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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



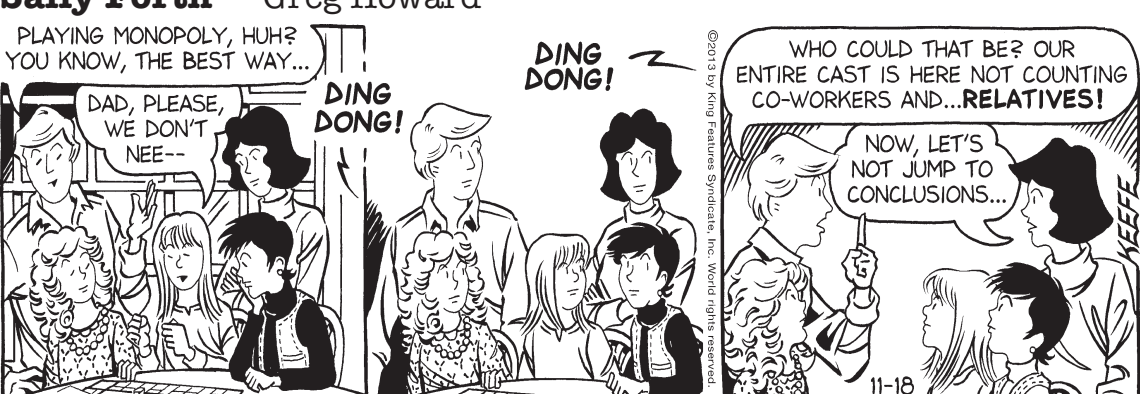
Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



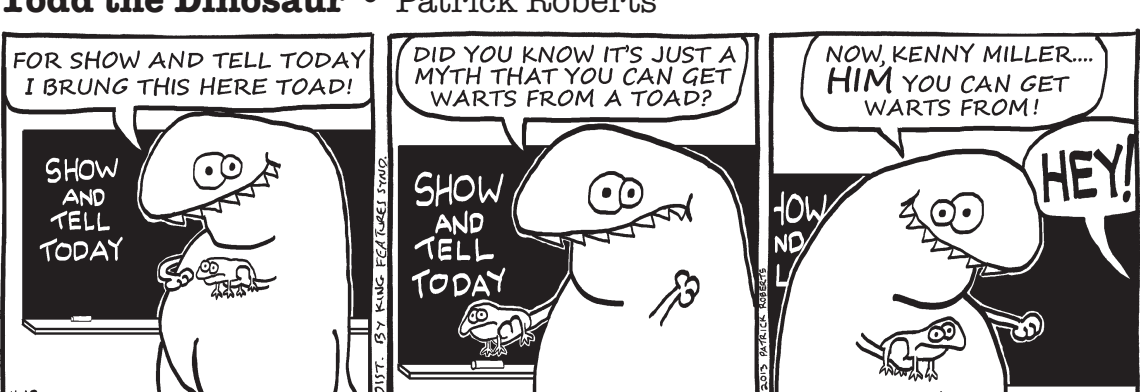
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



