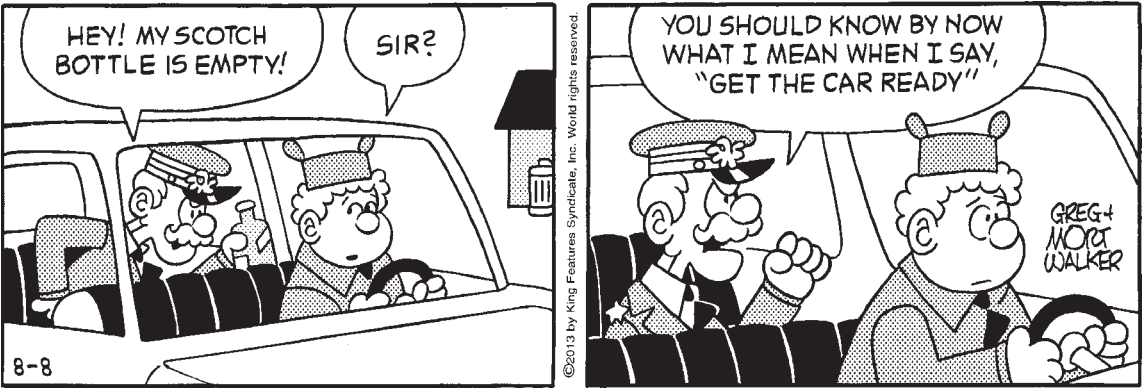


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



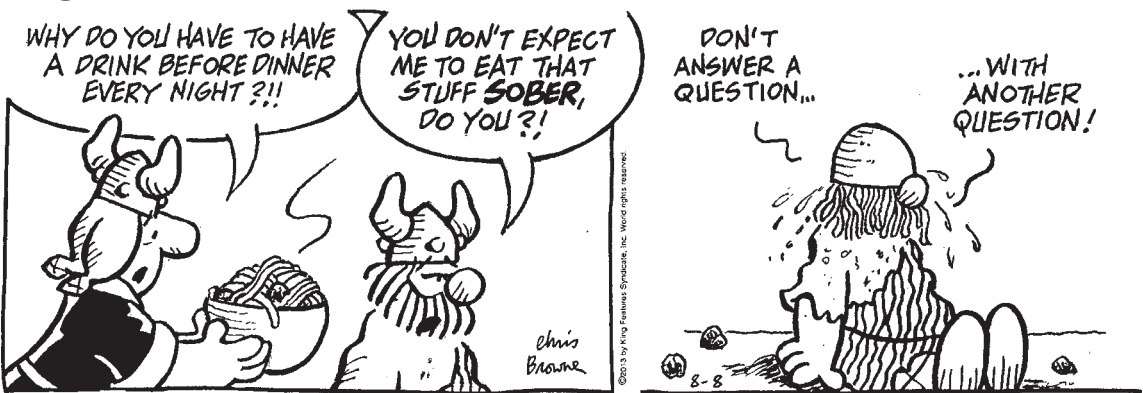
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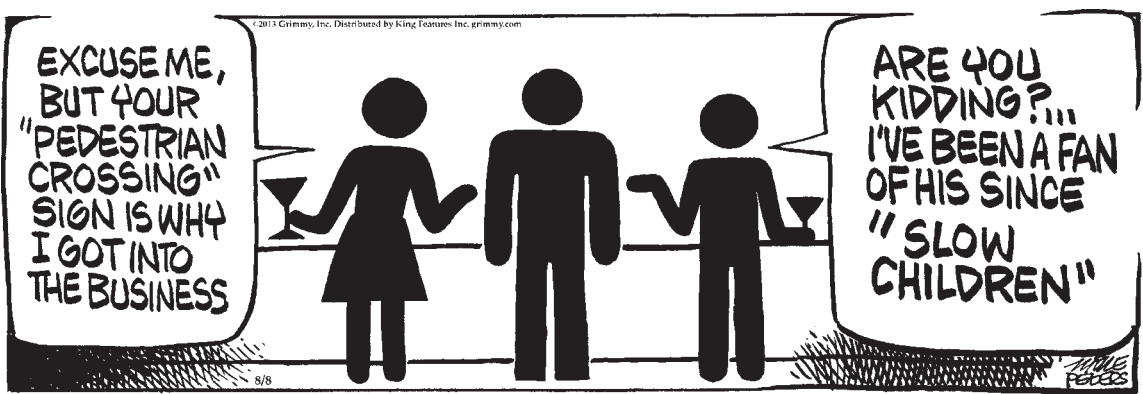
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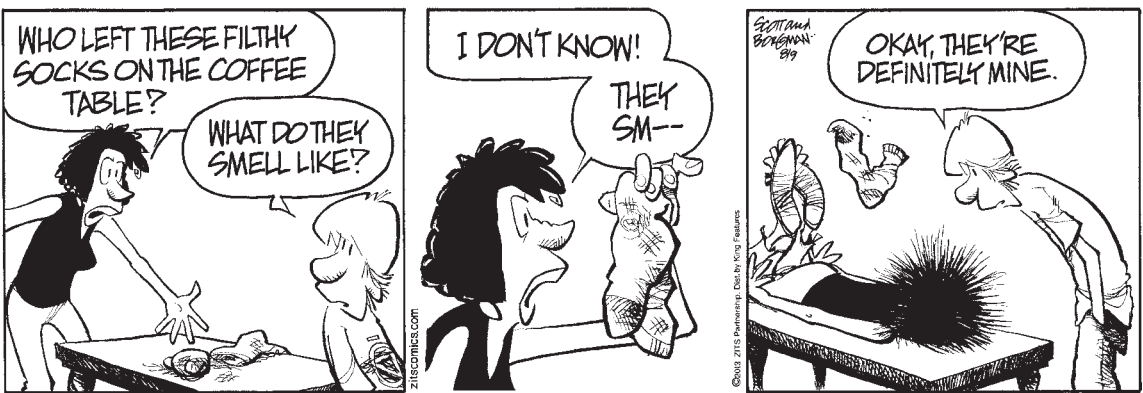
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel

