

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Canny.-VICTORVBPRVMIO VIRM RKT WMXYXMET
MW PINVTIR *QEVPRVI KPO ETCTPXTG RKT
WVEOR HPI RM JFR OMHTRKVB PUPS WME P
EPVIS GPS: *DFORVI *NPOT.

Waltham, Mass.

2. Amen!-A BAYZYA CBCZD WXYE FXTA BA SBEZ
XGD CXG HXEZYGBZD; SYGYE SXHBAW, XRG
BAPXKBW DYIG KID MGBAW HYIPY IAF PXA-
ZYAZKYAZ ZX YIPS IAF YOYGD XAY XC RE.

Philadelphia, Pa.

3. Likes.-A ERBIC FOHKP LITTLEOR SHPPSEOU,
PLEEPVIX YRUE UOIUESP. UVYP SNUP DENO
LEOXP LYUV PYAYTHO SHUUIOR YRUE PVEOU
PIRUIRZI.

Williamsport, Pa.

4. Quick Henry, the Spray Gun.-A B C D E F G H K C, F K H D F L M N
O P H G A K R; S T K H A L O H U W B C S L A X D T X L N K
F B R C F B A C D, C G O W D L W N A K O P H C, Z O H P K A C
O D M T D G R O P.

Caldwell, N.J.

5. But Tactfully.-A J T Q U J T R B V O S J G O B O L D E R J T V
C O L D E R N V D O L B D Q F O L D E R; U D Q P J V G D Q
G L J P L E Q H O L D E R, U O L Z O O S O V A R E Y Q O
Y V J S O Q S O L D E R.

Swansea, Mass.

6. Oddity.-A B C D E F G D H J K A L M D C N L B M O P N R B P J
L Q F B O S T L A H D C S T F U D. O K P M U L C D P U J
C L T N D V P O K W F E: C P A O E M E N F J K L T O.

Falmouth Foreside, Me.

7. All Alkied Up.-G Y M N A S T I C B A S E D U G L Y M U L K P E B A
O W S T R E L E F R P N U F A S Y L. P H E N I I G H Y J R Y H-
U R A J G W F M; O F E P R M C P J C I G A B O W J R H G A Y I
J F U T.

Burton, Ohio

CHAT

Jack and Artaxerxes failed to make the dead line for December sols, but they rate a line here. Artax got all the forms and Jack got 22 flats.

Welcome to four new members of our Krew: Pandora, Ablue and Mrs. Farrar of New York and John Watt of Tacoma. Mrs. Farrar is Editor of the puzzle page of the New York Times.

S V B wishes to get Enigmas carrying dates prior to 1931. Can anybody oblige?

Would you like to see a set of the contest puzzles used at the New York convention? If so, send Cassandra 10 cents to cover the cost.

Since Girl Friday is now editorial assistant, I think I'll let her type the League membership preparatory to getting out a new Directory.

Macropod and Fred Domino hearkened to my pleas and sent both verses and prose sketches. Many thanks!

NOTE; Second line, No. 3 in March; IN should be IT.

PATRISTOCRAT

ALPHA

CRYPTOX

PENNY

THE GRIFFIN

CUPRITE

SUE DOE

THE ENIGMA

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NEW ENIGMA

By AL GEBRA

Upon page one I proudly see
A lengthy sketch composed by me.
I'm all puffed up and fancy-free
Until I come to "Chat", page three,
Wherein a chap named Arty E.,
In mournful tones avers that he
Is out of sketches. "Can't you see,"
He seems to ask, "I'm up a tree
When all I have to bring you glee
Is tripe sent in by old Al G.?"

ONE OLDTIMER TAKES THE BAIT

By MACROPOD

Oldtimers are prone to give advice
and maybe a word to our Official Editor will not be too risky. He says, in short, "Send me some prose headers" and I submit that this is pretty general. When he calls for flats, forms, or crypts, we know what he is talking about, but when he asks for prose headers how shall we know what he wants? Even up here in these back settlements, we don't simply call up the store and tell them to send up a passel of groceries. The man expects us to say whether we are looking for Lux or Spam.

