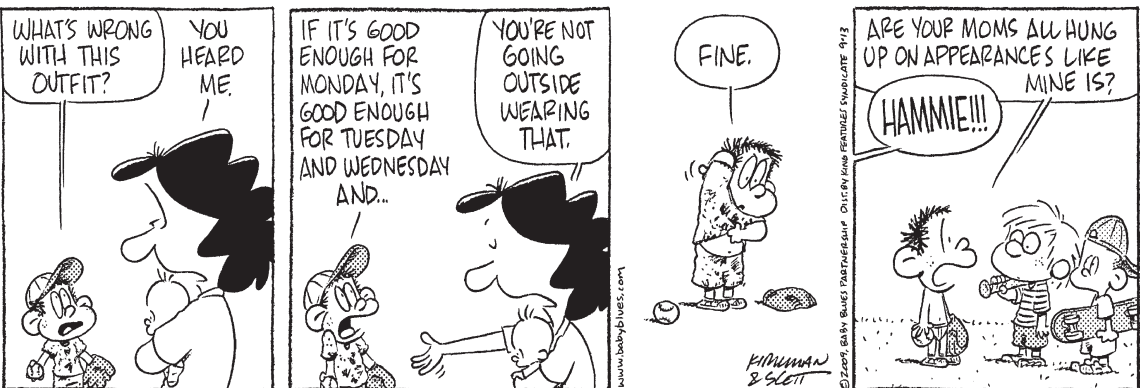


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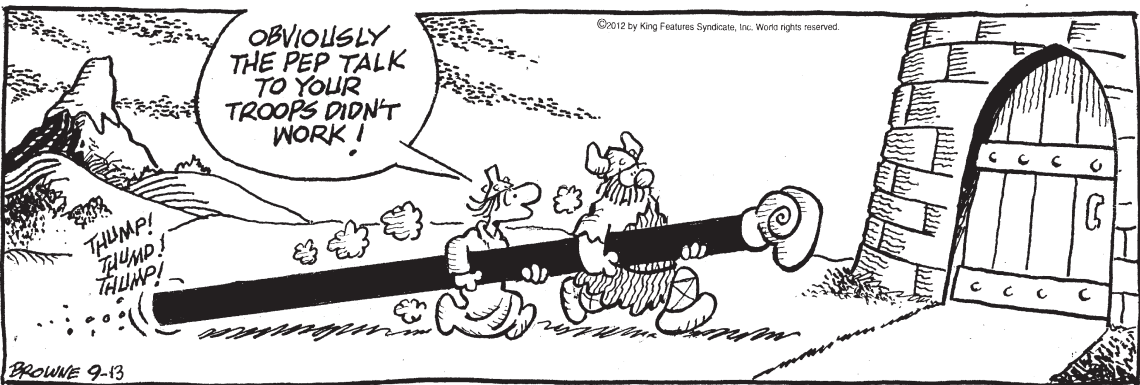
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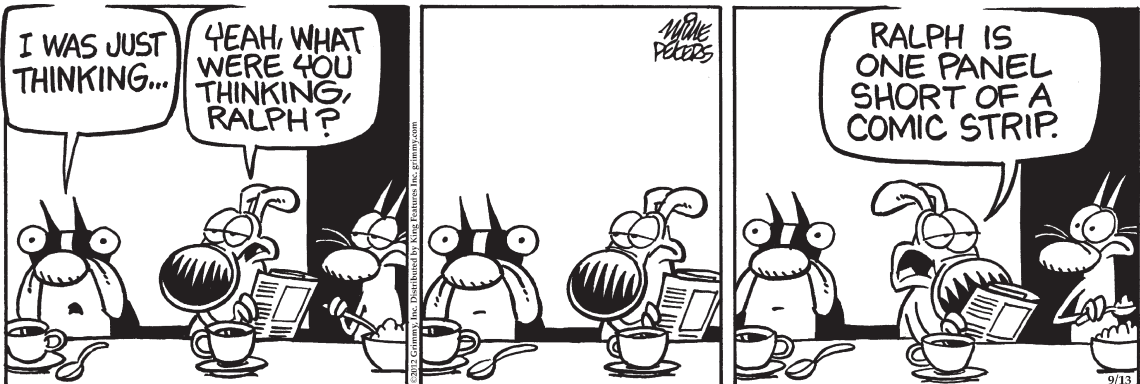
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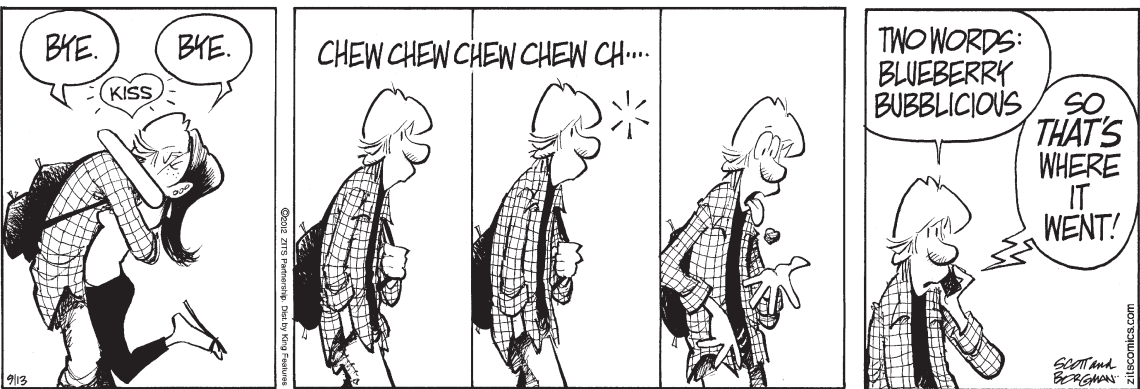
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Terry Kovel  
• Antiques and Collecting

