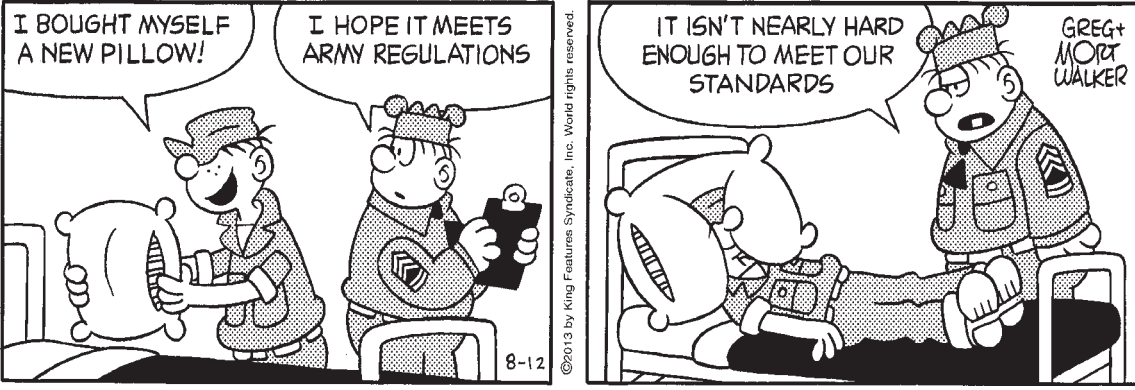


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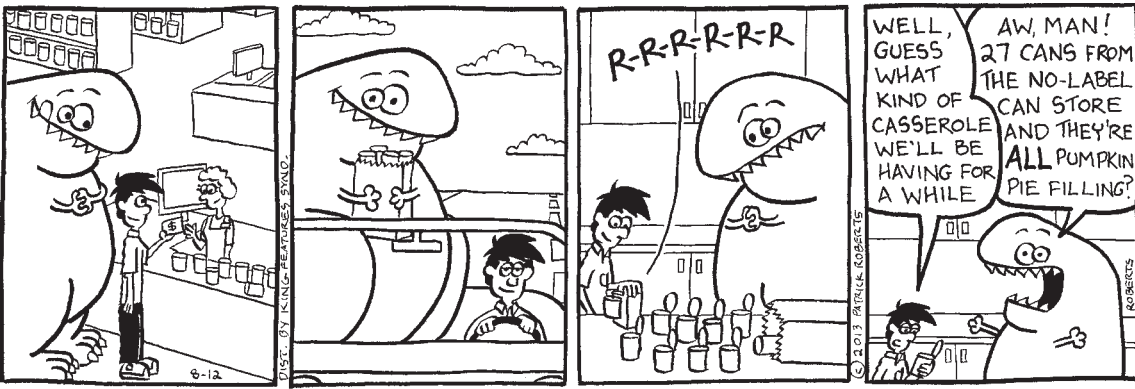
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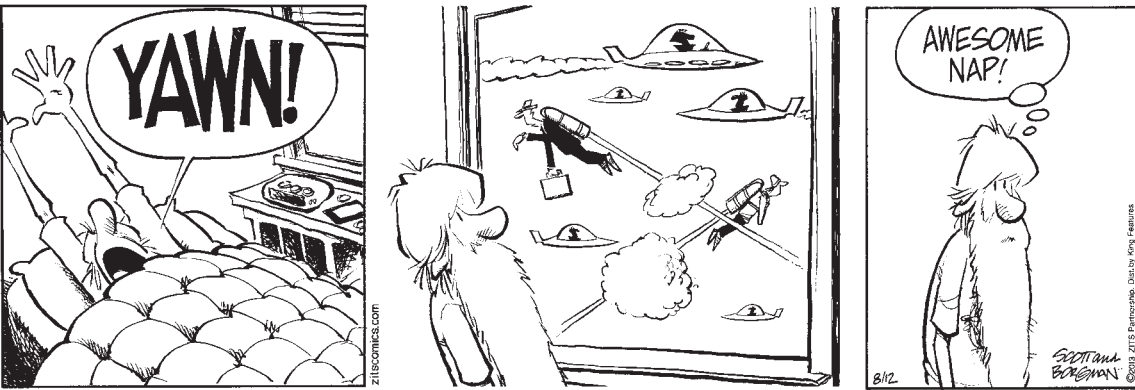
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Terry Kovel
• Antiques and Collecting

Clever furniture deserves a look

Some old pieces of dual-purpose furniture are so useful they should inspire new designs.

One such famous design is a convertible "desk and chair" originally designed by Stephen Hedges of New York City in about 1854. The desk has an oval top and four legs. It opens and a chair with a rounded back swings out so it can be used to write at the half-round desk. It has drawers, a leather writing surface and casters on its legs.

When not in use, the desk could be put back together and used as a plain table about 35 by 29 inches. The desk-chair was patented, but not for the design — just for the hinge mechanism.

About 17 of these desks are known, and several of them are in museums. But 19th-century "brown" furniture is not selling well to average collectors. One of these desks sold at a 1998 Christie's auction for \$29,900. Neal Auction Co. of New Orleans sold one for just \$4,481 in November 2012.