So, for one who wishes to helpout, the first difficulty is the choosing of a subject. The historical approach is good, but that is barred now, because Molemi in January and Al Gebra in February have beaten me to it. I believe I'm not allergic to history, and when Molemi inquires if we will stand for more of the same, I say by all means yes. And the same to Al Gebra, though I may appear to be tangling with him, entirely without rancor.

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A second avenue to choice of a subject, if the editor hasn't been specific and if one is too lethargic or too incompetent to be original, is this--pick up something someone else has said, and try to make something of it.

Al Gebra has said something, namely, "The puzzlers of yesterday plainly possessed a much higher degree of education than do those of today." Well, as Mel Allen often shouts when something unconventional happens on the diamond, "How about THAT?"

Al (let's be neighborly about this) elaborates by saying that "Latin quotations and classical allusions abound." That may or may not be the proper and entire hallmark of an educated person; but, assuming it is, let me suggest that Al turn to page 4 of the Enigma dated May, 1932. If this be thought too far back in history, be it said that Castet (still with us) is the author whose masterpieces covered all of page 4 and ran over into the first and second columns of page 5. To be sure, one of the offerings was attributed to Vigilante, but it is obvious that this was merely another name for Castet. It seems that this gentleman, by his own admission, was making an apology for rhyming "Nemesis" with "pieces," but don't let that fool you; it does not mean he is short on classical allusions or Latin, for his first offering was entitled TIMEO DANAOS and his second HAEC OLIM MEMINISSE JUVA-BIT; and do not ask me to translate the latter one. The point is that if classical allusions constitute the criterion, or one principal criterion, of an education, this man has it.

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

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For all I know, he may be an auctioneer or a horsedocter, but I defy any one to produce more classical allusions than will be found in his verses. One cannot read them without being convinced that Castet known his classics.

At this writing, our president is Dorsey. In some past Enigma I've read that she possesses a Phi Beta Kappa key; and I am informed that she has considerable experience as an editor and is at present active in placing the final okay on publications which comb the classical field and a variety of others, besides which she has been a concert soloist. All of this, it would seem, argues a high degree of education, well-rounded.

It may be said that these are but two examples and that many more than that number of former generations of puzzlers gave evidence in their flat writing of classical knowledge and familiarity with foreign languages; in short, that it was the rule then and that like evidence of erudition is lacking in today's puzzlers. Let us concede this and then ask what it signifies. Does it necessarily point to less education in the individuals of this day, or may it mean that the times have changed and with them the mechanics of puzzling?

I'd be willing to risk something that both Dorsey and Castet, if they were to set about it, could produce flats which would pack in as many of the trappings of a liberal arts education as any that may have bloomed in the springtime of puzzling. That, however, is not the way they work, nor is it the method followed by any of our contributors today, yet there may be many in the Krewe who could emulate the most learned of our departed brothers and sisters, if they saw fit to revert to a long outmoded style.

I recognize that Al makes it clear enough he does not advocate a return to the overstuffed flat and I'm sure that all of us agree with him. What I am trying to suggest is that this type of puzzle construction denoted only an evolutionary stage; that it does not necessarily give proof of more and better education; that our predecessors apparently regarded the flat as a vehicle for airing familiarity with the classics, or prosody, whereas modern mystics are more concerned about hewing to the enigmatic line; and finally that this election by moderns need not argue a lack of

knowledge merely because that knowledge is not paraded.

Probably the caption I have chosen is enough to indicate that I haven't overlooked Al's opener to the effect that he fully expects "to get a rise (at this safe distance) out of some of the oldtimers." Well, I've rose.

NEW YORK CONVENTION

Your editor was told to take a 6th Ave. bus, going north, to reach the Park Sheraton. In a frigid wind off East River, he traipsed from 5th to 7th, and back again, without finding 6th. It seems that, since he visited Gotham last, the street has been renamed the Avenue of the Americas.

