Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



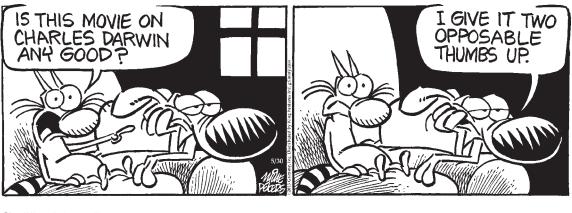
Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne

Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters

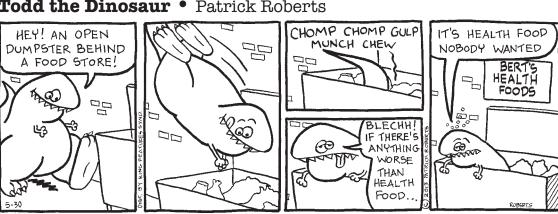




Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott









Terry Kovel

Antiques and Collecting

Electric lamps in many designs

Electric lights were first marketed to the public about 1880. It is said that Louis Comfort Tiffany's famous lily lamp with glass shades for light bulbs was the first lamp with a shade that projected light down, not up, like a candle flame. Other lamps of the early 1900s were adapted to accept bulbs by removing the older light source, like a candle, then wiring the lamp for electricity and adding a bulb and shade.

were gold glass shade made Others made in entirely by Loetz, is 14 inches new shapes. Dur- high. The signed lamp ing the Art Nouveau period, sen- bertville, N.J. It must be suous women with used with a low-wattage curves were part electric bulb because of the designs used the glass lampshade for glass, ceramics, would be damaged by bronze figurines and even furniture.

So it is not surprising that a variety of lamps designed to feature women also were made.

too much heat.

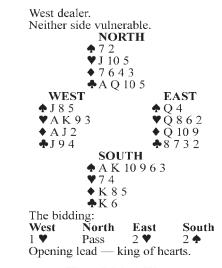
The Loetz glass factory (1840-1940), in what is now the Czech Republic, made art glass. At around the turn of the 20th century, workers there designed a figural lamp with a bronze base shaped like a woman holding an iridescent gold glass shade above her head. The glass resembled Tiffany's, but it was actually made at the Loetz factory. It was signed by Peter Tereszczuk (1875-1963), a well-known Ukrainian sculptor who made bronze figurines and other decorative bronzes. Bell collectors prize his bronze electric call buttons that look like a small child on a rocky base. The lamp sold for \$3,750 at a Rago Arts and Auction sale in 2013.

Q: My old gate-leg table has a label that says it was made by the John D. Raab Chair Co. The finish on the table is a bit worn and marred. I have been considering refinishing or painting it, although I think this would decrease its value. What do you think?

A: The John D. Raab Chair Co. was in business in Grand Rapids, Mich., from 1906 to 1924, when it was taken over by the Furniture Shops of Grand Rapids. If you like the table and plan to use it, go ahead and refinish or paint it. "Brown furniture" pieces like your table are not selling for much money today, and many people are buying them at bargain prices, then refinishing or painting them to either use or resell.

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Bridge • Steve Becker



Haste Makes Waste

Let's say you're West, defending against two spades. You lead the king of hearts, partner signaling with the eight, continue with the ace and play a third heart, which South ruffs.

Declarer cashes the A-K of trumps and plays four rounds of clubs, on which he discards two diamonds. Whether or not you ruff the last club, South winds up making the contract with an overtrick, losing only a trump, two hearts and a diamond. Afterward, you realize that if you had defended

differently, you could have done quite a bit better. When partner played the eight of hearts at trick one – a signal which, in view of the bidding, obviously denoted possession of the queen -- you could have led the three of hearts next rather than Had you done so, you would have been well-

rewarded. East would have won with the queen and returned a diamond, allowing you to grab three diamond tricks and thereby defeat the con-The deal illustrates that a defender must al-

ways be ready to adapt his plays to the situation at hand. While it is true that a defender who leads the king from an A-K combination normally continues with the ace if he decides to play the suit again, this is by no means an invariable rule. East's play of the eight in the present case, after having supported hearts, should be taken as a

compunctions about underleading the ace at trick two in order to coax a diamond return from East at trick three.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I'd be really good at playin' the piano if I could just get my fingers to remember how."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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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 3x3region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to the last

Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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Cryptoquip

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals Y

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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