

RECIPE FOR CHEER

By SHERLAC

When Editors are feeling blue,
To cheer them up, here's what to do:
Put on your thinking cap, and then—
Get out your pad and fountain pen.

On snowy sheet jot down a rhyme,
An anagram, or flat sublime;
Or, if you're feeling extra strong,
Just burst forth in lilting song.

There are many ways to cheer an Ed.
So take my tip and use your head
And thank your lucky stars that you
Don't have his thankless chore to do.

L'ENVOI

Flats and Forms fill goodly space
And keep you in the Editor's grace.
If the effort you will make,
It gives the Diaskeuast a break.

CHAT

Emmo says he doesn't know how
familiar the Krewes may be with the slang
phrase he uses in his rebus; but he avers
it's a common term in his neck of the
woods.

Don't ask me to explain why I opened
New Int. to check on the FIRST of Ever-
green's transposal. I just did — and I
failed to find it. Then I tried New Std.,
with like result. However, the flat was
already in the make-up, and I didn't
care to recast the issue, so I let it ride.
The word seems as justifiable as many
other RE- words in the dictionary, yet it
does not appear there.

Perhaps the last term of I See's trans-
posal also should be starred; as it is a
trade name for a popular article of com-
merce.

No. 10 is one of the results of Roving
Vic's stay with Y. Knott a couple of
months ago. I shudder to contemplate
what might have eventuated had he stay-
ed a week.

The latest newcomer to the Krewes is
Henry Pruett, 703 S. Boulevard St., Talla-
hassee, Fla. I've pointed out to him that
he is only a day's drive from St. Pete,
and that we'll be watching for him at
the convention.

Y. Knott has sent a sub for his
daughter, Mrs. W. C. Cummings, Jr., 44
Harvard Way Extension, Boston. She will
be known to us as Boojum. She says she
likes the idea of a brief biography of a

puzzler in each Enigma. So I guess I'll
have to start something.

Rayle Rhoder is home again at Bolivar,
and was greeted by a letter — with a
check — telling her she was a winner
in the statewide poetry contest sponsored
by the women's clubs of West Va. Hail
to the laureate of Them There!

Billy Goat recently won a prize in a
local contest for naming historical land-
marks in New England. And what do you
suppose the prize was? A sewing machine,
nothing less! P. S.: Billy says he intends
to learn how to chauffeur it.

Anagram No. 28 in May lost a PA at
the end and caused a number of solvers
to inquire why the numerals did not
match the letters given. The annie is a
twin sister of No. 27. And in April, an H
dropped from CHAMP put a kink in the
anagram on A FEATHERWEIGHT
CHAMPION. Ho, hum! What would life
be like in an errorless world?

PASS-A-GRILLE FOR LABOR DAY

Quefanon says that the air lines and
railroads are cooperating to make the
Labor Day convention at Pass-a-Grille a
success by reducing round trip fares by
one-third. He points out that the distance
from Boston, New York, and Philadelphia
to St. Petersburg is less than from those
places to St. Louis, where we had a big
crowd in 1943. So, we ought to have an-
other fine meeting this fall.

Our hotel headquarters are on the
beach and bathing suits will be the fash-
ion during the day, says Quefanon.
(Some of us may have mental reservations
in that respect!) The formal meeting will
be held in the evenings in the large
dining room of the hotel. Thirty tables
will enable every one to do his solving
solo. There will also be amateur enter-
tainment to while away such odd moments
as the Krewes may find.

If visitors have time, there are side
trips to Silver Springs, Weekie Watchee
Springs, Winter Garden, Shell Island, Bok
Tower, and many other places.

In the south and west are Profit, Sour-
dough, Bob, Cajun, Freddie, Fred Domino,
Sourpuss, Kenneth, Jemand, Al Gebra, No
Sabe, Y. Knott, the Missourians and the
Californians. What a wonderful thing it
would be if all these would come to
Pass-a-Grille to join those from the
eastern seaboard.