At the hotel (at about 9:30 a.m.) he asked a pretty young thing where he might find members of the N.P.L. "There will be a contest at 2:00, in the Tower Room." Visions of cooling heels for five hours until the clock chimed two.

Mr. Ree bent breakfastwards espied me in the mezzanine, and we went to the coffee shop. In walked Aristotle and Lady Lila. From there, 30 floors skyward to the Tower Room, where Cassandra sat at the registry and where Fubine was already putting up those amazing number diagrams which he apparently builds when insomnia seizes him. (I wonder if anybody ever added up all the columns and groups to see whether the totals are as stated.)

One by two they drifted in—Romany and Dorsey (with her husband Treble), Sylph and Oedipus, N. Jineer and her sister Witch Hazel, Salome and Alpha, Ben Ami and Belle Ami, Ambrosia and Ambrose. Ab Struse looked in briefly but Archimedes stayed for the duration. Jim Bill and Poly—two genuine oldtimers—had the urge to join with the Krewe, Davis came up from Atlantic City and Fort Sumter from Jersey City. Ajax, Jay Estee, and Pandora increased the attendance of regional posers. Osaple dropped in on his way home from a business trip.

A puzzle contest enlivened the afternoon and prizes were so many that almost everyone got an award. In the evening, 31 sat down at the banquet, at which the guest of honor was Mrs. Farrar, editor of the puzzle page in the New York Times.

The business meeting, held Sunday afternoon, was brief. It was decided to revise the By-Laws. The amendment proposed at St. Petersburg received

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 obsolete word, and the page number for an out-of-place word.

MARCH SOLUTIONS

1. One's nose to the grindstone.
2. Pandemonium.
3. Otitis.
4. Disperse.
5. Furbelowing.
6. Miscap.
7. Handouts.
8. Handball.
9. Rivalry.
10. Partner.
11. Cain a medic? I'm, oh, a dud—a homicide maniac!
12. Skipped, slipped.
13. Round.
14. Underdo, redound.
15. Bo, goa, noo.
16. R-out-e.
17. Bullets.

1. By Gordian Knotter.

H
BOB
CRURA
BRAYERA
HOUGHNNM
BRENDAN
ARHAR
ANN
M

- 3, 4. By Al Gebra.

LLWCHWR PALPONS
LAEAAUUAU ALLOTEE
WELLIT LLWCHWR
CALLOSA POCHOTE
HULOIST OTHONOI
WAISSEH NEWTOWN
RUTATES SEREINS

2. By The Griffin.

C
LAP
SAFES
LACERTA
CAFETERIA
PEREION
STROP
AIN
A

5. By Darkness.

CAST
TARTAK
TARGETED
CARPENTERED
ARGENTENAY
STENTORINE
TATTERINGS
KEENINGS
DRANGS
DYES

6. By L. Wood.

P
PUA
PUZLD
PUZZLER
PUZZLEMAN
PUZZLECANON
ALLECTING
DEMAINS
RANNS
NOG
N

7. By Sakr-el-Bahr.

P
TEU
ARABS
ACARINA
TRAILCARS
PEARLHARBOR
UBICATION
SNARIER
ARBOR
SON
R

8. By Sherlock Holmes

M
AP
NUT
SYBARITISM
LAGIGANTA
PESANTED
LINDERA
ENCOURAGE
SIALIDANS
SATANISTIC
GAC
NA
R

9. By Arty Ess.

P
MA
FAC
JACK
PASHI
GESTIN
LIRPING
GIESAGEN
PERSICISE
JASPACHATE
FASTIGIATED
MACHINSTEEL
PACKINGNEEDLE

NEW YORK CONVENTION

(concluded)

approval, and the post of Editorial Secretary created. The first appointee is Girl Friday.

Baltimore asked for the next convention over Labor Day, and the invitation was accepted unanimously.

The purchase by the Off. Ed. of a typewriter with special type face for use on the Enigma was approved.

