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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 today's Sudoku puzzle is right.

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Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



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Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott





Famous Hand

One of the most effective falsecards ever seen in a major event occurred in this deal played in the final of the Vanderbilt Teams in 1945. The star of the hand was Helen Sobel, perhaps the greatest woman player of all time. She led the ace and another club against four hearts, declarer winning with dummy's king and discarding a spade.

Howard Schenken, South, then led a spade to the ace and ruffed a spade in dummy. Schenken, who of course could not see the extremely favorable lie of the opposing hearts, wanted to return to his hand to trump another spade, and had a choice between ruffing a club or a diamond.

Schenken realized there was a strong possibility that Mrs. Sobel had started with the doubleton ace of clubs and that he was in danger of being overruffed if he tried to trump a club.

He therefore cashed the A-K of diamonds, planning to trump a third diamond to reach his hand. But on the second round of diamonds, Mrs. Sobel played the queen (!), apparently marking her with a doubleton.

Schenken now had to decide whether the Q-3 of diamonds or the A-2 of clubs was more likely to be a doubleton.

After considerable thought, he concluded it was best to try to return to his hand with a club. But still suspicious, Schenken, no babe in the woods, took the added precaution of ruffing with the seven.

Mrs. Sobel overruffed with the eight and returned a trump, and declarer still had to lose a spade and a heart for down one.

Of course, the contract could have been made. And undoubtedly it would have been made but for Mrs. Sobel's brilliant falsecard. The game was bid and made at the other table without any fireworks.

Mrs. Sobel had demonstrated a cardinal principle of defensive play -- to make things as tough as possible for declarer. Instead of playing mechanically as almost anyone else would, she did everything she could to give Schenken a problem, and she succeeded.

Tomorrow: Double indemnity. (c)2008 King Features Syndicate Inc.



"Daddy, your new fuzzy slippers are nice, but...

Crossword

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