THE ENIGMA

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SCRANTON, PA

NOS. 557, 558, 559

MOLEMI'S MONIKER

By FRED DOMINO

A sweet singer in St. Louis
Writes an awful lot of verse,
And his rhythm is so perfect
That the slightest bump's a curse.
He writes headers, flats and puzzles;
Chooses keywords with great care.
Anything that smacks of hackneyed
Does, no doubt, get in his hair.
When he writes phonetics funny --
GRAY-DIP-ERRIE, punny key --
And I find the blooming answer,
Why, the doggone thing is me!
So I wanted to get even;
Got my anagramming tiles --
MORTON LESLIE MITCHELL
Is his name and it beguiles
My imagination, fertile,
As I shift the blocks around,
Trying hard to make an annie
That is sensible and sound.
MORTON LESLIE MITCHELL --
He can sing a pretty song;
Says he, "I'LL CROON, LET THEM
SMILE."

That's an annie or I'm wrong.

WHAT HAPPENED

The Yazoo City printer had trouble
with his staff in July, and lost key
employees. This held up the August
Enigma. But the manager never wrote
me about the matter.

When August 10 brought no Enigma,
I wrote to find out why. No answer
came. I wrote again, on August 18,
and again on the 21st, but received
no reply. An airmail letter went to

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nications should be addressed.

Yazoo before I left for the conven-
tion on August 26.

On my return, there was a letter
from Yazoo, dated August 21, telling
of the difficulty and assuring me of
regular service in the future. Fred
Domino called the printer by phone
from Corinth, and was told that both
August and September issues would be
delivered by the end of September.

This is being written on October 3
and no Enigma has appeared. It looks
like the old run-around, and I admit
I am fed up with the mess. So I have
prepared this combination issue, and
with the help of B. Natural have put
it out by offset printing. Future
issues will be produced in the same
manner. The Yazoo printer has been
informed that our relations are end-
ed, through, kaput.

Incidentally, you will recall that
this printer raised prices on us in
May, 1949. But his service from that
time was more wretched, if possible,
than it had been before. Therefore,
the change has been made.

Offset printing will reduce costs
by about \$20 an issue and will also
assure delivery of each issue so as
to permit mailing close to the first
of the month. And the use of a type
face much heavier than that used in
former issues will increase legibil-
ity and ease the strain on aging op-
tics. It is hoped that the members
will be pleased with the new dress.

Files of League puzzle literature
have been deposited in the library
of the Franklin Institute, Philadel-
phia, where they may be consulted by
anyone interested.

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gust 24, 1912.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the best things than can happen to a newly elected president is her own speedy education in a lot of things she'd better know.

Some of these things are at once apparent to me, on a really devoted perusal of the N P L Constitution and By-Laws. I find that I must appoint nine committees. So here goes:

Credentials---Cassandra, Junkerl, Romany. Reception---Ambrosia and Ambrose jointly; members of Riddlers Club. Executive---Fred Domino, to select his two members. Puzzle Department---Arty Ess, to select his two helpers. Forms---Al Gebra, Pat, Sherlock Holmes. Flats---Evero, Macropod, Shyrene. Publicity---Ajax, to select his helpers. Cryptograms---Fiddle, King Sly, Genesian. National Membership---No appointment, for two reasons (1) I think this committee has never functioned; (2) appointment calls for expenditure of League funds that seems to me unjustified. The first-named person acts as chairman of his committee.

I am sure the members will agree that our Constitution should be kept as an accurate working document, and that its dead spots should be taken out. The Krewe will find one such suggested change in the minutes of the Labor Day convention.

I do want to say briefly but as warmly as possible that it makes me very happy and proud to be your elected President.

It always does me good, puts new life into me (and MUST therefore make me a pleasanter person in the home!), to meet with other members of the N P L. For twenty-two years now, I've felt this great stimulus from the League, and to my joy N.J. never writes of a similar experience. I quote from a recent letter from that matchless NPL'er: "Conventions always give me such a lift that I cannot resist attending, even when I feel like a dope."

Another thing: I hope to be able to speed through the deliberative proceedings with a minimum of red tape, so that we can all get at the kernels of the various nuts without breaking a tooth or two, or our endurance, on the shells thereof.

Please bring everybody you can to the February convention, and in any case, BE THERE YOURSELF. We shall all be so glad to see each other!

DORSE, President NPL.

