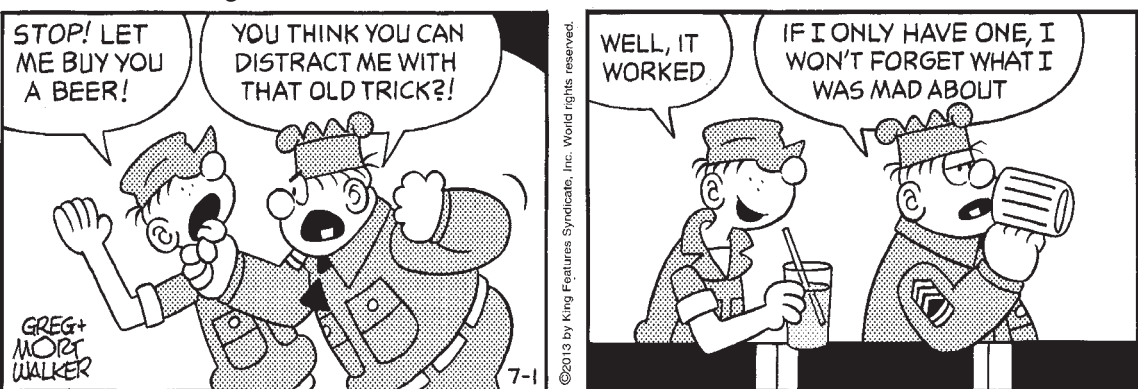## Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott
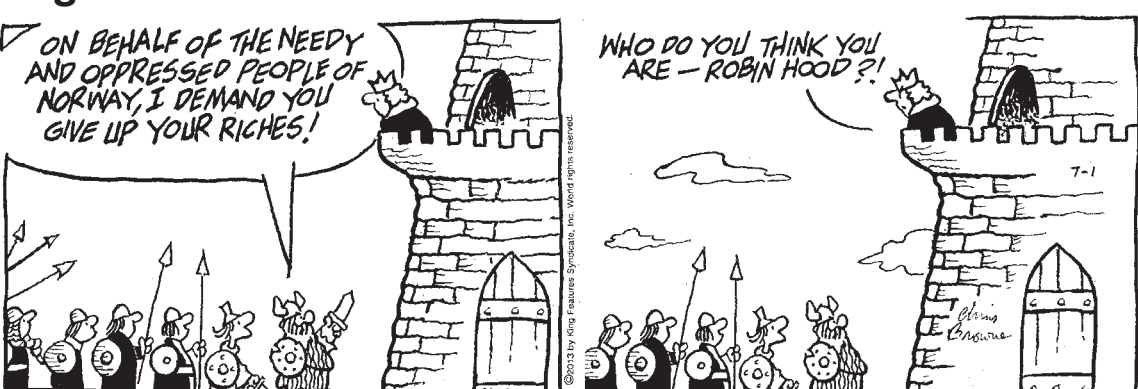

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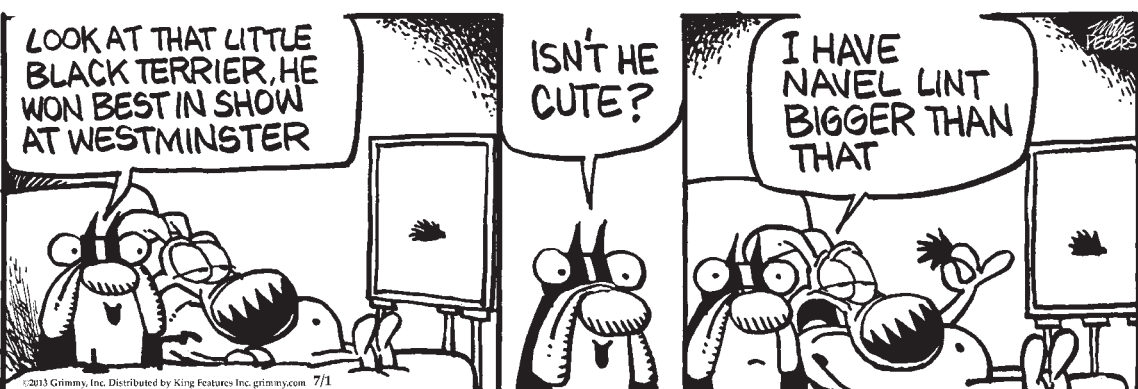

