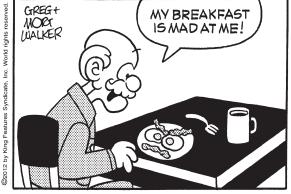
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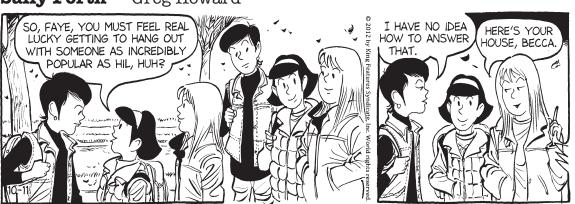
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## Terry Kovel

Antiques and Collecting

# Appliance made entire breakfast

Q: What can you tell me about my electric percolator? It not only makes coffee, but can toast a slice of bread at the same time. The attached metal plate says, "Armstrong Perco-Toaster Model PT." What is the age and

A: The Armstrong Perc-o-Toaster Model PT was made by Armstrong Electric and Manufacturing Corp. of Huntington, W.Va. The company was founded in 1899 and made table stoves, electric ranges and other electrical appliances.

Your combination percolator-toaster was first made in 1918, and was still being made in the 1930s. A waffle iron mold, which could be inserted after removing the toast drawer, was available as an accessory. A 1931 ad in the Saturday Evening Post claimed that the Perc-o-Toaster also could cook bacon and eggs. The base of the appliance was made in different finishes, including nickel plate, black enamel and white enamel.

today sell for about \$200. However, the appliance can be used only with its original cord, which has a non-standard double-plug arrangement.

The price in 1931 was \$11.85. Perc-o-Toasters

#### Q: Is there any value to the old toys given out with McDonald's Happy Meals?

A: McDonald's introduced Happy Meals in 1979. The meal came in a box decorated like a circus wagon, and included a "McDoodler" stencil, McDonaldland character eraser, ID bracelet, puzzle lock, spinning top or "McWrist" wallet, a wristwatch-shaped wallet. Millions of Happy Meal toys have been made since then. Disney toys were first included in 1987, and Teenie Beanie Babies in 1997. These toys appealed to adult collectors as well as children. Toys are tested to make sure they are safe for young children before they are included in Happy Meals. A choice of a toy for a boy, a girl or a child 3 years old or under usually is offered today. Toys from McDonald's Happy Meals often are listed for sale online. Most sell for \$5 or less. Q: I have 38 black-and-white photographs

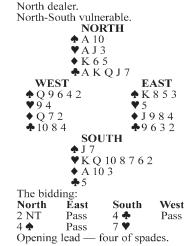
of the 1927 Rose Parade. There's a description of each photo on the back. They're all 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches and in excellent condition. Are they collectible?

A: Original photos of the 1927 Tournament of Roses Parade (its official name) sell online for \$5 to \$10 apiece. The first Rose Parade was held in 1890, but 1927 was the first year the parade was broadcast on the radio. A set of 38 photos from the parade might be of interest to a historical society or museum in Pasadena or nearby communities. If so, you could consider donating the photos.

**Tip:** Changing temperatures bother a grandfather clock. An inside corner is the best place for

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## Bridge • Steve Becker



## Two Wrongs Make a Right

We don't usually tell tales out of school, but this story seems worth repeating. It happened in an expert rubber-bridge game many years ago. If the bidding seems screwy, all we can say is that we agree. But the bidding, and the explanation for it, is the crux of the story. Many players use the Gerber convention op-

posite opening notrump bids and certain other notrump responses. Gerber is similar to Blackwood, the chief difference being that the quest for aces starts at four clubs instead of four notrump.

The responses to a Gerber four-club bid are geared to a step system, just as in Blackwood. Four diamonds shows no aces; four hearts one ace; four spades two aces, and so on.

South was naturally confident that if North had three aces for his opening two-notrump bid, there would be 13 easy tricks. So, in an effort to reach a grand slam, he bid four clubs, hoping his partner would read this as Gerber. South's prayers were answered when North

recognized the four-club bid as Gerber and bid four spades to show his three aces. It didn't occur to North that according to the convention, he was showing only two aces. You might wonder, therefore, why South

jumped to seven hearts, knowing his side was lacking an ace. The answer is that South made exactly the same miscalculation as North! He also thought four spades showed three aces. Certainly nothing was wrong with the final

contract - there were tricks to burn. North was Harold Ogust, who several times represented the United States in international competition, and South was Alphonse Moyse Jr., for many years editor of *The Bridge World* magazine. They proved one thing: Two wrongs can sometimes

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#### Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Get your video camera, Daddy. We're gonna try to go viral!"

## Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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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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