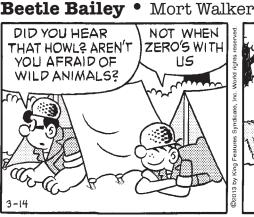
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Terry Kovel

Antiques and Collecting

Violin's history may be centuries

Q: We have an old violin that my husband's father played.

It has a label inside that says "Giovanni Paolo Maggini, Brescia, 16(60)." The first two numbers are printed but the last two look like they were added in pencil. How old is the violin and where was it made?

A: Giovanni Paolo Maggini (1580-c. 1630) made several different kinds of stringed instruments and was one of the most important makers in Brescia, Italy.

His instruments are known for the quality of the woods, unusually large sound holes and mellow tone. Some have a crest, medallion, scene or other decorations on the back. His later instruments are considered his best. They usually have a double row of purfling, a decorative inlay, around the edge. Maggini made at least 60 violins. An original

violin made by Giovanni Paolo Maggini could sell for several hundred thousand dollars, but reproductions have been made and sell for low prices. O: I have a beautiful rock-maple dining set

pullout extensions at each end. The table is 40 by 60 inches without the extensions. It's 96 inches long when the two extensions are pulled out.

given to me by my husband's grandmother. The set includes four chairs, and the table has

The bottom of the table is stamped "Consider H. Willet, Manufacturer of Fine Furn., Louisville, Kentucky." I would like to know more about this company and what my table and chairs might be worth. A: Consider H. Willett founded his furniture

company in 1934. The company made bedroom

sets, bookcases, cabinets and other furniture in maple and cherry, as well as upholstered furniture. Pieces are marked with a metal tag or stamped with the name of the company. At one point, Willet was one of the largest producers of maple and cherry furniture in the Unit-

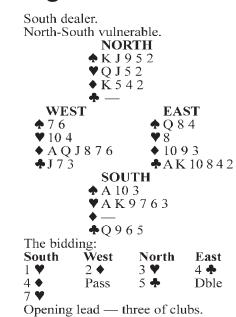
ed States. The company went bankrupt in 1962. Mass-produced furniture from the 1930s is low-priced. The value of your table and chairs may be about \$400, \$200 for the table and \$50

per chair. **Tip:** To remove chewing gum from carpet or upholstery, put an ice cube in a ziptop plastic bag and set it on the gum. When the gum hardens, hit it with a hammer and it will break off.

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Bridge • Steve Becker



Seek and Ye Shall Find

This deal occurred in a team match some years ago. The bidding went as shown, with North and South cuebidding their voids before South leaped aggressively to seven hearts. The grand slam would have been a virtual laydown if North had held the queen of spades rather than the jack. As it was, declarer had his work cut out for him. One obvious approach is to ruff the club lead in

dummy, draw trumps and then guess which way to finesse for the queen of spades.

But South decided that he didn't know enough about the unseen hands to risk an early spade guess. So he embarked on a line of play designed to force the defenders to reveal more about their respective distributions, trumping four diamonds in his hand and three more clubs in dummy. Then he cashed the A-K of hearts.

At this point, 10 tricks had been played, and dummy had the K-J-9 of spades remaining opposite declarer's A-10-3. The crucial moment had During the play, East had shown out of dia-

monds on the fourth round, and West had failed to follow to the fourth round of clubs. Since West had also followed to two rounds of trumps, he was known to have started with precisely six diamonds, three clubs and two hearts. So he held exactly two spades.

From there, it was just a matter of applying probabilities. Since the hand with the greater number of spades was more likely to have the queen, declarer led a spade to the king and finessed against East on the way back to bring home the grand slam.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"No, but I can try."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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This is a logic-based num-

ber placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a num-

ber, 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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Cryptoquip

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Terry Kovel answers as many questions as pos- Y S X T Y N T L C R C O I L T Y B

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27 Expert

30 Addict

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