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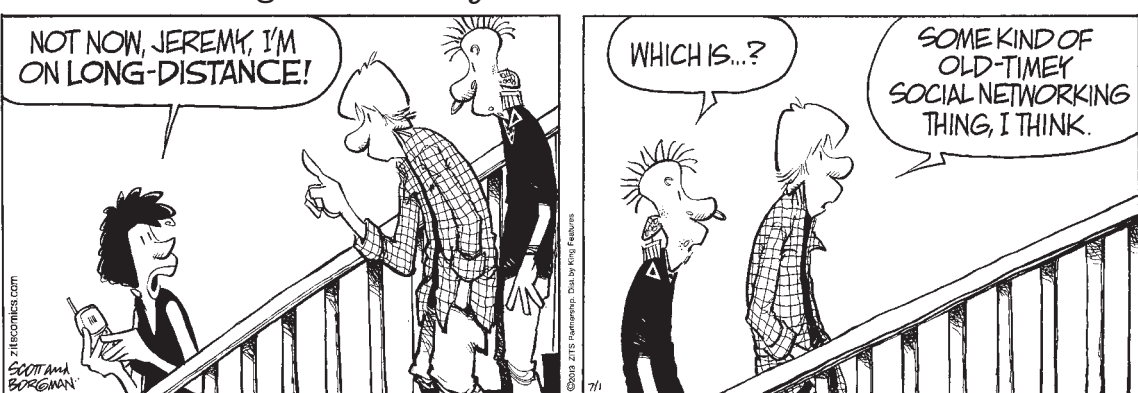## Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters

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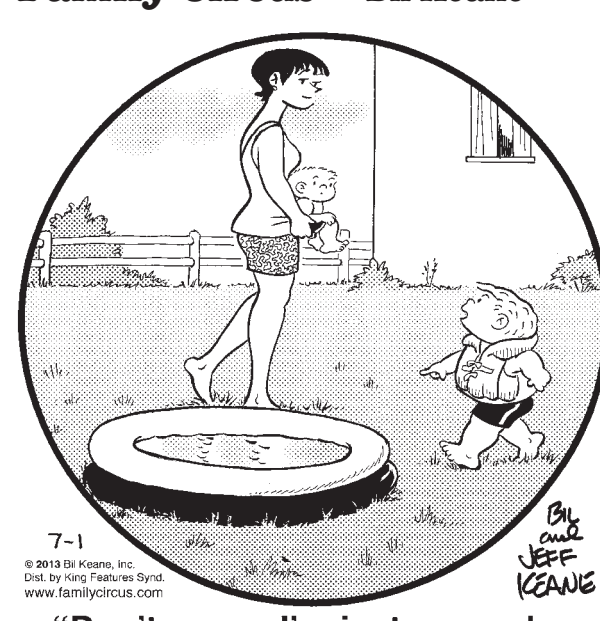## Terry Kovel
● Antiques and Collecting

Research affects antiques' names

The names of antiques sometimes change as research corrects old errors.

In the 1930s, an auction house sold a pair of what were called "Lowestoft" vases that were large enough to put on a fireplace mantel, named after the English town where they were thought to have been made in the 18th century.

The vases had a traditional Chinese shape and were made of bluish-white porcelain decorated with a blue, green and orange coat of arms and slightly raised white scrolls.

These urns were thought to be Chinese export pieces made in the 1700s, but they were made by Jacob Petit in France. Raised white lines are found on his 19th-century pieces.

When the same vases were sold again in the 1950s, they were described as "Chinese export porcelain" because experts had learned that in the mid-1700s the Lowestoft factory was making early blue-and-white English Delft souvenirs of regional interest, not porcelain like the vases. Researchers also had learned that porcelain made in China in the 18th century was being exported to England and that some had made its way to Lowestoft.

But the Chinese porcelain exported to the West back then, although very good, was not the top-quality porcelain made in China for wealthy Chinese families. Some of the export pieces were plain Chinese porcelain with added new decorations like coats-of-arms or pictures of ships.

But there were also other problems with the pair of vases. The vases were not Chinese at all; they actually were copies made by Jacob Petit (1796-1868), who opened a shop in Paris in 1863.