Q: I have several crockery jars about 6 inches tall stamped "Weyman's Snuff." Can you tell me when they were made and what they're worth?

A: George Weyman opened a tobacco shop in Pittsburgh in 1822. He was the inventor of Copenhagen snuff.

The company became Weyman & Bros. in 1870, so your jar was probably made before then. There were several changes in name and ownership until it became the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Co. in 2001. That company still is in business.

Your Weyman's Snuff jar is worth about \$25.

Tip: Don't lean back on your bed's headboard if you have wet or oily hair. You will damage the headboard's finish.

Terry Kovel answers as many questions as possible through the column. Write to Kovels, (Colby Free Press), King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 7
♥ 10 3
♦ Q 10 8 2
♣ A K 9 6 3

WEST
♠ J 8
♥ J 7 4
♦ K J 9 4
♣ 10 8 7 4

EAST
♠ K 9 2
♥ Q 8 6 5
♦ A 6 3
♣ Q J 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 6 5 4 3
♥ A K 9 2
♦ 7 5
♣ 5

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠
Pass 2 ♣ Pass 2 ♣
Pass 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠

Opening lead — four of clubs.

Famous Hand
Odd things sometimes happen in world championships, and here is one of the strangest ever recorded. The year was 1972, and Walter Avarelli, playing for Italy against New Zealand, became declarer at four spades.

West led a club, and Avarelli cashed dummy's A-K, discarding a diamond, then played the A-K of hearts and ruffed a heart in dummy. After trumping a club, he ruffed his last heart with the ace of trumps, West discarding a diamond. Avarelli then ruffed another club to produce this position with South needing two more tricks:

North
♦ Q 10 8 2
♠ 9

West
♠ J 8
♦ K J 9

East
♠ K 9 2
♦ A 6

South
♠ Q 10 6 5
♦ 7

Avarelli now led the spade six, losing to West's eight. Back came a diamond to East's ace, and his diamond return was ruffed by South with the five. This left Avarelli with the Q-10 of spades, West the jack of spades and king of diamonds, and East the K-9 of spades. The outcome hinged on declarer's next play.

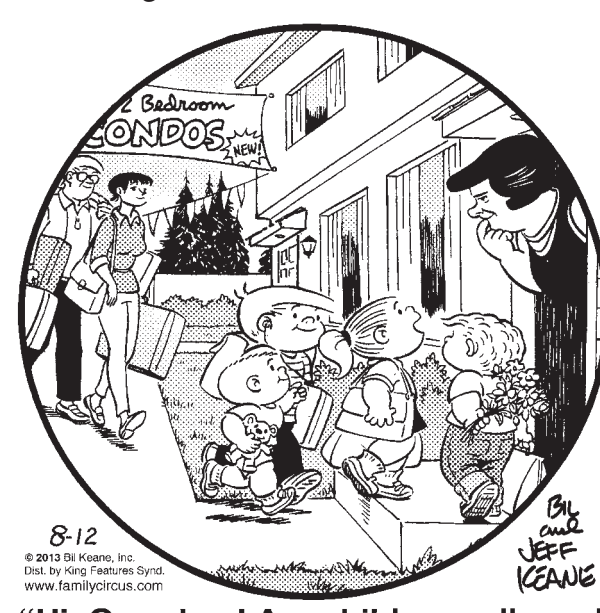
Avarelli searched the ceiling for inspiration, but it did not respond. Stalling for time, he turned over the last card he had played, the five of spades, in effect asking to see the previous trick.

But West misunderstood the motion and played the jack of spades. Technically this became an exposed card, and declarer could have played the spade queen and forced West to play the jack regardless of his actual holding.

Avarelli thought this unfair, so he shuffled the Q-10 of spades facedown and invited East, then West, then North to select a card. All three refused, none of them wanting to bear that responsibility. Avarelli then persuaded the scorekeeper to choose the card. He did, and it was the queen, so Avarelli made four spades!

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Hi, Grandma! Are childrens allowed in these condominiums?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

Cryptoquip

HPVH WGDALNWTHQJX SVG'Z
HAVQU QZ NQJXAFQGF
VPXVN. BPQTP DVHP SQFPH
HPX YVUULB YXUULB YLUULB?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE "HOGAN'S HEROES" COLONEL WAS ODDLY ABSENT FOR WEEKS, BUT SOMEBODY FOUND THE MISSING KLINK.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Airwaves watchdog org.
4 Pile of poker chips
7 Door-frame part
11 Bread unit
13 Rhyming tribute
14 Concept
15 Actress Paquin
16 Plague
17 Graduation garment
18 Mournful chime
20 What sun-bathers "catch"

DOWN

23 Solicit, perhaps
25 Grimace
26 Weaponry
27 Spruced up
28 Rolling stone's lack
29 Mischievous
30 Mad king of theater
31 End for auction or profit
35 Solidify
38 Wet wriggler
40 Sine — non
42 Competitor of Target
45 Midwestern state
47 Cab
48 Always
49 Docket entry
50 Afternoon party
51 Joan of —
52 Illuminated
54 Time of your life?

Saturday's answer 8-12

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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