FINANCIAL REPORT

September receipts: \$3-Ouija, Yelbis, Hoodwink, Achilles, Fubine, Excel C. Orr, Witch Hazel, Amor, Phyllis. \$4-Arcanus. \$5-Molemi, Freddie, Fred Domino, Patsy, Emmo W., Quefa. \$6-Domino, Roving Vic, Jemand. \$8-Wil Mar. \$7-N. Jineer. \$10-Sherlock Holmes. \$12-M. U. Later.

Balance, last report. \$665.98
Receipts as above. 111.00
Total. 776.98
November copying. 3.00
Convention letter. 3.21
Total. 6.21
Balance, October 1. 770.77

CHAT

No. 20 in March was based on the French phrase A OUTRANCE. Because I slipped a cog, the solver was not given this information. As a result, the following complaint came: "This was a French phrase, not Anglicized, and obscure enough to take a bottom-of-the-page placement. It was handed to us without any intimation that it was two words. That's just the sort of thing that is likely to remove me permanently from the solvers' list, and probably from League membership. I don't object to being tripped on a flat, since I'm no mental superman. But I DO think I'm entitled to know whether a keyword is in English or French, Portuguese--or Sanskrit."

Al Gebra would like to obtain the following Enigmas: April 1922; all of 1923; June, July, September 1927; 1928, all; 1930, January thru October. Can anyone help him?

We welcome the return of Darknes to the Krewe. He is our sole representative in S. Carolina. He told literally a recent header by Molemi and congratulated me on reaching 80.

Orion says he's been busy with a host of things that curtailed solving in the Enigma, but that he likes to read the headers and Chat. There must be many more like him.

PENETRALIA

Standard authorities: New International, 2nd Ed.; Century Atlas; and Phillips' Dict. of Biog. Reference. Words from other references must be tagged. Use the asterisk (*) to denote an absolute word, and the page number from an out-of-place word.

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JUNE SOLUTIONS

| | |
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| 1. By Dorso. | 2. By Al Gebra. |
| FUTHORC | HATRACK |
| UPRISER | ACOUCHI |
| TREACLE | TOLETAN |
| HIAQUIS | RUEPING |
| OSCULES | ACTINON |
| RELIEVE | CHANOYU |
| CRESSET | KINGNU |

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| 3, 4. By Pat | PASSOUT |
| EMPRESS | ASHAMNU |
| MORISCO | SHOVELS |
| PRISTAV | SAVINES |
| RISTORI | OMENTAL |
| ESTOILE | UNLEAVE |
| SCARLET | TUSSLES |
| SOVIETS | |

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| 5. By Sakr-el-Bahr. |
| FIREDEPARTMENTS |
| REDELIBERATED |
| TITANCRAVES |
| CHINBONES |
| SNOOPE |
| STOES |
| EKS |
| S |

6. By Sherlock Holmes.

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| OM |
| DUAB |
| DITTIN |
| TESSALEM |
| CANCELINES |
| CURTAILMENTS |
| SUPRASTAPEDIAL |
| SERPENTINEVERSES |
| JUNTADESANANTONIO |

1. Backward, turn backward, O time in your flight. 2. Butane. 3. Insignificant. 4. Left the closet open. 5. Seaside. 6. Banking pin. 7. Percussion, supersonic. 8. Wantwit. 9. Trollop. 10. Strumpet. 11. Barouche. 12. Cinderella and the glass slipper. 13. Eremacausis. 14. Stitching. 15. Tinker, reknit. 16. Flushed. 17. Bawl, ball. 18. Miss, mess, mass, muss, moss. 19. Abode, adobe. 20.

Bustle, rustle, hustle. 21. Defeated, deflated. 22. Itches, ethics. 23. Flaile, failed, filed, fled, fed. 24. Gabriel Heater. 25. Drew Pearson. 26. Bing Crosby. 27. Bob Hope. 28. Milton Berle. 29. Frank Sinatra. 30. Fulton Lewis. 31. Eddie Cantor. 32. The beauty shops. 33. A dime novel. 34. A dime novel. 35. A disreputable person. 36. Matter of course. 37. Mephistopheles. 38. The old familiar melodies. 39. A meteoric shower. 40. United States postage stamps. 41. Financial statement.