Painted raised white scrolls are the clue to identifying Petit's copies of Chinese export porcelain. Petit also made copies of Sevres, Meissen, English dinnerware and more. So be careful when looking for information about Chinese export or Lowestoft porcelain.

Information in old books is not accurate. And often, information online is from old books. Present-day auction-house descriptions and information in recent publications usually is accurate.

Jacob Petit copies of Chinese export porcelain are collected today. A single one of his vases is worth about $800.

Tip: If you have stored a quilt, take it out twice a year and refold it – in half, if you had it in thirds before. This practice will prevent crease lines.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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                NORTH
                ♠ A K 5 4
                ♥ A 7 6
                ♦ K J 7 6 3
                ♣ 2
WEST                        EAST
♠ J 9                       ♠ 10 8 7
♥ K J 4                     ♥ Q 10 8 2
♦ 8 5 4                     ♦ A 9
♣ A 8 6 4 3                 ♣ Q 10 9 7
                SOUTH
                ♠ Q 6 3 2
                ♥ 9 5 3
                ♦ Q 10 2
                ♣ K J 5
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The bidding:
North	East	South	West
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

Famous Hand

It might be hard to accept this story as true, but it actually occurred in a New York regional pair championship in 1964.

South reached four spades on the bidding shown, and West led the ace of clubs. Declarer then proceeded to make 12 tricks! The question is how South accomplished this feat without the aid of a revoke by one of the opponents. If you enjoy trying to solve uncommonly difficult problems, stop reading right here and try your hand at it.

What happened was that declarer ruffed the ace of clubs in dummy (!) and then played the A-K-Q of trumps. At this point, dummy noticed that there was a card on the floor. Upon inspection, it proved to be the deuce of clubs, and it became clear that North had made all his bids with only a 12-card hand.

The director was called, and he ruled, in accordance with the Laws, that the deuce of clubs should be placed in dummy at this point, and that play should then continue as though there had been no prior irregularity. (There was no penalty for North's failure to follow suit at trick one, since dummy cannot be penalized for a revoke.)

South now led the queen of diamonds, taken by East with the ace. East returned a heart, but declarer had no trouble scoring the rest of the tricks. He took the heart with the ace and cashed four diamonds, discarding his two heart losers. He then led the deuce of clubs and successfully finessed the jack!

So the only trick South lost was a diamond, giving him a result that, needless to say, was not matched by any other pair in the field.

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"Don't worry, I'm just gonna be swimmin' in the shallow end."

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

Difficulty Level ★   7/01

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

Cryptoquip

ZA QYC VDOD GEHZRJ E

LHDUBM YA LYGDTYXQ'L

ZRMEPEUZYR, Z BPEZG UMEU

QYC'X TD XOEVZRJ E TODEUM.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BRITISH ACTRESS JANE JUST GOT BETTER EYEGLASSES. THEY SUDDENLY MADE SEYMOUR SEE MORE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals F

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Plankton minutia
5 Tasseled topper
8 St. Louis NFLers
12 Add more coverage
14 Way out
15 Cordelia's dad
16 Passport endorsement
17 Slithery fish
18 Brunch entree
20 Burn with steam
23 Yesterday (Fr.)
24 Coffee shop vessels
25 Archie's insult for Edith
28 Wager
29 Houston hockey team
30 AAA task
32 Lead pilot's helper
34 Speck
35 Calla lily, e.g.
36 Lounged about
37 Big cat
40 Charged bit
41 Hearty brews
42 Quoits, e.g.
47 Region
48 With child
49 Catherine — -Jones
50 Modern-day evidence
51 Protein bean

DOWN
1 Noah's boat
2 Hawaiian garland
3 Martini ingredient
4 Dan Brown's "— & Demons"
5 Gas or oil
6 Historic period
7 Take dead aim at
8 Echo, for short
9 Branch-stem angle
10 — -en-scène
11 Numerical factoid
13 Coaster
19 Fractions of gigs
20 Hero sandwich
21 Group of rowers
22 Con
23 Distiller Walker
25 Objected
26 The gamut
27 Carry
29 Taj Mahal city
31 Marry
33 Motion sickness, e.g.
34 Praying bug
36 Theater box
37 Satchmo's genre
38 Lotion additive
39 Friendly bloke
40 Erstwhile Peruvian
43 Hostel
44 Yoko of music
45 Pigpen
46 Caribbean or Coral

Saturday's answer   7-1