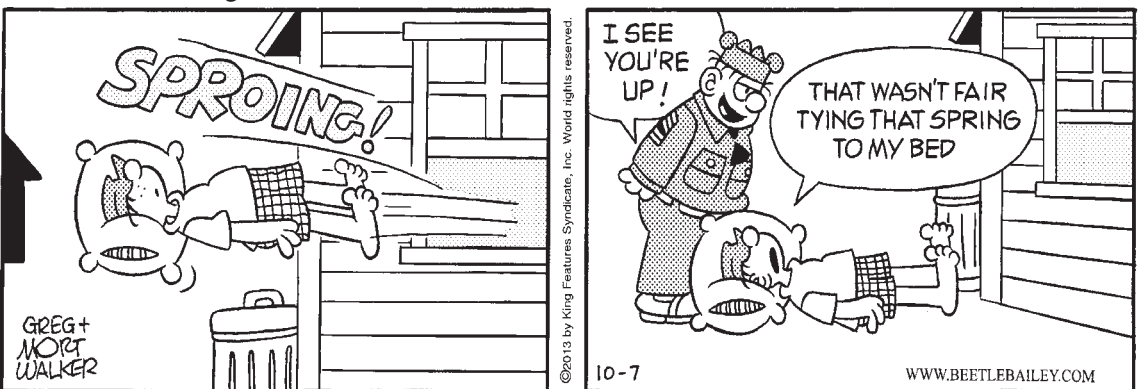


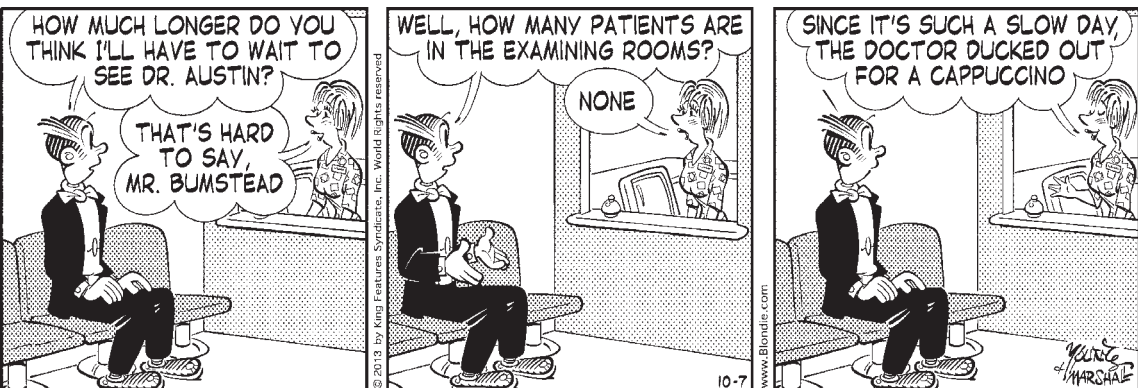
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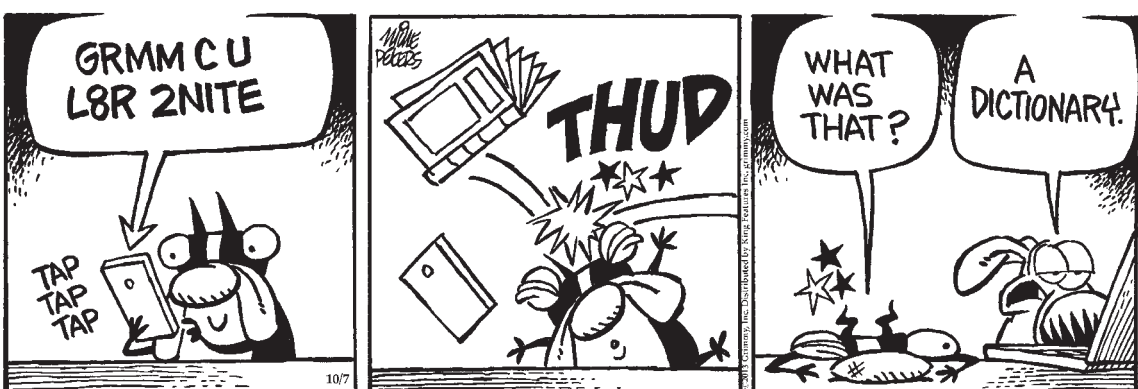
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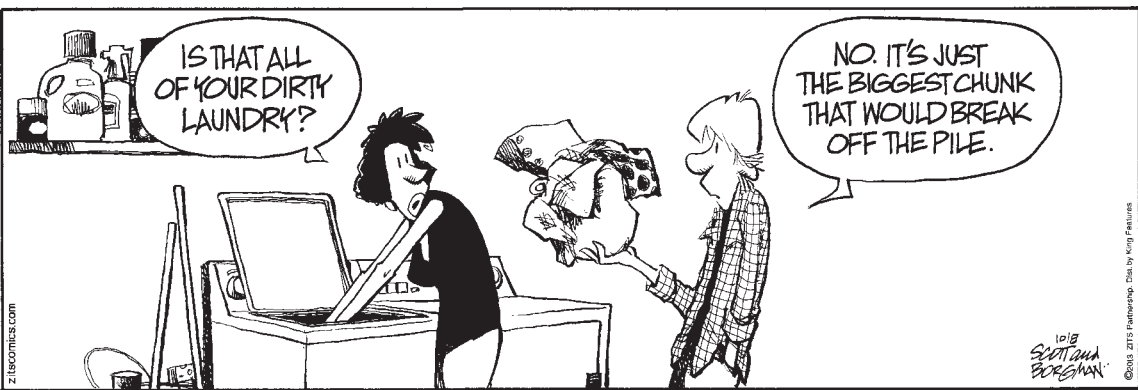
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Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel

• Antiques and Collecting

Glass and china advertised goods

Look in your grandmother's china cabinet for unusual glass and china. You may find some special pieces originally given away as product premiums during the early 20th century.



There was no television, and radio was just getting developed, so "ads" often were objects that would be kept by the family. Colorful trade cards, sets of pressed glass or Depression glass, dishes of all kinds, souvenir spoons, printed handkerchiefs and even furniture were available. A small cup we inherited puzzled us for many years. The 3-3/8-inch-high porcelain cup is decorated with bright pink carnations and gold trim. But inside the rim of the cup, where you see it when finished drinking, are the words "Armour's Bouillon Cubes." The underside of the cup says "C.T. Altwasser."

Look online or in an antiques shop for a porcelain cup like this advertising premium for Armour bouillon. It was made in about 1915 and sells for \$20-\$25.

The maker was easy to identify. We list a few pieces of its china in each edition of "Kovels' Antiques & Collectibles Price Guide." C. Tielsch & Co. of Altwasser, Germany, was in business in Silesia, Germany, from 1845 to 1945. Armour & Co. was founded in Chicago in 1867 as a meat-packing plant. It also made buttons, glue, fertilizer, margarine and other items from by-products. The Armour brand name still is used in the United States for meat and other products.

Bouillon cubes were originally used to turn hot water into a tasty drink that aided digestion. Bouillon was also used in cooking, just as it is today. The Armour cup must have been a popular premium, because many are still available at flea markets and shops. They sell for \$20 to \$25 each.

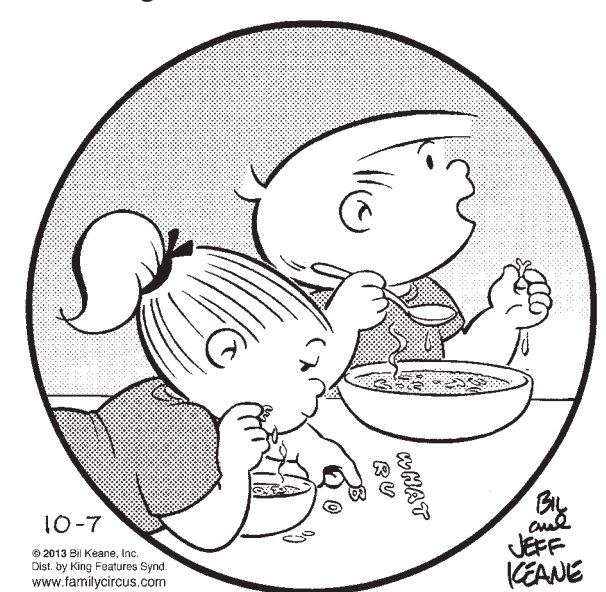
Q: While cleaning out my brother's home, I found seven gold-rimmed clear glass luncheon plates decorated on the bottom with "wall-to-wall" cigar bands. The bands apparently were glued to the bottom of the plates, then covered with felt. One plate has a center portrait of Rudolph Valentino, another a portrait of a woman, and still another a picture of a cherub. Are these plates collectible?

A: Your plates were popular craft projects in the early 1900s. Today, some people refer to these "reverse collages on glass" as a form of folk art. Single plates like yours sell online for \$25 to \$40.

Tip: Do not put wax on a wooden toy to preserve it. The wax may yellow and disturb any markings or paper decoration.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"We're texting with our alphabet soup."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

	2			4			6	
1	4	7		8				2
	5			3	9			
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	9						8	
7	2	5						
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Difficulty Level ★ 10/07

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.

