

Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



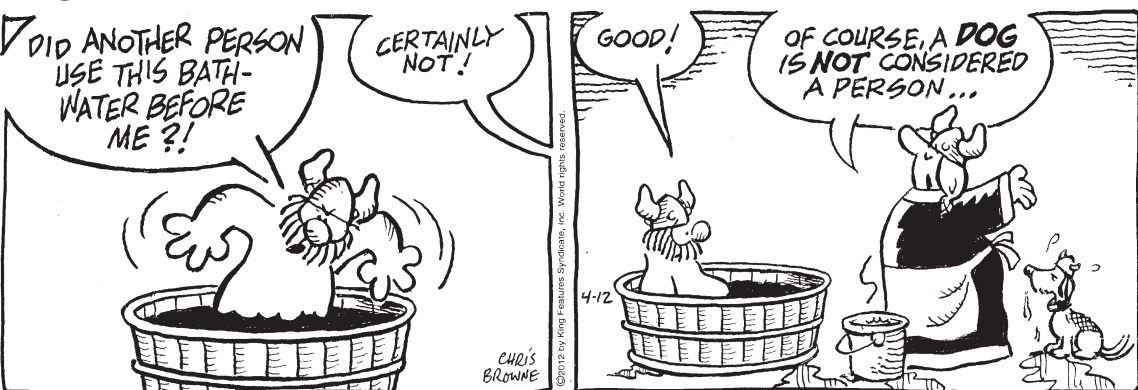
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



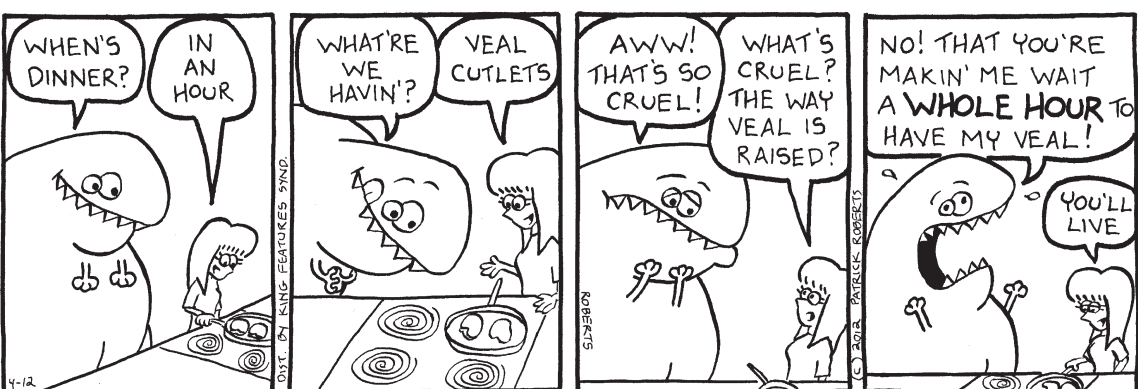
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



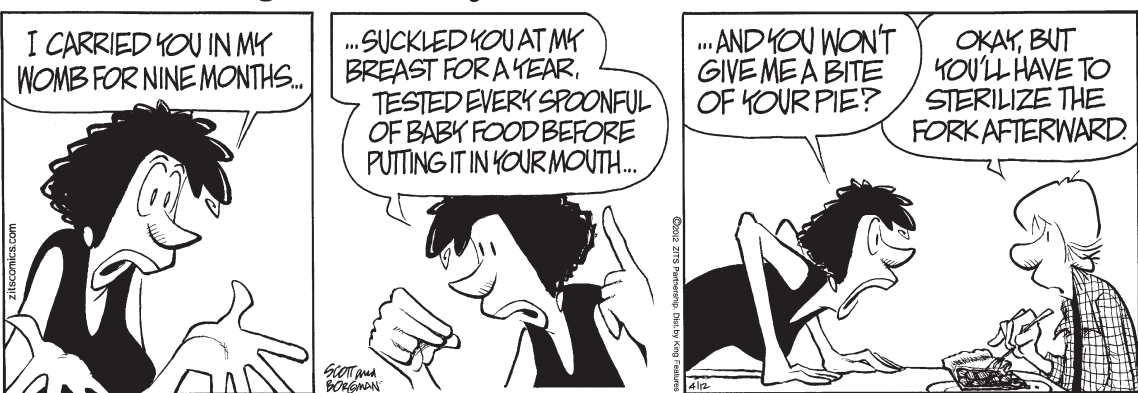
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel

• Antiques and Collecting

Camark pitcher dates from 1927

Q: I have a pottery pitcher painted gold with a long-tailed orange, blue and green parrot-shaped handle. The impressed die-stamped mark on the bottom of the pitcher is "Camark Pottery" within an outline of the state of Arkansas. Do you know anything about the company? The pitcher is in perfect condition, and I'm wondering what it's worth.

A: "Camark Pottery" was the trademark used by Camden Art Tile and Pottery Co. of Camden, Ark. The company was founded by Samuel J. "Jack" Carnes in 1926. Your parrot-handled pitcher is a well-known Camark specialty design called the "Waffle Batter Pitcher." In the 1920s, a New York City retailer had been selling similar pitchers made by an Italian company. When that company could no longer provide the pitchers, the retailer sent a sample to Camark, and Camark started making the pitchers for both the retailer and its own customers. The pitchers were made in a number of different colors and sizes and were produced for several years. The style of mark on your pitcher dates it to 1927-'28. If it's in great condition, it's worth \$100 or more.

Q: I now own some beautiful cut-glass pieces that belonged to my grandparents. After a recent move, I discovered that one of the bowls had split in half. Is it possible to fix this?