1. Calumny is a species of treachery
2. Woman, victim of kleptomania....
3. Genial tramps gather near depot..
4. Soprano, basso, caught influenza.
5. Archspy betrays motherland.....
6. Ogrish virago jinxes corpulent...

JULY SOLUTIONS

1. By Arcanus.

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| BS |
| FIEF |
| BESTAM |
| DARTERER |
| MULBERRIES |
| SEASIDEASTER |
| GERMANDERSAGES |
| BENNANDESALABEC |

2. By Sherlock Holmes.

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| CS |
| CAM |
| NARGIL |
| CARDITIS |
| CRENATIONS |
| PLACENTARIES |
| ARENARIAMARINA |
| ELEVENOCLOCKLADY |

3, 4. By Al Gebra.

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| GALATEA | MASCARA |
| AGALAXY | ACULEAE |
| LAPORTE | SUBAREA |
| ALOMPRA | CLAVATE |
| TARPLEY | ARERIAN |
| EXTREME | RAETIAN |
| AYEAYES | AEEAENS |

5. By Sakr-el-Bahr.

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| GARPSDALR | MASSECAKE |
| AQUITELAE | AVALLONIA |
| RUCERVINE | SALOMETER |
| PIECEINGS | SLOPEMINE |
| STREITEST | ELMERIVER |
| DEVITIATE | COMITERI |
| ALINEATES | ANTIVENIN |
| LANGSTEST | KIENERING |
| RESSTESTS | EARRERING |

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7. S. By Pat.

CARACASES
ARECOLINE
REMANANDS
ACARDINES
CONDENINE
ALAIMENTS
SINNINGIA
ENDENTING
SESSESAGE

DISCLOSES
ICERAVINE
SEREMENTS
CREMORNES
LAMOULINE
OVERLANDS
SINNINGIA
EXTENDING
SESSESAGE

1. Bandwagon. 2. Onomatopoeia. 3. Onomatopoeisis. 4. Boneset. 5. Fit to be tied. 6. Retrooping, progenitor. 7. Maid, made. 8. Pepsicola, a pop-sicle. 9. Less tweak, last week. 10. Perpetrated, perpetuated. 11. Six. 12. S-midge-n. 13. Surface. 14. Untied, untied. 15. S-mothering. 16. I-rate. 17. P-l-edge. 18. Goad, a dog. 19. Laestrygonians. 20. An aspirin tablet. 21. The spring housecleaning. 22. Delicate situation. 23. The air-conditioned restaurants. 24. Delirium tremens. 25. Real estate developments. 26. An honorable discharge. 27. The displaced persons. 28. A drive-in motion picture theater. 29. Drive-in motion picture theaters. 30. Enfilade. 31. The grey mare is the better horse. 32. Can-tankerous. 33. Onerous. 34. Agony. 35. Misadventure. 36. Policy. 37. Politician. 38. Dalliance. 39. Cafe-teria.

1. Let friendship creep gently.....
2. Transpose patroness and you.....
3. Dormitory furniture bans.....
4. Couple lived among Cajuns.....
5. Amblyopic fisherman caught.....
6. Snowdrift entombs dwarf, afield..

NEW PUZZLES

1. REBUS (3,7,6)
(Partly phonetic)

M
S C
O S

When the South Pacific
Is really terrific.

New York, N.Y.

BEN AMI

2. REBUS (3,5,7)

R
OE

Things are topsy-turvy,
Things are all upset.

Unpleasant things may come REBUS,
But won't keep on, I'll bet.
Bastrop, Texas.

HOODWINK

3. REBUS (11)

I
QITU

Some folks thought the census taker
Was a prying trouble-maker;
Thought his harsh and horrid REBUS
Most importunately grievous;
Countless needless questions asking,
Secrets of the home unmasking.

I think he was not so fearful;
Glad to give the boy an earful.

Pearblossom, Calif.

ALOUETTE

4. SPOONERGRAM (3,3; 3,4)

A policewoman captured a thief,
But her pride in her prowess was brief,
For the "bracelets" she slammed
On his wrists became jammed
And she soon got bawled out by the chief.

Through her purse pawed the
Flustered 3, 3.
She found everything there but the key.