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

Cryptoquip

NCTRS NPCWWSR AQEP UCWL

ZKXOKCUB CTXVE PXXYQWO

VZ CVEXUXTQRS BESKSX

BLBESUB: NCK-EVWS WSEAXKY.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FAMED FICTIONAL ATTORNEY WHO MADE HIS DWELLING ON AN OPEN GRASSY TRACT OF LAND: PRAIRIE MASON.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals U

Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ K 6 4
♥ A K J 8
♦ K Q 3
♣ A 10 7
WEST
♥ J 10 2
♦ 10 7 2
♠ A 10 8 7
♣ 9 4 2
EAST
♦ 9 8 7 5
♥ Q 9 6 5 3
♠ —
♣ J 8 5 3
SOUTH
♠ A Q 3
♥ 4
♦ J 9 6 5 4 2
♣ K Q 6

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 2♥ Pass
3♦ Pass 4NT Pass
5♦ Pass 6♦ Pass
Opening lead — jack of spades.

Famous Hand

This remarkable deal appears in Terence Reese's book "Reese on Play." South makes six diamonds even though West's A-10-8-7 appear to constitute two impenetrable trump tricks. Even when you study all four hands, the slam seems impossible to make.

Nevertheless, the contract can be made with proper play. The hand starts innocently enough when South wins the spade lead with the queen and returns a low diamond. West plays the seven and dummy the queen, on which East shows out. Prospects of making the slam, which a moment before had seemed almost certain, now appear to be virtually nil.

But a little thought reveals that the contract can still be made if West has precisely a 3-3-4-3 distribution. The prospects are not good, but at least the outlook is not hopeless.

Accordingly, South cashes the ace of hearts and ruffs a heart. He then enters dummy with a spade and ruffs another heart. The purpose of these ruffs is to reduce South's trump holding to the same length as West's.

Declarer now cashes his last spade and three clubs, winding up in dummy. With everyone down to three cards at this point, dummy has the king of hearts and K-3 of diamonds, South has the J-9-6 of diamonds, and West has the A-10-8.

Declarer leads the king of hearts from dummy and ruffs with the jack, rendering West helpless. If he overruffs with the ace, he will be forced to return the ten or eight, and in either case South scores the nine and king. If West undertruffs the jack, South leads a diamond toward the king, and again West makes only one trump trick.

There is no escape for West. One of his two apparently certain trump tricks vanishes into thin air.

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 44 Part of speech | DOWN | 1 Recipe meas. | 19 Actor Linden |
| 1 Selleck or Cruise | 46 "Saturday Night Fever" | 2 Exam format | 3 Options list | 21 Type measures |
| 4 Inquire | 7 "Nobody like — Lee" | 50 Sandwich shop | 4 TV setting | 23 Chest protector |
| 7 "Nobody like — Lee" | 11 Concoct | 53 Do some lawnwork | 5 In due time | 25 Stallion's partner |
| 11 Concoct | 13 Privy | 55 October scorewise | 6 "M*A*S*H" setting | 26 Eye part |
| 13 Privy | 14 Even, | 56 Black-and-white cookie | 7 Campus rec building | 27 Oodles |
| 14 Even, | 15 Logical | 57 Sch. org. | 8 Atmosphere | 28 Mocking |
| 15 Logical | 16 In favor of | 58 Baseball team | 9 Rule, for short | 6 "M*A*S*H" remark |
| 16 In favor of | 17 Incite | 59 Profit dweller | 10 Citric beverage | 29 "So be it" |
| 17 Incite | 18 Luxurious | 60 Coop | 12 Telegram company of yore | 30 Source of veritas |
| 18 Luxurious | 20 Requirement | 61 Ultra-modern | | 31 Neither mate |
| 20 Requirement | 22 Bill | | | 35 Foundation |
| 22 Bill | 24 Lack of vitality | | | 38 Id counterpart |
| 24 Lack of vitality | 28 Olympic spear | | | 40 Proof abbr. |
| 28 Olympic spear | 32 Entanglement | | | 42 Contemporary snort |
| 32 Entanglement | 33 Eastern potentate (Var.) | | | 45 Memo |
| 33 Eastern potentate (Var.) | 34 Saget or Newhart | | | 47 Whirl |
| 34 Saget or Newhart | 36 Small combo | | | 48 Walking stick |
| 36 Small combo | 37 Tubular pasta | | | 49 Margarine |
| 37 Tubular pasta | 39 Petition | | | 50 Pooch |
| 39 Petition | 41 A suitable amount | | | 51 Historic time |
| 41 A suitable amount | 43 Lair | | | 52 Mainlander's souvenir |
| 43 Lair | | | | 54 Pale |

Saturday's answer 10-7

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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