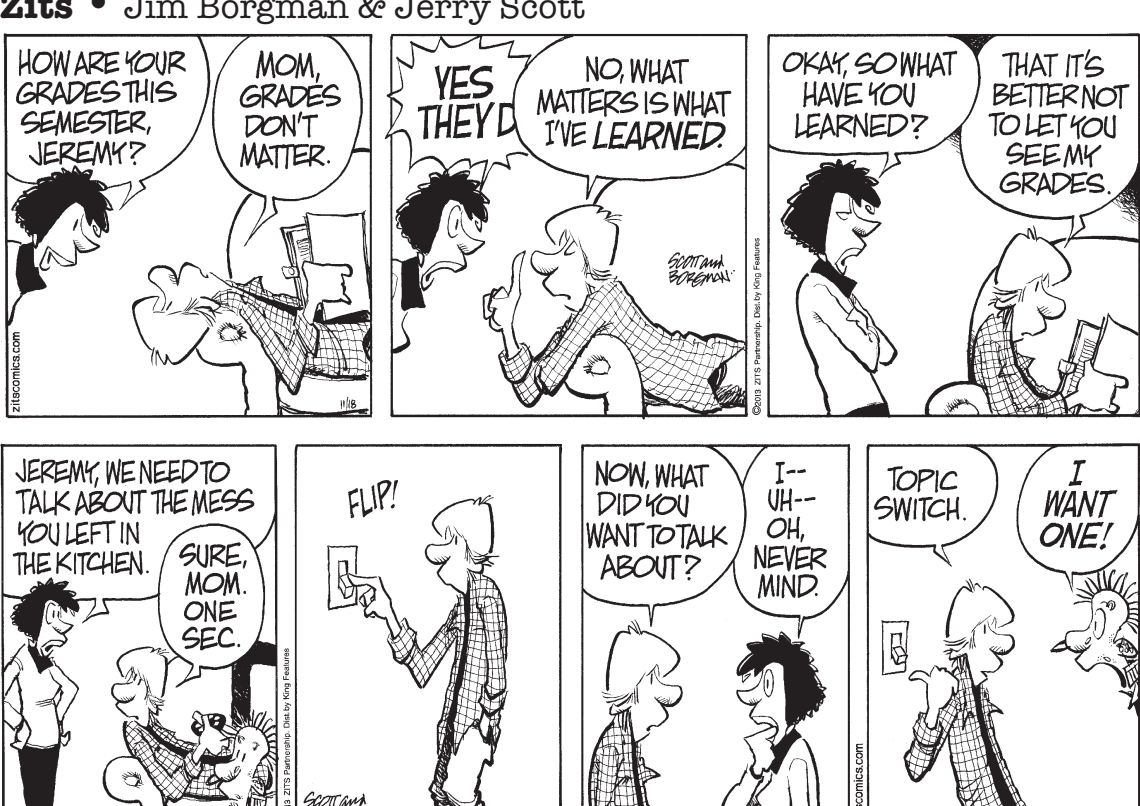
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Terry Kovel
• Antiques and Collecting

Cloisonne art centuries old

The Chinese enameling called cloisonne has been made for centuries. A thin metal wire is bent into shape on a metal vase and soldered into place. Then colored enamels are floated in to fill each space and form the decoration. The word "cloison" is French for "fence" and is the source of the word cloisonne. But there also was another type of enamel-on-metal object made in China by the 17th century. It is called "Peking enamel" or "Canton enamel."



This copper teapot covered with enamel was made in China in the 19th century. It sold at auction for \$660. A metal vase was covered with thick enamel, usually white, then fired. Then an artist painted a scene or pattern with colored enamels, and the vase was fired again. These enameled metal pieces were usually made to resemble European designs and exported.

The quality of the work deteriorated during the next few centuries and this type of enamel is rarely made today. Recognizing cloisonne and its thin metal lines is easy, but Peking enamels closely resemble porcelain.

A 5-inch-high Peking enamel teapot that held a single cup of water for tea sold in 2012 for \$660. It was painted with a Chinese landscape of clouds over a lake but the painting style was European. No doubt it was made for export to Europe or the United States.

Q: I have two paddles my mother used to card the cotton she used in making quilts. I think she ordered them from Sears Roebuck in the early 1930s. On the back each one reads, "The only Genuine Old Whittemore Patent No. 10, cotton, L.S. Watson & Co., Leicester, Mass." What are they worth today?

A: Carding untangles wool or cotton fibres so they can be woven into cloth. Amos Whittemore was granted a patent for a machine that made wool cards in 1797. Leicester, Mass., was a textile center in the 19th century. Several factories that made cards for textile machines, hand cards and wire for the cards were located there. L.S. Watson & Co. was the largest manufacturer of cards and also made heddle frames and shuttles. Watson was founded in 1842. After Lory Sprague Watson died in 1898, his son took over the business and it became L.S. Watson Manufacturing Co. It was still in business in the 20th century. Your paddles are worth less than \$100 a pair.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ A 10 8 7 5 2
♥ A 5 4
♠ K J 10
♣ 7

WEST
♦ J 9 6
♥ 2
♠ 8 7 6
♣ Q J 10 9 6 5

EAST
♦ K Q 3
♥ 10 9 8 6
♠ A Q 2
♣ K 8 3

SOUTH
♦ K Q J 7 3
♥ 9 5 4 3
♠ A 4 2

The bidding:
South Pass West 1♥ East Pass
2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥ Pass

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in a match between the United States and Portugal in the 2000 Open Team Olympiad. When a Portuguese pair held the North-South cards, they reached four hearts as shown. West, David Berkowitz, led the club queen to South's ace, and declarer immediately led a diamond to dummy's jack.

