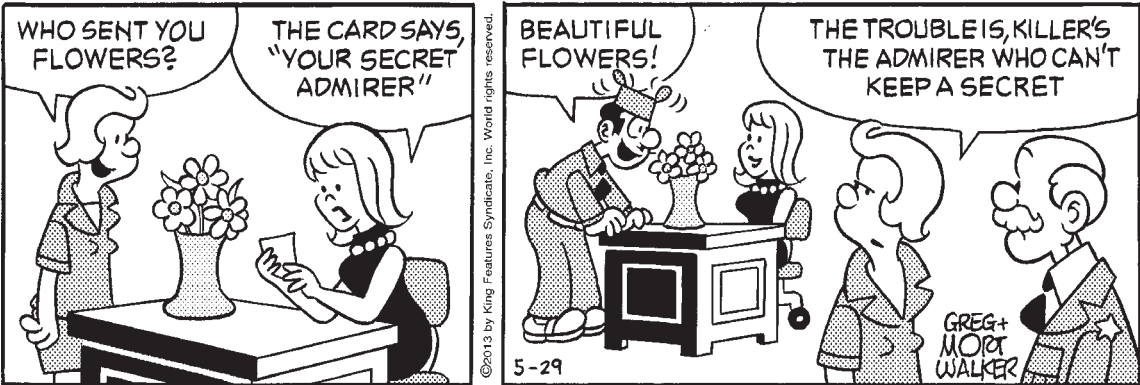


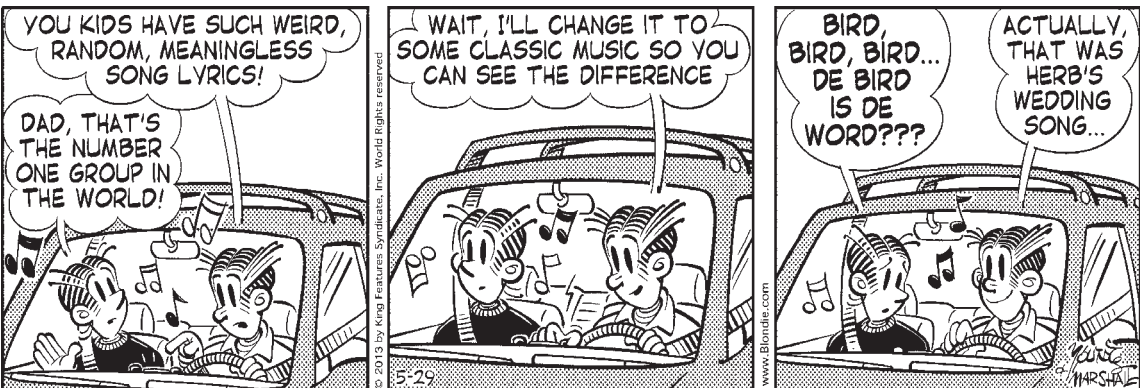
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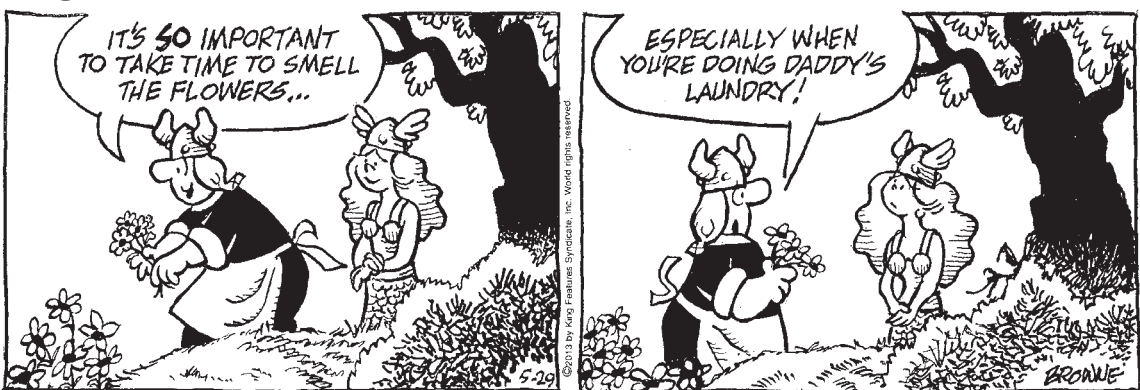
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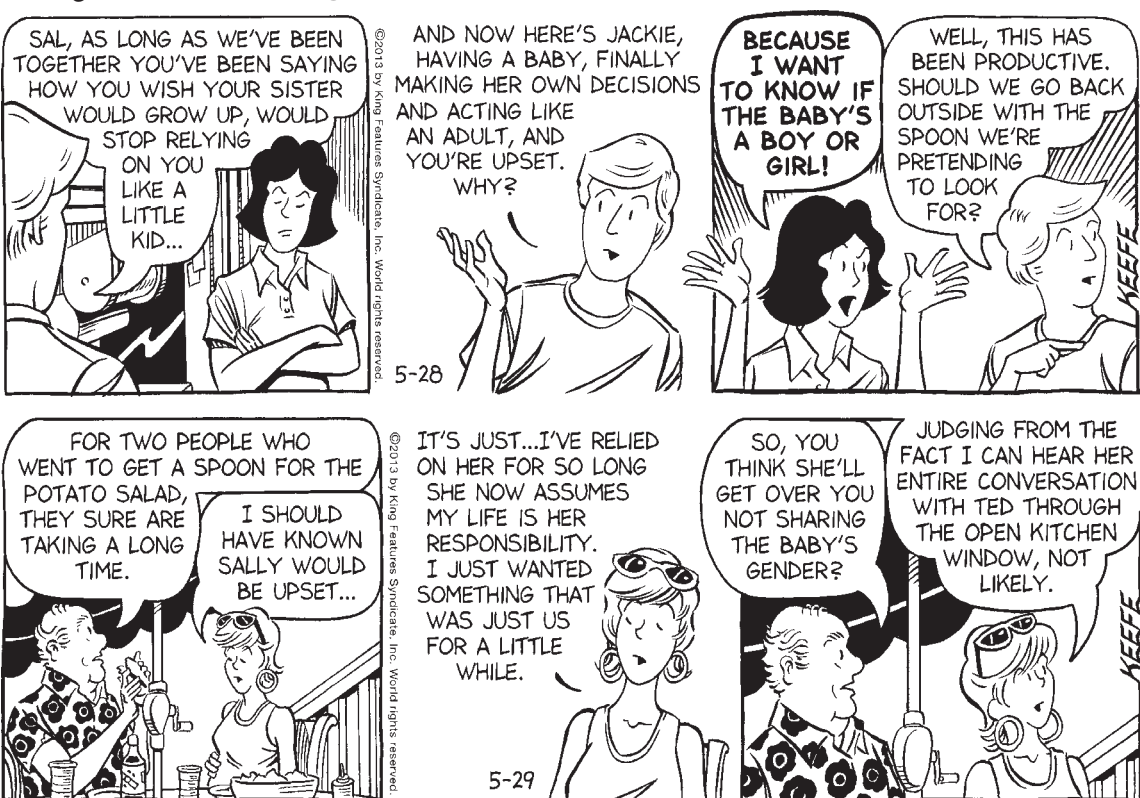
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Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Water bottle separates eggs