To the 3, 4 she ran
For a lock-picking man
Who set the locked pickpocket free.
Lansing, Mich.

EMMO

5. TERMINAL ELISION (7,5)

I
Sharp tongues confer
Taunts, gibes, abuse.

II
His parents were
Callisto and Zeus.

Mason, Mich.

LARI

6. HOMONYM (7,9)

(Dedicated to Y. Knott)

Alas! I have scalp disease
Both chronic and inflammatory;
My follicles are ill at ease--
"A case of FIRST"--my doctor's
story.

Afflicted with papule, pustule,
and crust,
I feel my reason totter fast.
I must be cured--I must, I must!
Or I shall suffer from a LAST.

New York, N.Y.

IXAXAR

7. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (4)

I love Lucinda for the charm
Of her intriguing ways;
And for the fact she's FIRST
of bridge,
Of cinemas and plays.

I love Lucinda for her smiles,
Her kisses soft and sweet,
And for her bank account and LASTs
Which make my love complete!

Denver, Colorado

L.D.R.

8. DELETION (10)

The evidence all strongly ONE his
guilt.

Although a stout defense he claimed
he's built.

'Twas charged that he had THREE
a signature

That wasn't his upon a check; a jur-
I TWO him for it, called it forgery.
His stout defense proved strong as
one could be.

Not always where there's smoke does
one find fire--

He proved he couldn't write--so
was ENTIRE.

Ennis, Texas.

Y. KNOTT

9. CHARADE (8)

(TWO is phonetic)

Many a ONE, a plaintive call,
I heard in happy childhood.
Many a TWO will cling to you
When you trip thru the wildwood.

With my ALL I share each joy;
Love is giv'n without alloy.

Canaseraga, N.Y.

NAT PAL

10. TRANSPOSAL (5)

Harrisburg has a suburb--
TUBER it seems to stand.
Its name, REBUT, is unusual
In this our native land.

URBET is a maiden
Who suns there on the sand.

State College, Pa.

CRYPTOX

11. TRANSELETION

Delicious food is no FIVE to a SIX;
He'd rather have TEN by the pack.
He's so weary of savoring goodies
He's like to SEVEN them all out
back;

Divide 'twixt the lordly EIGHT
roosters,
And e'en give ONE share to a
THREE.

A NINE move might be, TWO a pinch,
To resign without shedding a FOUR.
Piedmont, Calif.

EMPTY

12. THIRD-LETTER CHANGE (7)

Be protected at work or at play--
Get your policy today.

For if you are PRIMAL
While you are FINAL
'The Company WILL PAY.'

Riverside, Ill.

GRULLA

13. REVERSED CHARADE (16)

I'm sure that 'FOUR don't give a
FIVE

For ALLs in math, her major--
She may be solid in a way,
But not in that, I'll wager.

She studied physics on the THREE--
At physics she's a TWO--
And learned of violin strings ONES,
As you or I might do.

So stay with her and think a while,
It may improve your mind.
And if you don't soon solve this,
Then you are not her kind.

Swansea, Mass.

THE GRIFFIN

14. WORD DELETION (6)

Old Pancho is a SECOND
On Pedro's hacienda.
He loves to steal tequila
And go off on a benda.

Poor Pancho's just an object
In Pedro's estimation,
But he is still a TOTAL
Despite his supination.

The three FIRST hold no meaning
To Pancho's simple mind.
He cannot add, but multiplies,
Increasing humankind.

Sewanee, Tenn.

AL GEBBA

15. HETERONYM

Mangoes
They're oblong, they're yellow,
They're widely cultivated;
They're juicy, they're mellow,
They're very highly rated;
These 7, the fruit of an evergreen
tree,
And many a 3, 4 for them with
great glee.

