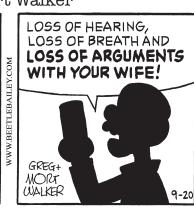
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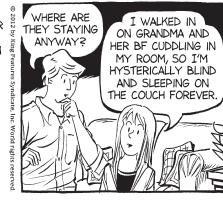






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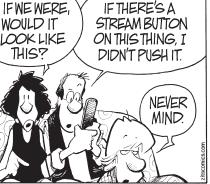












Terry Kovel

> Antiques and Collecting

Three handles mark tankard

Q: My grandfather left us a three-handled porcelain tankard decorated with a blue and white medieval scene of a man and woman sitting at a table. The stamped mark on the bottom is a leafy wreath encircling a fancy monogram that appears to be "CAC." Under the wreath is the word "Lenox." How old is my tankard? Could it have been made by the same Lenox company that's still around?

A: Your three-handled tankard is called a "tyg." Tygs were filled with liquor and passed around the table after a big meal.

"CAC" stands for Ceramic Art Co., a firm founded in Trenton, N.J., in 1889 by Walter Scott Lenox (1859-1920) and Jonathan Coxon (1843-1911). Coxon sold his share of the company to Lenox in 1896, but the company's name didn't change to Lenox Inc. until 1906. It is the same Lenox that is still in business, although its ownership has changed. The mark on your tyg was used from about

was solely owned by Walter Scott Lenox. So it's an antique. If it's in excellent condition, it would sell for more than \$100. Q: I own an interesting tattered, trimmed and mended scarf about 23 inches square. The design on it is printed in red and white and

includes portraits of French government of-

1896 to 1906, the decade when Ceramic Art Co.

ficials. The title in a banner at the top reads, "Fourth Year of the French Republic 1795, Dresses of the Representatives of the People." Another banner at the bottom reads, "Members of the Two Councils and of the Executive

Directory: also of the Ministers, Judges, Messengers, Ushers and Other Public Officers." My uncle is supposed to have brought this back from France after World War I. But why is it in English? And was it made for tourists? A: Your antique textile probably dates from

much earlier than World War I. It is copied from

a print published in a 1796 book with the same title as your textile. The book was first published in France, but was soon translated into English. It shows the proper dress of government officials in the French Republic. This was the era of the French Revolu-

tion, and people in England were curious about what was going on in France. It is likely the English were amused by some of the clothes shown in the print, too, because many of the officials were expected to wear uniforms that look like Roman togas. If your textile were in tip-top shape, it could be very valuable. As it is, it

Q: I have one antique andiron from a set that belonged to my great-aunt, the niece of John Deere, founder of the tractor company. Is one andiron worth half as much as a pair? A: Unfortunately, a single andiron would sell

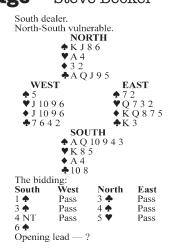
might be best to donate it to a historical society.

for considerably less than half the price of a pair. Even if a collector did not want to use the andiron, one does not display as well as two. And John Deere's fame, in this case, is of no help.

Tip: Put a pad under a small rug to keep it from slipping. The pad also protects it from wear.

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Bridge • Steve Becker



A Delicate Deduction

Let's say you're West and South gets to six spades on the bidding shown. You're on lead, and the question is whether to lead the jack of hearts or the jack of diamonds. The suits are exactly the same, and offhand, your choice of which jack to 22 Berlinlead would seem to be a tossup. However, as in many similar situations, there is

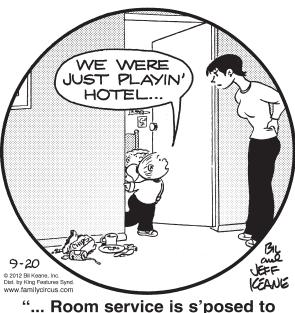
an inference you can draw that should persuade you to lead a diamond, which defeats the slam, rather than a heart, which lets declarer make it.

The reason for the diamond lead lies in East's pass of North's five-heart bid. The pass is significant in a negative way: If East had desired a heart lead against the slam toward which North-South seemed headed, he presumably would have doubled five hearts. East's failure to double suggests lack of interest in a heart lead. To illustrate the point in a different way, let's

had the potential to be more helpful to East-West

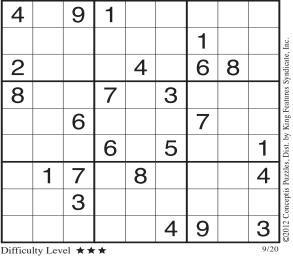
than to North-South. (c)2012 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"... Room service is s'posed to pick 'em up.'

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



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.

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Of course, East might have no preference at all for either red suit, in which case his pass of five				22			23					24	25		
hearts would be meaningless. But in the long run,		27	28				29				30				
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