Late in February Roving Vic was in New Orleans. The garbage men were on strike and even the flowers couldn't supply fragrance to overcome the opposition.

NEW PUZZLES

1. REBUS (3,4,2)

I T
Don't let this flat "bum-fuzzle"
you.

The answer's plain as it can be.
If it were hard I'd tell you so;
But it is REBUS, don't you see!

Bastrop, Texas.

HOODWINK

2. REBUS (4,2,3,4)

EZ
i i i i i

This rebus isn't hard to solve,
On that we'll all agree.
It really is so simple that
We see the answer rapidly.

Oakland, Calif. GORDIAN KNOTTER

3. REBUS (13)

S O S

No signal of distress is here,
But childish peccadilloes, clear.

Iowa City, Iowa.

ARCANUS

4. REBUS (9)

A A A A

Friend Val, with this in hand,
old pal,
Who'd mourn? Who'd mourn? Who'd
mourn? -- I, Val?

St. Petersburg, Fla.

FIDDLE

5. CURTAILMENT (5)

When old age comes, and vision dims,
The soul find balm in *PRIMAL's
hymns.

This Scottish laddie penned no
songs;

Instead, *NEXT played with Mither's
tongs.

A *nickname, English rebel -- done
By Thirteen Hundred Eighty-one.

St. Louis, Mo.

MOLEMI

6. CHARADE (10)

I'm Pepita Commercial and I'm here
to sing

How life can be beautiful 'n'
everything.

Your health will blossom and your
eyes will glisten

TWO to the spot announcements
you'll obediently listen.

Uncle Ben will feed you THREE
And the savings you will
see-ye.

In your bank account begun,
You will never make a ONE,
Providing that you answer the com-

mercials. You can realize your
ho-opes,
For you will save your teeth with
TOTAL, your friends with
fragrant coaps.
B.O.? No, no!

Jackson Heights, N.Y.

DORSE

7. PALINDROME

In the year eight hundred six, B.C.,
In the province then called Galilee,
Two men disputed a question grave--
The one, a Prophet; the other, a
slave--

A human log.

The bondman hated his thraldom drear
And to doubts of God did he adhere.
His argument reached a furious pace
As he braved the Prophet to his
face,
All agog.

The Prophet (a minor one) angry

grew,
He shook his fist and shouted, too,
With gestures fierce, and an elo-
quence famed,
"O *O *A *E *A *E *E *E *A *E
A *O *O *O *!"

Milwaukee, Wis.

EVERGREEN

8. TRANSPOSAL (11)

No matter how it may PRIMAL--rain
or snow or sleet--
The mailman his appointed rounds
always does complete.

If, walking about, he meditates
philosophic-ly,
Why, FINAL is the word that de-
scribes him to a T.

Burton, Ohio

SUE DOE

9. HETERONYM (4)

Alfalfa hay
Should ONE at least
A day, I'd say.

Do I know who
Is a "parish priest"?
I do. A TWO.

Mason, Mich.

LARRY

10. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (7)

Montmorency Blake is a bundle of
nerves,

At his work, in his sleep, even
playing;

He'll jump, as if shot, at the
tiniest noise.
And he cannot relax. So, they're
saying

"He's under a ONE."

But Grandfather Blake is a placid
old coot

who is known to be calm and un-
hurried;
He never makes plans and he's
always relaxed
As he likely will be till he's
buried.
He's on a TWO.

Lima, Ohio

F. I. NANCE

11. WORD DELETION (10; 4,6)

few mark the garden as they pass:

The half-hinged gate, the painful
view

Of litter on the dying grass,
The broken seat where once
She TWO.

The wanton weeds, no longer WHOLE,
That in wild riot overrun;
A dead oak with initialed bole
That no more welcomes spears
Of ONE.

Of; noontide comes a Lady dear,

A Lady with a soul set free;

Moving invisible, as here

She gathers flowers we cannot see.

Denver, Colo.

L.D.R.