Little Rock, Ark. ROVING VIC
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ANAGRAMS

16. GEM! WHICH CLEANS IN A TRICE
(8, 7, 7)
Hohokus, N.J. PLANTINA

17. NICE TONGUE, LIP
East Stroudsburg, Pa. RALPH

18. ALE CAN NOT BEST IT (5,10)
19. MEN HAVE SET SELLING ART (3,9,8)
I HAVE ART, GENTS, SELL MAN

20. O, GOD KNEW--EVE TOLD TO DON
FIG-LEAF HERE (3,4,2,9,2,4,3,4)

21. I SPURT, FOR PINES NET IT
(7,2,10)

22. ORAL TEST--I LET MEN HIT
(4,2,2,3,7)
I HIT ORAL SETTLEMENT

Corinth, Miss. FRED DOMINO
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1. 2. DIAMONDS.

1. M. 2. Yes. 3. High relish. 4.
Stern. 5. Secrets. 6. Everlasting.
7. Syn. of Taurotragus. 8. To fish
for eels. 9. S.

Attleboro, Mass. CAPTAIN TO

1. T. 2. Tar*. 3. Fani. 4. Beating
5. A southern state. 6. Issue again.
7. To follow. 8. A horse. 9. E.

Chicago, Ill. SUE DE NYMME

3 to 6 SQUARES

1. Appetites* (Oxf.) 2. The cavity
of the prosencephalon. 3. PONTSERAN
(Index Geog.) 4. ESTEALITA (Shipkey)
5. TOSA RIVER (Index Geog.) 6. YCEL-
IBARI (Cram). 7. (Ref. Sp.) Deriva-
tive. 8. Mineral cacoutchouc. 9. SENA
RIVER (Univ. Atl.)

Milford, Ind. SAKR-EL-BAHR

1. Strives again. 2. Alabama.
3. SAMPSEANS (Ash). 4. Twopences. 5.
(Floral appellation of) N. Y. State
(Am. Th. of Slang). 6. Believers in
the identity of certain diseased (N.
Std.). 7. The most important road
striking out of Via Flaminia (Sm. G.

and R. Antiq.) 8. Entangling* (Oxf.)
9. SESSE SAGE (Std. Plant Names).

Palm City, Fla. PAT

1. Town 33 E Koll, India. 2. Genus
of marine annelid worms. 3. Shoal.
4. Makes golden in hue. 5. San Mi-
guel de Allende (N.I.Gaz.) 6. Midday.
7. Something of indefinitely great
value.

1. T., Lagos, Mexico. 2. The time
when the sun's center crosses the
equator. 3. (Anglo-In.) To browbeat.
4. Like a rib. 5. Cutting. 6. An id-
iom used redundantly... (past tense,
pg. 2570). 7. United metals by oxy-
acetylene welding.

Sewanee, Tenn. AL GEBRA

7. DOUBLE INVERTED ENNEAGON

Across: 1. Povre (Std.) 2. ARINA
(Lemp.) 3. It. poet, 1593-1646. 4.
Tows* (Oxf.) 5. TJADASARI (Andrees).
6. Reconstructing. 7. A recess be-
tween the iris and the sclerocorneal
junction. 8. Steering column. 9. A
horse that runs in selling races.
10. Rubbed lightly (Wr. D.) 11. Com-
pels (Wr. P.) 12. Tear. 13. S.

Down: 1. Tress (1st Ed.) 2. River,
Spain, Caceres prov. 3. Fr. painter,
b. 1802. 4. Doodle (Wr. D.) 5. PATTI
DARI (var.) 6. Crystalline compounds
(N. Std.) 7. An angle formed by two
rays of light. 8. A port out down to
the level of the gun deck. 9. Top
plates. 10. Gloam (Wr. D.) 11. Dain-
ties. 12. To spread out. 13. R.

Worthing, S. Dak. SHERLOCK HOLMES

CH A T

Chet celebrated his retirement as
a U.S. Mail Carrier after a period
extending from Dec. 1, 1903 to June
30, 1950. He says: "A long walk, but
I enjoyed it!" And on July 1 he went
to work as legman-reporter for the
local weekly newspaper. What a man!

Catching up with solutions makes
this issue a little topheavy in that
regard. Incidentally, the dead line
for solutions to this number of the
Enigma, is Dec. 1, 1950.

A number of lengthy flats have ac-
cumulated, and I suppose I'll have
to set aside one issue to give them
a showing.

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Tough Scrap.-V M C T O R Y P E N F S, K C V P P Z Y V M Z
Y M, N O F S O N Y M E O S V M Z N T Y N V P P N V M: Q O -
C N O O M * F M F T V K C F M E * F K W V S V M.