Against normal defense, South might have found the winning route to 10 tricks. If East takes the diamond with the queen and returns the trump ten, declarer can win with dummy's ace and lead another diamond. East wins and returns another trump, but South takes the king, ruffs a club with dummy's last trump and cashes dummy's high diamond. He then plays the spade ace, ruffs a spade, draws trumps and scores his 10th trick with the diamond nine.

But that's not exactly how it went, because when declarer played a diamond to the jack at trick two, East, Larry Cohen, won with the ace! He then returned a trump to dummy's ace.

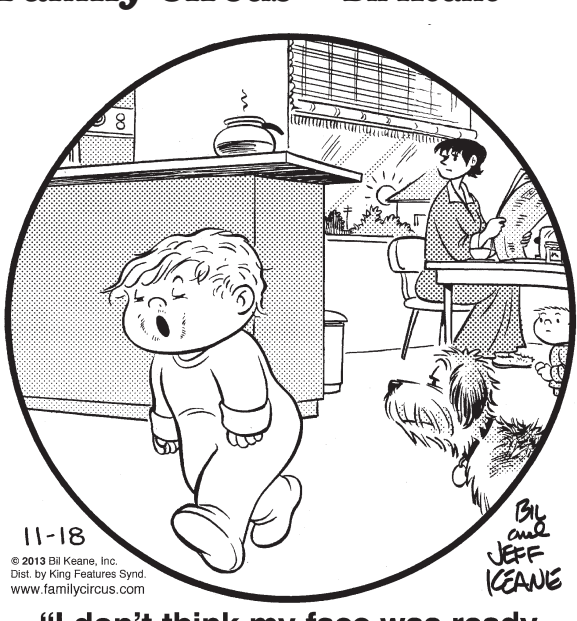
Convinced that West had the diamond queen, declarer now embarked on a line of play that, with normal breaks, was virtually certain to yield 10 tricks. He played the ace of spades and ruffed a spade, ruffed a club, on which Cohen unblocked the king, and ruffed another spade. He then cashed the K-Q of trumps, disclosing the 4-1 trump split and leaving Cohen with the master trump.

South had eight tricks and thought he had a good chance to score two more with the K-10 of diamonds. But when he next led a diamond to the ten, the roof caved in. Cohen took his queen and returned a club to West's ten. When Berkowitz cashed another club, Cohen got rid of his remaining diamond, and his ten of trumps took the last trick for down two!

Observe that after Cohen took the first diamond with the ace, declarer could have scored five heart tricks in his hand, two club ruffs in dummy, the two black aces and the diamond king to make his contract.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I don't think my face was ready to get up. I'm goin' back to bed."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Cryptoquip

LPJM K COZAN ZR OJBQCQZAT
RZBFT SLJBB QM KM KUUE,
Q KTTAIJ DPJE MJJS DZ
NKE DPJ IZMFBE OJMD.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AT UNDERSEA CONVENIENCE STORES, DO YOU BELIEVE FISH WHO FEEL LUCKY SHOULD BUY WATERY TICKETS?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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| ACROSS | 35 On the rocks | DOWN | 13 Mosque |
| 1 Capital of Peru | 36 Light-weight measure | 4 Resign | 19 365 days |
| 5 Work | 8 Resign | 12 First show | 20 Potential acronym |
| 8 Resign | 12 First show | 14 Loosen | 4 Old |
| 15 Roy's Trigger, for one | 40 Matter-horn, e.g. | 41 On the briny | 42 San Francisco |
| 16 "That suits me to —" | 42 San Francisco | 6 Scooted | 29 Spiked club |
| 17 "Awesome!" | 47 Mister, in Munich | 7 Droplets of liquid | 31 Simile center |
| 18 Less-traveled pathway | 48 "It's safe now!" | 9 "Do — others ..." | 34 "Apocalypse Now" smell |
| 20 Watt's power | 49 Walked hard (on) | 10 Thought | 11 Hammered on an angle |
| 23 Pair's air | 50 Aye opposer | 51 Additional | 36 United nations |
| 24 — and crafts | | | 37 Money of Thailand |
| 25 Imposing Italian building | | | 38 Addict |
| 28 Cushion insert | | | 39 Nil |
| 29 Parking lot device | | | 40 Partner |
| 30 Historic time | | | 43 Carte lead-in |
| 32 Mouths' roofs | | | 44 Writer |
| 34 Catches | | | 45 Pitch |
| | | | 46 Raw rock |

Saturday's answer 11-18

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