China table set remembers king

**Q:** We own a royal commemorative creamer and sugar that my grandparents brought to this country from Scotland in the early 1900s. We think it's from the wedding of King Edward VII to Queen Alexandra. Both pieces are cream-colored with multicolor portraits of the king and queen. The rims are gold and wavy. Neither piece is marked. What is the set worth?

**A:** Queen Victoria's oldest son, Albert "Bertie" Edward (1841-1910), was married to Denmark's Princess Alexandra in 1863. But he didn't become King Edward VII until Queen Victoria died in 1901. Your creamer and sugar commemorate the king's 1901 coronation, not his 1863 wedding. If your set is in excellent condition, it could sell for about \$125 to \$150. It would sell for more in England than in the United States.

**Q:** My wife and I own a 20-inch-high kerosene lamp. The globe and mantle are made of glass, and the base is brass, copper and pewter. The handles are pewter dragons, and the base is decorated with fanciful pewter birds. The lamp is stamped, "Consolidated, Pat. Sept. 990 Apr 30 05 April 11 93." Value?

**A:** The stamp indicates that your lamp was made by Consolidated Lamp and Glass Co. of Fostoria, Ohio. The company resulted from a merger of Wallace and McAfee Co. of Pittsburgh and Fostoria Shade and Lamp Co. of Fostoria. Consolidated had a reputation for making fine lamps and other lighting products. The company moved its operations to Coraopolis, Pa., after a fire badly damaged the Ohio factory. Collectors are particularly interested in Consolidated glass made after 1925, when its designers moved towards Art Deco and Lalique-inspired designs. The company temporarily closed during the Depression and closed for good in 1964. A matching pair of old Consolidated molded glass kerosene lamps recently sold for \$110 at auction.

**Q:** Your April Fool's Day column stated that Prince Albert tobacco, introduced in the United States in 1907, was named for the "future king of England." But Prince Albert became King Edward VII when his mother, Queen Victoria, died in 1901.

**A:** Prince Albert was indeed already king when the tobacco brand was introduced here. But some tins have an added design on the front that says "Now King."

**Tip:** Most ceramics can be washed with soap or detergent and water but a few things should not be. Any pieces that are repaired, damaged or have painted decorations should not be soaked in water. Wipe them with a damp cloth after testing a small area. Unglazed pieces should be dusted.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 6 5 3  
♥ J 3  
♦ 8 6 5  
♣ A K Q J 4  
**WEST**  
♠ 4  
♥ 9 8 7 4 2  
♦ J 7 3  
♣ 9 6 5 3  
**EAST**  
♠ A 8 7 2  
♥ 6 5  
♦ A K 10 9 4  
♣ 7 2  
**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q J 10 9  
♥ A K Q 10  
♦ Q 2  
♣ 10 8

The bidding:  
**South** West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ 2 ♦  
2 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
Opening lead — three of diamonds.

Sneak Attack

Assume you're East and declarer gets to four spades on the sequence shown. Your partner leads the diamond three, and you cash the K-A of diamonds before playing another diamond, ruffed by declarer with the nine of spades. South leads the king of trumps, your partner following suit, and the question is whether to take the king with the ace or duck it.