• Antiques and Collecting

Stove's makers from Memphis

Q: About 10 years ago, I rescued an old stove from a land dump. It's 31 inches tall and 15 inches in diameter. A metal plate on it read: "Wetter's Emerald" and "211." Can you tell me something about this stove?

A: H. Wetter & Co. was in business in Memphis, Tenn., before 1883. The company was listed that year as "jobbers, agents and dealers in stoves, tinware, hardware, etc." The factory in Memphis burned down in 1902, and the company moved to an old factory in South Pittsburg, Tenn.

The company was reorganized about 1931 and became the United States Stove Co. The South Pittsburg factory was razed in 2003, but the company still is in business, with facilities in Richard City, Tenn., and Bridgeport, Ala.

Q: My old copper bowl is so tarnished that I can't get it clean. Any suggestions?

A: First, make sure your bowl is not from a famous maker. Check the bottom for a mark. If you find a mark, you may want to think twice about cleaning it. The patina that builds up through the years protects copper from corrosion, and some collectors don't want the patina removed.

If the bowl is not valuable, you can buy a commercial cleaner at a hardware store or try a couple of home remedies. If the bowl is small, fill a zinc-free pot with enough water to cover the bowl. Add a tablespoon of salt and a cup of vinegar. Put the bowl in the pot, bring the water to a boil and let it boil for several hours. Take the bowl out, let it cool, wash it with liquid dishwashing soap, rinse and dry with a soft cloth.

Tarnish often can be removed by using a mixture of vinegar, salt and a bit of flour and water. Or try tomato paste or a mixture of salt and lemon juice. Do not use abrasive cleaners or steel wool.

Q: After my husband died, I was going through his things and found a dollar "silver certificate" autographed by actress Ingrid Bergman. The bill is from "Series 1935A" and is signed by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. My husband never said anything about the bill's history. What is it worth?

A: Silver certificates were issued from 1878 to 1964 and could be redeemed for silver dollars or silver bullion. After a certificate was redeemed, it was destroyed and not recirculated.

Early silver certificates were larger than today's dollar bill, and are worth more than face value. Small certificates like those in your series were first issued in 1928. The government stopped redeeming them for silver in 1968, but they still can be used as legal tender at face value.

Your certificate without Ingrid Bergman's autograph would be worth just \$1, but her autograph on a 3-by-5-inch card sold at auction for \$100 last year. So your certificate probably is worth about that much if the autograph is genuine.

Q: My mother was given a 1967 Wurlitzer Model 3100 jukebox. Where is the best place to sell it, and what is it worth?

