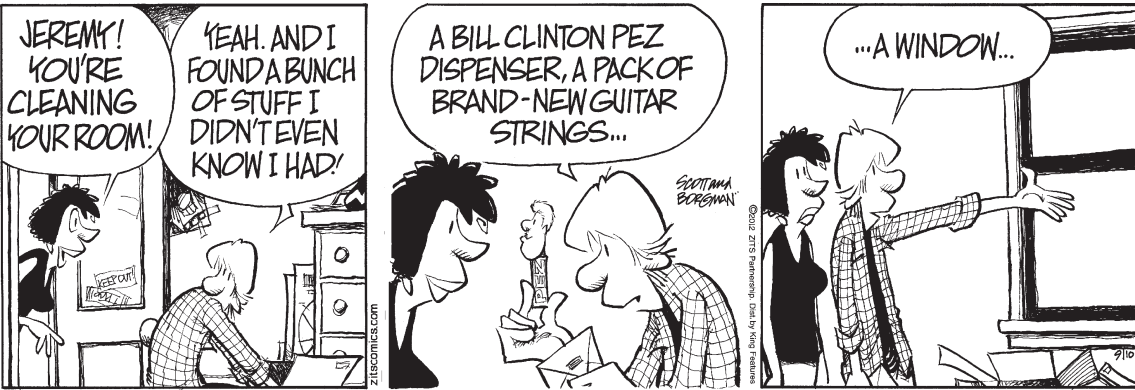
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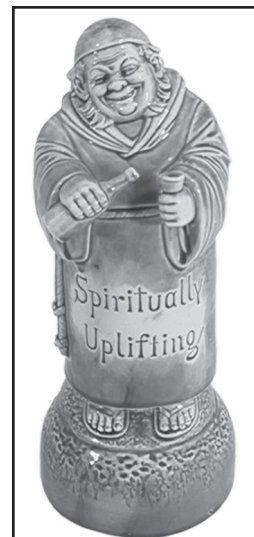
Terry Kovel

• Antiques and Collecting

Joke ceramics a fun collection

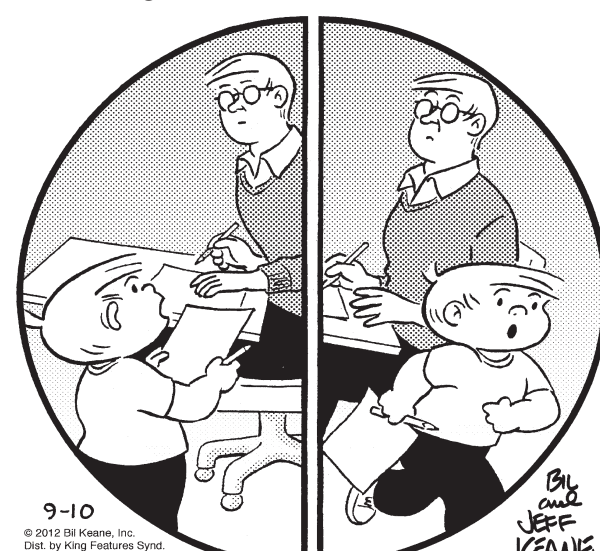
Put some fun into your collections and start hunting for old or new figurines, plates and drinking mugs that were meant to be jokes. Puzzle mugs date back to the 1700s. They were popular in taverns.

When a patron was tipsy, the bartender poured ale into a mug that hid a realistic pottery frog at the bottom. Empty the mug and the frog appeared while other patrons laughed. In the early 1800s, Chinese export porcelains were sometimes decorated with humorous or off-color subjects. One famous design is a scene of a young woman wearing a full skirt and sitting on a swing. The man next to her appears to be pushing the swing. But on the back of the plate you can see the back of the woman. Her skirt is pushed up to show her bare backside. The design was so popular that the same scene was made into a molded iron ashtray 100 years later. Many of these jokes were connected to drinking and bars. In the 1920s, when Prohibition was the law, dozens of small bottles and flasks were made by Schafer and Vater, a German company. A disheveled drunk labeled "Prohibition," an Uncle Sam figure holding a martini glass, a decanter shaped like a monk pouring a drink with the inscription "Spiritually Uplifting."