Let's say you decide to duck the king, which is a fairly standard play. This does not turn out well, because South next leads the queen of trumps, disclosing the 4-1 trump division. You are now a deceased pigeon, whatever you do.

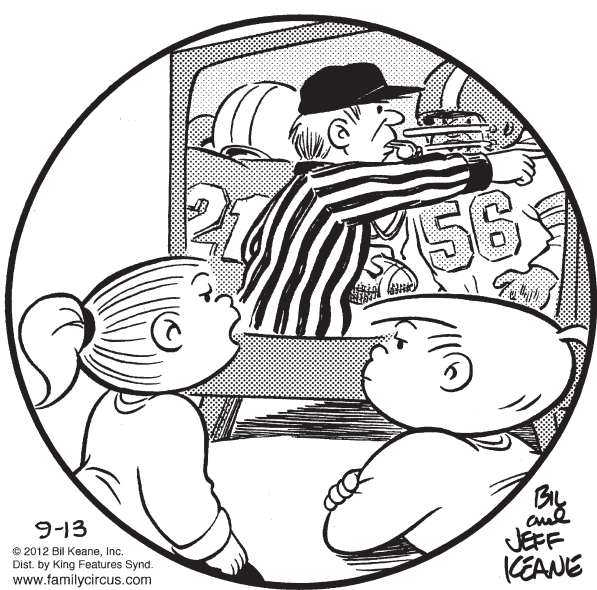
If you take the king, South has an easy time scoring the rest of the tricks. If you duck the queen, South has to work harder, but you still wind up behind the eight ball. He cashes the ace of hearts and begins to run dummy's clubs. Whether you ruff the third club high, low or not at all, your cause is hopeless.

Oddly enough, the correct play is to win the king of trumps with the ace at trick four and lead a diamond! This might seem like a crazy thing to do — after all, you're presenting declarer with a ruff-and-discard — but it is a play that is virtually certain to defeat the contract.

What do you think South would do if you led the fourth round of diamonds at trick five? He doesn't know that the trumps are divided 4-1, and he would feel foolish indeed if he discarded a winner from his hand and West scored the setting trick with the seven or eight of trumps. Holding the Q-J-10 of spades, South would be much more likely to ruff with the ten and hope for a 3-2 trump division. Once he did that, he could no longer make the contract.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★

9/13

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

Difficulty Level ★★

Cryptoquip

V M L A P D K D H K N

V B T X O F D R L R B F F L R H P A Y B F W

D R R T C L W R M L R X E , P Y C L E E

P ' K O P R X P A Y C O H M L O D N E .

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** IF YOU WANT YOUR FASTENING PEGS TO BE DURABLE, I'D DEFINITELY SUGGEST NOT USING PAPER DOWELS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals M

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**  
1 Asian desert  
5 "— Only Just Begun"  
9 Book-spine abbr.  
12 Director  
13 Met  
14 Inventor  
15 Green-blue deposit on copper  
17 Edge  
18 Guarantee  
19 Bar legally  
21 Neighbor of OR and NV  
22 Worth  
24 Macadamize  
27 Entreat  
28 Recedes  
31 Inseparable  
32 Exist  
33 Regret  
34 Old Italian coin  
36 Conclusion
- DOWN**  
1 Donate  
2 Micro-wave, e.g.  
3 Prohibits  
4 Cause  
5 Carry on  
6 Mess up  
7 Evening hour, in a way  
8 Painter's prop  
9 Backbone  
10 Medley  
11 Flaccid  
16 George's brother  
20 Jane's "Glee" role  
22 "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" author  
23 On in years  
24 D.C. figure  
25 Blackbird  
26 Not paraphrased  
27 Folk-singer  
29 Annoy  
30 Spot  
35 Every iota  
37 Anthracite carrier  
39 Cohort of Simon and Theodore  
40 Hollywood trickery, for short  
41 Line of fashion?  
42 Head light?  
43 "— for All Seasons"  
44 One of the Jackson 5  
45 Barrel part  
46 Heche or Hathaway  
49 Scrape (out)  
50 — Speed-wagon

Solution time: 25 mins.

MACH	SSW	ELSE
ALAI	LEI	LAOS
MARK	DOWN	GNUS
ENTERS	GIRDLE	
	DUH	STEM
TAD	MEG	SCALD
SHOO	DUB	OREO
PAWNS	MAG	KEN
	NEAR	HAY
SCHEME	AZALEA	
AHOY	HOMELAND	
GAME	ARA	TRIO
OPED	BBS	ADDS

Yesterday's answer 9-13

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	