12. 13. HOMONYMS

(ONE, TWO; 4,4) (FIRST, SECOND; 5,5)

As I went for a ONE in the desert,
An Arabian FIRST rode by.

He was dressed in a TWO and a turban
And had a fierce gleam in his eye.

His men made me quail and SECOND
As I gazed on the endless sand.

I relaxed when he smiled and
beckoned

And offered to SECOND my hand.

Chicago, Ill.

ROVING VIC

14. CURTAILMENT (4)

A plumber entered a bath

At an early hour

And startled a lady

Taking a shower.

"Pardon me," he said,

So polite was he,

But politeness differs

From ONE. You'll see:

A carpenter, later,

Went in just for fun;

"Pardon me, sir," he said.

His TWO had ONE.

Sewanee, Tenn.

AL GEBRA

15. CHARADE (9)

Bright and early Monday, she took

the family ONE,

Well armed with advertisements

out of the Sunday Sun.

She went to Carpets first, because

the ad said "TWOs--a bargain."

Then THREE to other floors she sped;

to "Lips by Lizzy Arden";
To "New Short Slacks," and "Long-
Sleeved Shirts", and "Negli-
gees by Knox."

She tired soon, but like an ALL
she plodded THREE, immune
to shocks.

A single purpose she pursued:
to check THREE every sale.
Her husband and her budget
she really mustn't fail.

Caldwell, N.J.

PENNY

16. ANTIGRAM AND ANAGRAM

O, AIN'T FOR TREES. I'm giving you
An antigram. I hope it's new.
An anagram also one sees

In these words: O, I RANT OF TREES.

Corinth, Miss.

FRED DOMINO

17. SECOND-LETTER CHANGE (6)

Prolonged was her stay in our ONE--
By urgent "request" she remained.
To TWO she had served for her son,
From this she herself had
abstained.

Brooklyn, N.Y.

ARCHIMEDES

18. HETERONYM (8)

Our youngsters to the garden go
To pick bouquets for Mother.

Of all the species in the bed,
Her favorite, none other,

Is 8, so delicate in pink
Or blue or white; its measure

Is but the fraction of an inch;
Its clusters bring the pleasure.

"Is it an emblem of some kind?"
Asked Joe of Sue. "I'll ask her,"

She said, "Mama! On her return,
"2, 1, 2, '3. . . Alaska."

Burton, Ohio

B. NATURAL

19. CURTAILMENT (9)

I try to copy Luigi

In making his Italian food.

My ravioli, spaghetti, and SECOND,
They're all very good.

But when it comes to poetry,
I am not so hot.

My verses are poor, FIRST.

I should stick to my pot.

Los Angeles, Calif.

ZORDO

20. BEHEADMENT (6)

If you cut off my head I shall be
very mad;

Should you do it again; I will scold
you, my lad!

Another beheadment--my breakfast

I've had.

So decapitate! I'll be sated;

less sad.

The ax once again shouldn't

- feel very bad
'Cause now I'm most frequent in English, by Gad!
- Ere losing my heads, I, a cal-
lous Sinbad.
- Did plunder and murder, though
I'm not a footpad.
- Clarkson, Ky. SOURDOUGH
21. WORD DELETION (6; 3,3)
What a TOTAL cat to run away
To keep from being murdered
for her ONE!
She must have been a Disney cat;
No other living cats beneath
the sun
- TWO shrewd enough to know
Their value to the trade when
life is done.
- Ferndale, Mich. ALLEZ
22. HOMONYM (8,8)
A man whose head on his shoul-
ders sets
Can qualify as ONE.
This shouldn't be hard for you.
And Brisingamen, from 'way up North,
Is definitely TWO.
- Philadelphia, Pa. SHERLAC
23. WORD DELETION (5; 2,3)
ONE the months with no Enigma--
They seem a TWO.
But now my spare time goes too fast.
Don't you ALL, too?
- Kenyon, Minn. OSLO
- ANTIGRAMS
24. MENTAL LOVE
25. NOT EVIL
- Philadelphia, Pa. SPREGGS
- ANAGRAMS
26. EXACTION THEME (3,6,30)
27. O BUT HER GALS PRINT SPEECH
(3,6,13)
- Burton, Ohio SUE DOE
28. I ADD IT ON
29. AIN'T TRUE LOAD
30. I CAN'T GO ISMS
31. NEAR--GOD MAD
32. CASH LOST IN 'EM (4,8)
33. SEE ALL THIRST WANE (3,8,5)
34. ACCLAIM HEAT TONS THEREIN
(3,10,4,5)
35. I USE RANT AGENT VS 'EM
- Corinth, Miss. FRED DOMINO