Dear Heloise: A simple way of removing egg yolk and leaving the whites behind is with an empty water bottle. Squeeze the upside-down water bottle. Place the bottle opening against the yolk (raw egg). Let go so the yolk is drawn up into the bottle. Move the bottle to another dish and squeeze so the yolk comes out. Perfect! — Barbara M. in West Virginia

What an interesting hint, and one that we tested in Heloise Central, my home and office. The only tricky part is once the yolk is in the bottle. You need to slightly tilt the bottle to the side to keep the yolk from falling back out. Also, we tried a small water bottle first, which did not work. It must be the larger size, approximately 16 ounces. — Heloise

P.S.: For any bacteria concerns, as long as you make sure to cook all the egg parts you are using to the proper temperature, any bacteria will be destroyed during the process.

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DISHWASHER DRAINER

Dear Heloise: I spent an entire day baking treats for my family. The amount of dirty dishes was overwhelming. Most of the pans and utensils I used could not be washed in the dishwasher.

After filling the dish drainer, I still had dishes left to wash and dry. So, I opened the dishwasher door and used the empty racks for drying the remaining dishes. — K.G. in Tennessee

PREPARE PLANTAINS

Dear Readers: Plantains are NOT bananas, but they sure do look like them, don't they? They are a little larger than a banana, with a little thicker skin. Plantains are starchy but are lower in sugar than bananas. You can't eat them raw, but once they are cooked, they can be used much like potatoes in Caribbean cuisine.

Plantains are now available in most stores year-round! They can be eaten at every stage from green to yellow. Green plantains are best prepared fried or boiled, while yellow plantains often are grilled or baked. Black plantains, which are the sweetest, usually are baked into desserts. Step out and try them! — Heloise

MICROWAVING PIZZA

Dear Heloise: A family member was just here and decided to warm up some pizza we had the night before. He used a damp paper towel, laid it on a plate and laid the pizza on top. He wet another paper towel and laid it on top of the pizza. He then warmed it in the microwave, and it was soft and delicious like the night before. — Arlene A. in New York

NO MORE CRUMBS

Dear Heloise: I have discovered an easy way to separate the dry cereal from the "dust" near the bottom. I pour the last cup or so of cereal into a strainer and shake it over a plastic bag.

