

Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



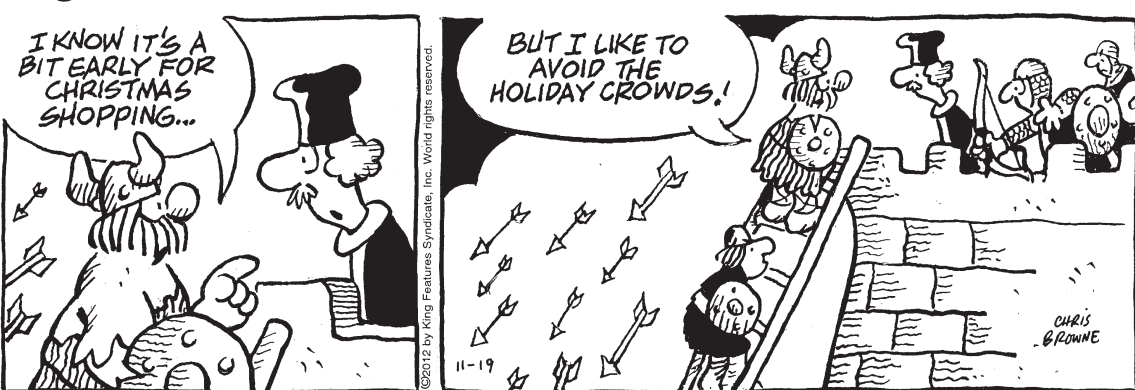
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



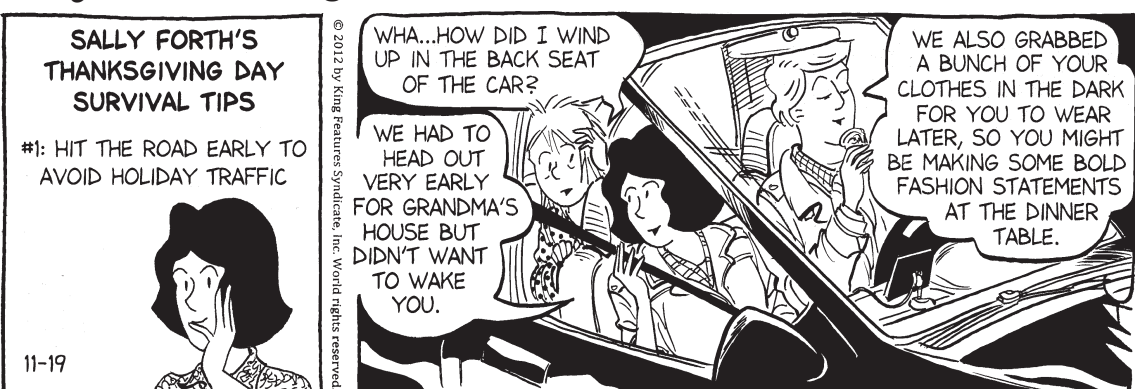
Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



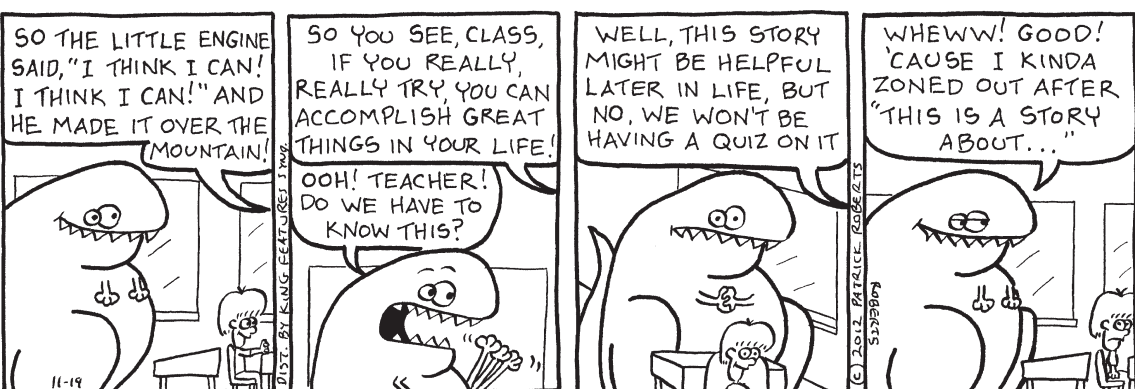
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



