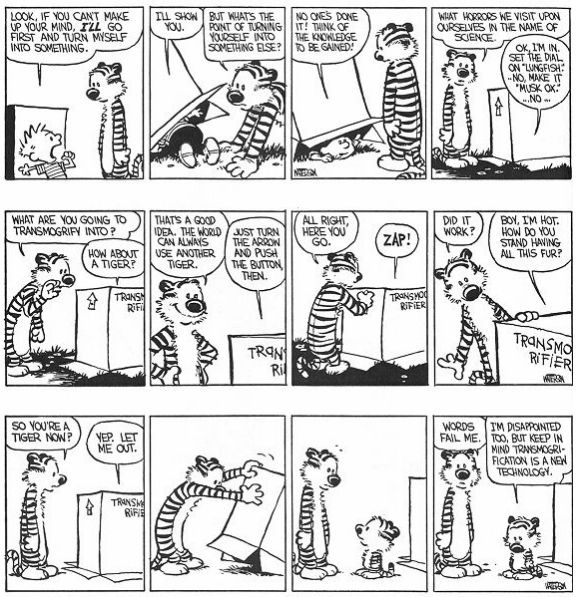
Transmogrification

Illustration

- Changing something into something else the easy way (without much effort and painlessly, of course) is an old dream of everybody.
  - All religions, of course, pr e a y on this fact. It is interesting (but useless) to meditate about the possible connections between the observation that the seemingly most unchangeable and common things - stones - could in fact be turned into something beautiful, useful and rare, and the evolution of believes in a "changed state of being after death" in religion.
  - Here is a present day expression of the need to dream about **transmogrification** from one of my favorite books dealing about children and how to raise them:



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- Well, a working version of a transmogrifier has not been invented yet. So if you really want to change yourself into a person who knows about defects in crystals, you must still do it the hard way!