The flakes or puffs remain in the strainer and can be returned to the box so you can enjoy all the cereal without throwing any away. — Donna F. in California

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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ Q
♥ A J 9
♦ 9 7 5 2
♣ A K 9 8 6
WEST
♠ J 10 8 5 3
♥ 4
♦ Q 10 4
♣ Q 10 7 3
EAST
♠ K 9 7 6 4
♥ Q 7 3
♦ J 6
♣ J 5 2
SOUTH
♠ A 2
♥ K 10 8 6 5 2
♦ A K 8 3
♣ 4
The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 6 ♣ Pass
Opening lead — jack of spades.

The Methodical Approach

It would be easy to make six hearts on this deal if you could see all the cards. You ruff a spade in dummy, take a trump finesse through East and finish with 12 tricks, losing only a diamond. But in real life the hand is not that simple. Since you have nine trumps in the combined hands, you might feel tempted to cash the A-K and so end up down one.

Situations of this sort occur frequently. In general, when missing four to the queen in a suit, it is best to play the A-K rather than finesse against the queen. This approach will succeed slightly more often over the long haul.

Declarer should conclude that since there is no good reason to play the trumps abnormally, he will have to lose a trump trick if either opponent started with three to the queen. He should therefore focus on the problem of trying to find a way to escape a diamond loser should the need present itself.

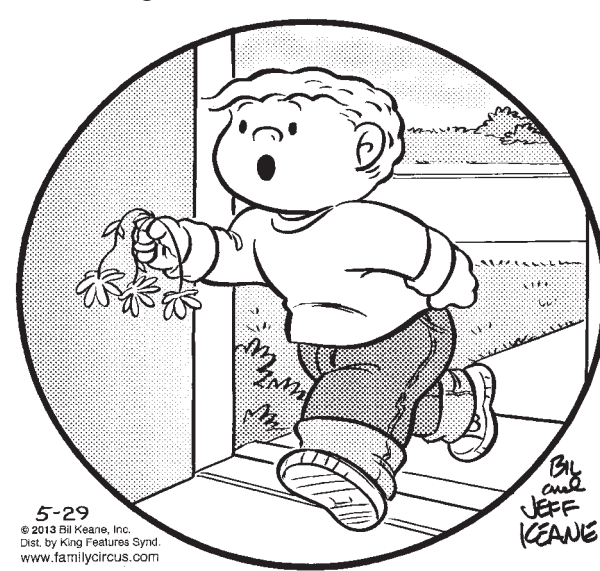
By timing his plays properly, South can meet this goal, setting up an extra club trick in dummy to take care of his diamond loser. He begins by winning the spade lead with the ace, then plays a club to the ace and ruffs with a club.

Next he cashes the K-A of hearts and learns that East has a trump trick coming. He then cashes the king of clubs, discarding a diamond, and ruffs a club, establishing dummy's nine as a trick.

Now he trumps a spade with the jack and plays the nine of clubs, discarding the eight of diamonds. Whether East ruffs or not, the only trick South winds up losing is a trump.

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"I picked these flowers for you yesterday, but I forgot to give 'em to you."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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.

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

Cryptoquip

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PRMP'G RVSIBES BXW

IWXFEDQJK VAPWVLVSH OQK

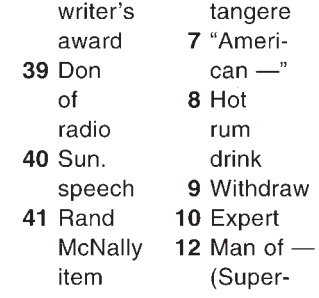
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: OLD TALE ABOUT A YOUNG BEAUTY WHO VISITS A SEPTET OF PIERS: "SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN WHARFS."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 — Na Na city
 - 4 Swindle
 - 7 Summery desserts
 - 8 Fusses
 - 10 Sixth president
 - 11 Many
 - 13 Proof of a crime
 - 16 Sprite
 - 17 Unclear
 - 18 Still, in verse
 - 19 Say it isn't so
 - 20 Rhyming tributes
 - 21 Groups of musicians
 - 23 Slanted edge
 - 25 Volcanic outflow
 - 26 One of the Three Bears
 - 27 Sailor's assent
 - 28 Unwilling
 - 30 Fine, to NASA
- DOWN**
- 2 Rope fiber
 - 3 Took for granted
 - 4 Made pigeon sounds
 - 5 "Strange to say ..."
 - 6 — me tangere
 - 7 "American —"
 - 8 Hot rum drink
 - 9 Withdraw
 - 10 Expert
 - 12 Man of — (Superman comparison)
 - 14 Catches some rays
 - 15 — and outs
 - 19 "CSI" evidence
 - 20 Eggs
 - 21 Louisiana marsh
 - 22 Unwilling
 - 23 Dog owner's ordeal
 - 24 Son of Joseph
 - 25 Fond du —, Wis.
 - 26 Harness horse
 - 28 Thrust
 - 29 "Argo" award
 - 30 Invite to the pent-house
 - 31 Elevator name
 - 32 Family
 - 34 Cushions
 - 35 "Joy of Cooking" writer Rom-bauer



Yesterday's answer 5-29