Waltham, Mass.

2. Fooled.-L P L A Y F L A G P Y R F * T H E A S L O Z A S A N -
U G, A O B I L Z E X U M L S S U G L E X L O Z T; C D Z B -
X U O B U E Z R H H U G C T, R D Y Y U E R U M Z E Z R H L T,
L G R V U O E U Y N L O Z E E L A G, " E Z U H Z X A E B L T."
Philadelphia, Pa.

3. Smart.-X G K H W J Z V K I M X W O V R K I L J M X K V J
K O G Y G P D B P W Y P N B L B J V. K D J V W R L G B Y U L K
P N K B C V K Z J S O J G R B V E O V L C K C A J L Q J L O -
L K G B P W A W P D Y J; S O P B W, V Q G B D U, I B D C P V R -
W O Z H R I S O P L B D A R K O G V J W I F B L Q T J G K.

4. Pyrotechnique.-"A B C D E F H J K L M N," O P N R S E T C X D -
N J F R, P D O A M U R N J J O R Y Y J O M N E J B Y J O M.
A J O P M N H Y D M U H O J N, Y B J E M O, Z D U F M O A N R Z
* Z J N H.

Rocheater, N.Y. KING SLY

5. Avoid Sand.-M L D C B A E P R W D L Z F A C L U X S F B U C -
L B E N T D F Y C Z N C S F D U P D S Y H P H S T B L C Y E N L H F -
N H U E N F E T E N H W H T N C P H V H P E R F E F.

Swansea, Mass. THE GRIFFIN

6. Heartless.-V L Z M X Q X Q M W, M W S T V P Z K X K X S N G B,
G B H Q H Q D P V L K * L K R G F W F W D Z M P V, P V G M N K
N K L S B W B W T F Z. F Z C W M W M B L Z H Z H W D T K G B L
B L F W D G Z P Z P V L.

Burton, Ohio B. NATURAL

CH A T

Nat Pal might have been a bit more
specific as to the origin of those
"plaintive calls" in her flat. They
have nothing to do with birds.

The Griffin in his crypt uses one
of the 45-letter New Words in Web-
ster.

Note B. Natural's crypt. The last
two letters of each group form the
first two of the next group.

O'Casey is a justly proud parent.
A young son has finished high school
with an A for four years. An older
son has won scholarships covering

four years at Knox College, besides
being elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a
Junior. Congratulations to the boys,
and to our friend O'Casey for devel-
oping such a grand pair.

Boojum and her husband have left
Cambridge and are now in Ennis, Tex.

Calls have come for publication of
something from Castet. Will the gen-
tleman from Scotland oblige?

Lemme see, isn't there an Archime-
des? How about some contributions?

Mr. Ree has taken up golf. Now we
wonder what will happen to his puz-
zling?

S O S

Dear Arty Ess,
I can not guess
What's happened to
Aug. 'Nig. Can you
Enlighten me
And my mind free
Of its dismay
'Cause 'Nig's astray?
I miss each flat,
Form, crypt and Chat.
September 2!
They're overdue!

I miss the 'Nig
More than you think.
Please succor me,
Forlorn Hoodwink!

C H A T

Belated but important news: a son was born last Summer to Wick and his wife. The young hopeful is John Howard Wickham.

Welcome to Yelbis, who is a fellow member with Quefanon and Fiddle of the St. Petersburg Chess Club. With seven or eight puzzlers in St. Pete, a puzzle club should be formed.

The rhyme of Hoodwink is representative of the postal cards that deluges the Editor from mid-August on. Perhaps the tale on page 1 will dispel all doubts and conjectures.

Penny's husband, Johnnie, joins us and sends a crypt that will appear soon.

Many of the Krewe, seeing August go by without its Enigma, wrote to inquire whether the Editor had been put hors de combat by illness. Their solicitude was comforting. The only thing the matter with the Editor was that he was seeing red and frothing at the mouth.

The Griffin (he's the guy who regularly sends a 1-1-1 list of souls) has pretty well recovered from the effects of his accident. However, in the period of his enforced idleness, he sent an envelope bulging with an assortment of contributions. Perhaps there's something good to be spoken regarding mishaps!