Schafer and Vater, a German company, made this musical decanter to joke about Prohibition. A perfect example would sell for \$300. This 11-inch example was sold by Uniques & Antiques of Aston, Pa.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



9-10
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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 9/10
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

NRDTHA KDLNR LIIRNHXY
PTXJ KXTFFJ YTEYRDK ILN
CHPTATJTX PLMXDTHX
YMHERK: DCR KCRNFT HPTYR.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A MOUNTAIN OF RED TAPE DELAYS THE PROGRESS OF SOMETHING, WOULD YOU SAY IT'S PAPER-WAIT?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 Towel designation
4 Wildebeest
7 Oscar winner Patricia
11 Concept
13 A billion years
14 Gumbo need
15 Ripped
16 Kreskin's claim
17 Office part-timer
18 Does in
20 Opposite of "nope"
22 Commonest English word
24 Elvis' instrument
28 Annoys
32 Cutting tool
33 Jai —
34 Knock
36 Pleased
37 Fool
39 Roams
41 Followed relentlessly
- DOWN**
1 Smacks
2 "American —"
3 Antitoxins
4 "Golly!"
5 Inquisitive
6 Open, in a way
7 "Forget it!"
8 — out a living
9 Upper limb
10 Once around the track
12 Cole Porter
15 Musical combo
19 That girl
21 Arctic bird
23 Blunder in the ring
25 Mosaic piece
- 26** Somewhere out there
27 Ball club from
50 Across
28 Musical combo
29 Hodgepodge
30 Piquancy
31 Wittedness
35 Peace (Sp.)
38 Japanese money
40 Present
42 Fine and —
45 Sommelier's suggestion
47 Cheat at hide-and-seek
48 Cubesmith
49 They get connected
50 Resistance unit
51 Weeding implement
52 Tape speed meas.
54 Dog's hand



Saturday's answer 9-10

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
28	29	30			31		32		
33				34		35		36	
37				38		39		40	
41				42		43			
			44		45		46		47
50	51	52			53		54		55
56					57				58
59					60				61

Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♦AK75
♥K105
♠873
♣972
WEST
♦J1063
♥74
♠6
♣AQJ864
EAST
♦Q92
♥982
♠AQ94
♣K53
SOUTH
♦84
♥AQJ63
♠KJ1052
♣10
The bidding:
North East South West
Pass 1♦ 1♥ 1♣
2♦ Dble 3♥ 3♠
Opening lead — ace of clubs.

Famous Hand

Today's deal occurred near the end of the 1989 Venice Cup final between two women's teams from the Netherlands and the United States. The Americans won the world title after outscoring their opponents by 49 International Match Points over the last 16 boards. This was the fifth deal of that set.

When the hand was first played, Kerri Shuman of the U.S. reached four hearts as shown. North's two-diamond cuebid promised a sound raise in hearts, and South's jump to three hearts showed extra values. North (Karen McCallum) then carried on to game.

West led the ace of clubs and shifted to the six of diamonds. East won with the ace and returned a diamond, Shuman finessing the jack. West ruffed, but that was the third and final trick for the defense, so Shuman made her contract for a score of +620.

The same contract was reached at the other table, but here the defense by Americans Lynn Deas and Beth Palmer was far more efficient. Deas, West, led her singleton diamond at trick one. Palmer won with the ace and returned the diamond four, a suit-preference signal directing West to return a club if she ruffed the diamond.

Deas ruffed South's jack and, displaying full confidence in her partner, led a low club to East's king. Palmer returned another diamond, and West's ruff sank the contract.

The combined total of 100 points at this table and 620 at the other gave the U.S. a 12-IMP pick-up on the deal.