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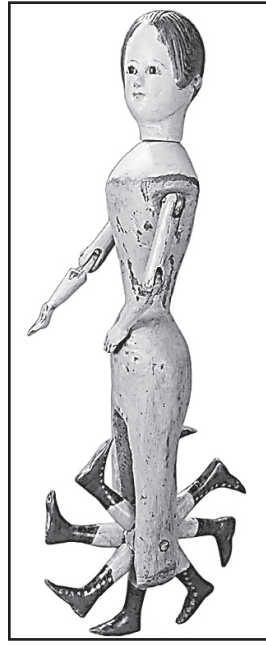
Innovation seen in older toys, too

This is the time to run out to the grocery store and get a turkey for Thanksgiving.

In the early 19th century, the turkey was a wild one, probably killed by a member of the community. If a time machine could bring someone from that era to our Thanksgiving dinner today, there would be very little inside or outside the house that has not changed. Food, communication, transportation, their contents and even toys might now be too complicated and look unfamiliar.

Even dolls have been "modernized." Dolls today walk, talk, dance, answer questions, have washable hair and realistic "skin," and seem almost alive thanks to batteries or electronics.

But our ancestors sometimes created amazing dolls with limited tools but clever ideas. A doll made in the 19th century could also walk, but by a very unusual method. The doll's body was carved of wood with moveable jointed arms and a swivel head mounted on a dowel. Eight legs with feet wearing shoes were arranged like spokes on a wheel.



This wooden doll made in the 19th century can "walk." The wheel of legs turns if the doll is pushed across the floor. This doll, 20 inches tall, sold for \$8,500 at a Theriault's auction in July 2012.

The fashionable doll dress of the day was long enough to cover most of the doll's legs. Only two of the feet would show as a child "walked" the doll across the floor by making the wheel of legs turn. A rare doll like this sells for thousands of dollars today. There are very few still to be found.

Q: I'm trying to find out the value of my early-1900s Piedmont cedar chest.

A: The Piedmont Red Cedar Chest Co. was located in Statesville, N.C. The company sold its cedar chests through catalogs, not in stores. The chests were made of solid red cedar from North Carolina and Tennessee.

The company was in business until at least the late-1920s. Cedar chests are not very decorative, but they are useful. In good condition, they sell for about the same price as new cedar chests: \$200 to \$300.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K Q J 9 8 4
♥ 7
♦ J 9 6 2
♣ 7 6

WEST
♠ A 7 6 5
♥ J
♦ K 4 3
♣ A Q 5 4 2

EAST
♠ 10 2
♥ 10 9 8 6 5 4 2
♦ 10 8
♣ 10 9

SOUTH
♠ 3
♥ A K Q 3
♦ A Q 7 5
♣ K J 8 3

The bidding:
North East South West
2♦ Pass 2NT Pass
3NT
Opening lead — four of clubs.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in a preliminary match at the 1991 world team championship in Yokohama, Japan. North-South were Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell of the United States, pitted against Great Britain's Tony Forrester and Andy Robson.

Meckstroth's opening two-diamond bid indicated either a weak two-bid in one of the majors or a powerful hand. Rodwell's two notrump asked for clarification, and three notrump showed a weak two with a good suit, which, given Rodwell's hand, had to be spades.

Forrester led a low club, and Rodwell took East's nine with the jack. The three of spades was led to dummy's king, which held, and the spade queen was taken by West's ace. Forrester then found the only return to threaten the contract -- another low club.

With ordinary play, the contract would now have failed. After taking East's ten of clubs with the king, declarer would try to reach dummy's good spades by leading a diamond. But West would win with the king and cash three clubs to defeat the contract.