A: It probably is possible, assuming the split is clean and in a cut, not clear, part of the glass. The monetary value of the bowl is lost, but its sentimental value, appearance and use can be saved. If the bowl is large and you're worried about repairing it yourself, look online for a professional who repairs glass. If you prefer repairing it yourself, prepare a work surface, have toothpicks and some kind of clamping material on hand and buy some clear epoxy glue. Apply the glue carefully, wipe the excess away and clamp the two parts together using masking tape or some other method. You can find detailed instructions online. Once repaired, the bowl can be used to hold fruit, but it may leak if filled with water. Don't wash it in the dishwasher or put it in the refrigerator. Any change in temperature can cause problems.

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Tip: Avoid salt water and chlorine when wearing good jewelry. They can erode metal and dim the shine on stones. Hair spray and perfume also can dull many gemstones.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 9 5
♥ K 7
♦ A Q J 10 5 2
♣ A K 4
WEST
♠ J 10 7 6 2
♥ 10 9 3
♦ 8 4
♣ Q 9 5
EAST
♠ A Q 4
♥ J 8 6 2
♦ K 6 3
♣ 10 8 3
SOUTH
♠ K 8 3
♥ A Q 5 4
♦ 9 7
♣ J 7 6 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass
3♦ Pass 3NT
Opening lead — six of spades.

A Wise Choice of Plays

"Third-hand high" is an ancient adage that dates back to the days of whist, the grandfather of contract bridge. In effect, it says that if a defender leads a low card and the next hand also plays low, the other defender nearly always plays his highest card in the suit to stop declarer from winning the trick too cheaply.

As with all rules, however, there are exceptions. These deviations are usually based on common sense, and the defenders should constantly be on the lookout for them.

This deal illustrates such an exception. Defending against three notrump, East won his partner's spade lead with the ace and returned the queen. Declarer ducked the queen and took the third spade with the king.

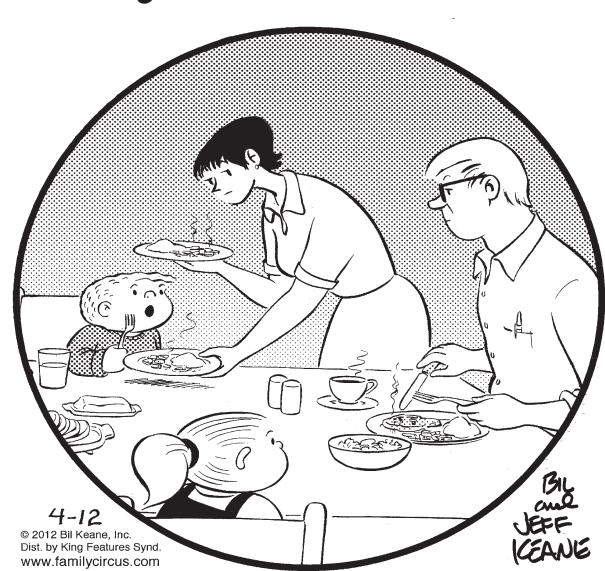
When East regained the lead a trick later with the diamond king, he was unable to return a spade. He tried leading a heart, but South won with dummy's king and finished with an over-trick.

Had East not been so quick to play "high" on the opening lead, South almost surely would have gone down one. Observe the effect that the play of the queen at trick one would have had on South. Afraid that a spade return through his king would defeat him immediately if West held the ace, he would very likely have taken the queen with the king. When the diamond finesse next lost to the king, East's return of the ace and another spade would then have sunk the contract.

From East's viewpoint, the play of the queen initially could never lose because if West had the king, the queen would win the trick. But if South had the king, which was much more likely on the bidding, only X-ray vision would enable him to find the winning play.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Daddy, when you're at Grandma's, does she let you cut up your own meat?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/12

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.

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

Cryptoquip

F L D W I B L H S W H O T N V D L

L H D S L M V B Z M L H H G

I O B A V K K L P, S L I B I W K K G C W A L B

W N L M G F W P V C Z M L B B V T O.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FAMOUS POPULAR SINGER AND SONGWRITER KNOWN FOR HER TIGHTLY RINGED LOCKS OF HAIR: CURLY SIMON.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals H

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 Distant member
4 Primary
8 — vu
12 "Rocks"
13 Bullets and the like
14 Mosque
15 Blood group?
17 Tarzan's
18 Driving city bird
19 Substantial bodies of work
21 Cronkite or Brennan
24 Parched
25 Beer's cousin
26 Cratchit lad
28 Medical worker
32 Apparel
34 Chum
36 Bartlett or Bosc
37 Don't slouch
39 Steal from
41 Cacophony
- DOWN**
3 Period of imminent danger
4 Sell
5 I love (Lat.)
6 Pinter's
7 Snoopers (around)
8 Split evenly
9 Mideast ruler
10 "— Eyre"
11 Iowa city
16 Snip
20 Coffee shop vessel
21 Moves back and forth
22 Jai follower
23 Tear the veneer
29 Low-temp star
30 Take to the seas
31 Sea eagle
33 Imaginary cause of fear
35 Prune
38 Camera-person's angle (Abbr.)
40 Confound
43 2001 movie, "Donnie —"
45 First st.
46 Jam ingredients?
47 Have — in one's bonnet
48 Pealed
49 Night light
53 Elmer, to Bugs
54 Guy's companion
55 Agent

Yesterday's answer 4-12

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13					14	
15			16						17	
		18			19		20			
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51				52		53			54	55
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59					60				61	