A: The Rudolph Wurlitzer Co. was in business in Cincinnati from 1853 to 1988. It sold pianos made abroad before starting to manufacture coin-operated pianos in the 1880s. The company eventually made other instruments — jukeboxes from 1934 to 1974. Yours, if it works, could sell for \$700. Websites post jukeboxes, but you could try a live auction specializing in coin-operated machines. You can find those online, too.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 10 9 8 5 2
 ♥ A K 7
 ♦ K 7 3
 ♣ Q 6

WEST
 ♠ 7 4
 ♥ J 10 9 6 4
 ♦ J 2
 ♣ A J 10 8

EAST
 ♠ 6
 ♥ Q 8 5 3 2
 ♦ Q 5 4
 ♣ 7 5 4 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A K Q J 3
 ♥ A 10 9 8 6
 ♦ K 9 3

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠* Pass
 6 ♠
 * forcing to game
 Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Hobson's Choice

It may seem that declarer must lose a diamond trick and a club trick at six spades and go down one, but when the deal occurred, South made the slam. Furthermore, the defenders could do nothing to stop the contract once declarer found the winning line of play.

West led the jack of hearts, and it was here that South made the key play. Instead of taking the trick with the king or ace, declarer played low from dummy and ruffed the jack. Had he not done this, he would have gone down one against proper defense.

South next played the A-K of trumps followed by a low club toward dummy's Q-6, presenting West with a Hobson's choice. If he went up with the ace of clubs, South would later discard one of dummy's diamonds on the king of clubs and thus escape a diamond loser.

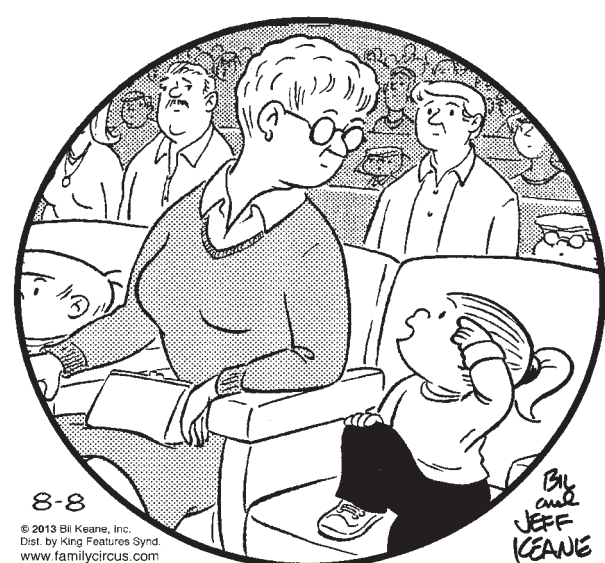
And if West did not go up with the ace of clubs, declarer would win with dummy's queen and discard his K-9 of clubs on the A-K of hearts. South would later lose a diamond trick, but no more.

Observe that if declarer incorrectly wins the opening heart lead in dummy, he places himself in a position where he must decide prematurely whether to discard a diamond or a club. Whichever he chooses, he will eventually go down one.

By delaying his discard until a more propitious moment, declarer can present West with a losing choice of plays at trick four, instead of subjecting himself to a losing choice of discards at trick one.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/08

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

Q U W Z J Q D W K K O W H F T R R F

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H T R O F T U F T K P D ' R H N W H K N

R F G W D P K N R G N R C T V N

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TRYING UNSUCCESSFULLY TO STIR UP THE FIRE IN THE SPRINKLING RAIN, THAT GUY WAS STOKING WET.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
 1 Hay there
 5 Siesta
 8 "Consarn it all!"
 12 Vicinity
 13 Acapulco gold
 14 Small bit
 15 Vegan's no-no
 16 Golf prop
 17 On
 18 She
 20 Bovary or Butterfly
 22 Frequently
 23 Obtain
 24 Bullets, e.g.
 27 Soon to land
 32 "Skip to My —"
 33 Navy's CIA equivalent
 34 — pro nobis
 35 Where to surf without getting wet
- DOWN**
 1 Genie's home
 2 Sandwich cookie
 3 Dread
 4 Body art
 5 Bit of margarine
 6 Exist
 7 Verse
 8 Crown
 9 Alternative to 8-ball
 10 Fermi's bit
 11 Recording
 19 Kipling classic
 21 In the past
 24 Boxing legend
 25 Calendar
 26 Chromosomal change
 28 Away from SSW
 29 Summons
 30 Gun lobby org.
 31 Space
 36 Dropped a phoneme
 37 Scooted
 38 Casual wear
 41 Lindbergh book
 42 Go by
 43 Rue the run
 44 Swiss range
 46 Logical
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 48 Stench
 51 Geological period

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 8-8

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