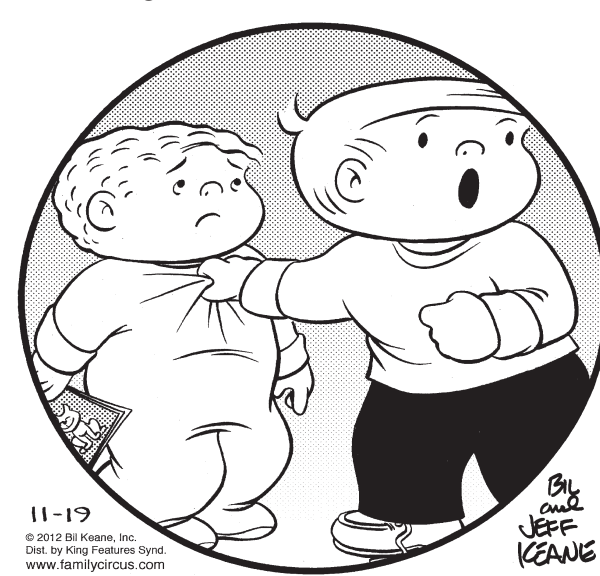
However, Rodwell has not reached the pinnacle of bridge success by making routine or ordinary plays. Reading the situation perfectly, he allowed East's ten of clubs to hold at trick four! This brilliant stroke effectively short-circuited the defense.

Unable to continue clubs, East shifted to a heart. Rodwell won and returned the diamond queen, ducked by Forrester as Robson followed with the ten. Rodwell continued with a low diamond, and Forrester, fearing his partner might have started with the A-10 doubleton, ducked again. Dummy's nine thus won, and declarer scored the rest of the tricks.

Note that even if Forrester had taken his king of diamonds and cashed the club ace, Rodwell still would have made nine tricks and his contract for an excellent result.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



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"We don't have to start bein' good till after Thanksgiving, right, Mommy?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 11/19

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

Cryptoquip

PATUGT XAXFRHT CWYKAU

HOAFY YIG MGTB IFUATAFC

RWMGC AP GMG, KHWV HVL

HOGR: "HLHU'C PHUWRB."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ASKED WHY IT WAS NOT MAKING ANY MURMURING CALLS, THE SICKLY DOVE CRIED "I HAVEN'T GOT A COOL!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals E

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 One of the Three Bears
 - 5 Unhappy
 - 8 Stare
 - 12 Exhibit "A," e.g.
 - 14 Figure-skating leap
 - 15 Give a home makeover
 - 16 Actress Sorvino
 - 17 18-wheeler
 - 18 Toxin
 - 20 Support for a painting
 - 23 Plant with fronds
 - 24 Small salamanders
 - 25 Went back on a promise
 - 28 Put (down)
 - 29 Partners
 - 30 Churchill's gesture
 - 32 Changed the title
 - 34 Tempo
- DOWN**
- 1 A piece
 - 2 "Hail, Caesar!"
 - 3 Bowling target
 - 4 Worships
 - 5 Unseen problem
 - 6 Performance
 - 7 Intensified
 - 8 Casino doings
 - 9 Center of rotation
 - 10 Nil
 - 11 Verve
 - 13 Satan's specialty
 - 19 Raw minerals
 - 20 Moray, for one
 - 21 In the distance
 - 22 Eyelid woe
 - 23 Big parties
 - 25 "O'er the — we watched ..."
 - 26 Divisible by two
 - 27 Out of play
 - 29 Masculine
 - 31 Greek vowel
 - 33 Not wide
 - 34 One of the bunch?
 - 36 Pocket bread
 - 37 Fellow
 - 38 War, to Gen. Sherman
 - 39 Approximately
 - 40 Make a sweater
 - 43 Before
 - 44 Hollywood trickery, for short
 - 45 The whole enchilada
 - 46 In medias

Saturday's answer 11-19