The new method of printing Enigma relieves Girl Friday of some copying bit will increase considerably the

amount of typing to be done by the Editor, as the complete issue must be typed in Scranton. It then goes to B. Natural, who recopies it on a special typewriter and justifies the lines--makes them of equal lengths.

The second copy goes to the printer, who makes a plate of each page by photography. The plate is inked, and pressed against a rubber blanket, and the paper is then forced against the rubber blanket and receives the ink impression from it. There is no direct contact of metal plate with the paper.

Hooray! A brief note came from our friend Macropod. He says: "I'm too lethargic to use a pen at length and inflict my writing on a harder-working man. The lethargy is native, and not a health condition. My typewriter finally gave up and I fear will have to be taken to Boston, since it is a long-discontinued model. Seems to be ribbon and ribbon-mechanism trouble, and the little gals in the stores at Laconia just shake their heads and look bored about the whole thing. I'll try to get the machine running and write something."

Publisher Macmillan announces a new book, "A Dictionary of the Underworld," which is a guide to slang used among thieves. So, if you contemplate being an up-to-date gangster, learn the language from this tome. Or, if you are a formatist, you may get it for the new words it contains. In any case, it will cost you nine bucks.

Clack Tucker, editor of the Bell Telephone News in Atlanta joined the League in midsummer. That makes his our sole Georgia subscriber.

During the summer, Al Gebra visited Jemand, and they had a grand exchange of palaver.

Fiddle congratulates me on what he terms "the much improved handling of the forms." I suppose he alludes to the practice of giving the words instead of the definitions, where the words are taken from references not accessible to the average solver.

The Eastern Enigma for March, 1949 remarked: "Has anyone ever seen an anagram on THE PRODIGAL SON? It looks like a fine base. Page Fred Domino!"

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PHILOPROGENITIVISM

By DORSE

Seated one day at my Remington,
I was busy and hard to please,
And my fingers flew like lightning
Over the Noiseless Keys.

I don't know now what they printed,
Or what I was building there,
But suddenly there glinted
The end of a Seven Square.

I know that Arty and Sherlock
And Al Gebra -- by the pair --
Make bigger and better word-forms,
But nothing can compare
In the starry sight of its mother
With my Own First Seven Square!

DESPITE H--- AND HURRICANE

Quefanon and his cohorts made the Pass-a-Crille convention a success, even tho the wind and the wave tried to upset everything. Fred Domino and Freddie were first to arrive, followed closely by Arty Ess and M.E.

Saturday, the "baby" hurricane off shore suddenly grew up to adult proportions and lashed the coast with terrific winds and torrential rains. Everybody stayed indoors and passed the time playing canasta, bridge, and anagrams. On Monday and Tuesday nights, the hotel lights went out at the height of the storm, and flashlights and candles were used to furnish light for the players.

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Everybody in the hotel took a hand in anagram games, whether puzzlers or not, and two recruits were added to the League by this means. They are Ouija and Achilles, two Greek brothers who were guests at the hotel. Achilles is at Vanderbilt University and Ouija is in high school.

Pat brought his bride, Patsy, and she fitted into the company as neatly as though she had known the puzzlers all her life. Eke, she joined the League.

Dorse was present with her ever-ready wit and solving ability. She solved the convention puzzles, composed by Quefanon, Bunny, Fiddle, and Phyllis (who is Mrs. Lynch, but who just won't be called Second Fiddle or Fiddlesticks), almost before the rest of us had our pencils sharpened or our specs cleaned. She also captured a \$25 cash prize offered by the St. Petersburg Times in a public Crossword Puzzle Contest. A fine crowd gathered in the dining-room of the hotel to participate.

N. Jineer brought her sister Witch Hazel, who, she vowed, was a Jonah. For N. Jineer's baggage went astray and never did turn up before the convention ended. She said nothing of the sort ever happened when she traveled alone. Witch Hazel averred she came to the convention for a thrill, and got it.

The banquet was held at the Palm Gardens, a beautiful restaurant at

Extensive files of our puzzle literature have been deposited in the library of the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, where they may be consulted by our members.

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