1, 2. SQUARES

1. Shop where hats are sold. 2. Ad-
sorbed atoms. 3. Reaching to the an-
kles. 4. Var. of STANCH. 5. Cerargy-
rite. 6. The fifteenth letter of the

Greek alphabet. 7. The crown of Upper
and Lower Egypt.

1. An Indian of a Cowichen tribe.
2. Group of algae equivalent to Con-
jugatae. 3. At Eton College, one who
cannot swim. 4. Importa on a minor
benefice. 5. A leucocratic extrusive
leucite. 6. Var. of MANITO. 7. The
constellation Hercules.

Sewanee, Tenn.

AL GEBRA

3. RIGHT STAR

1. M. 2. Var. of IDE. 3. Var. of Geb.
4. Bating tobacco smoke. 5. To sever
from the neck. 6. Treated with balsam.
7. Genus of trees of the southeastern
U.S., somewhat resembling the hack-
berry. 8. The title role in a play.
9. Repetitions. 10. A mothproof chest
made of cedar. 11. An exact point.
12. Letters S. 13. T.

Milford, Ind.

SAKR-EL-BAHR

4, 5. SQUARES

1. A brassart. 2. One who repeals.
3. Apparatus. 4. The seaweed Chorda
filum. 5. Sawans. 6. (F.) According
to the bill of fare. 7. A muscle that
retains a part. 8. Those who dress.

Winnsboro, S.C.

DARKNESS

1. Dogs of a breed originally bred
and owned by the Malemiut. 2. ACETO-
NINE (Fost.) 3. Eng. Journalist and
pamphleteer, 1616-1704 (N. I. (Biog.)
4. ETLINGER (Enc. Br.) 5. MORVILLE
(Map Ind. Fr.) 6. Unanimities* (Oxf.)
7. Tingling sensations. 8. ENGELEGTE
(Pettman). 9. Female seers.

Scranton, Pa.

ARTY ESS

6. HALFSQUARE

1. D. 2. That. 3. To braid. 4. Pup
(Oxf.) 5. Anxieties. 6. FATIRE (An-
drees). 7. T., Spain, 18 SE of Cadiz.
8. French sculptor, d. 1615. 9. Far-
cy bud. 10. A principle found in hy-
aline cartilage (Fost.) 11. Defend-
ing. 12. Pert. to hieroglyphics rep-
resenting things by their pictures.
13. To sow over something sown before.
14. Fingered kelps.

Worthing, S. Dak.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

C H A T

It's curious how many contributors
this month assure solvers their con-
s are simple.

Says Zordo: "...stick to my pot."
Like the beans when they boil dry?

Here's a swell spot for announcing
that the dead line for May solutions
is June 25.

Latoo's reference library seems to
include pretty much everything that
a puzzler might need. However, a few
important items seem to be missing.
There is, for instance, that famous
atlas, the largest book ever printed
of which a copy may be found in the
British Museum. It is a small matter
of seven feet high, has a weight of
800 pounds, and requires three husky
men to lift it out of its case. With
the aid of this monstrous atlas, it
would seem that some monstrous forms
might be built--say a few 10-letter
squares, 17-letter diamonds, and 21-
letter pyramids.--Majolica, in East-
ern Enigma, October 1907.

Bicycles continue to obstruct the
hallway every meeting night. Some of
these days, the non-riders will rush
through a vote and levy a war tax on
the silent steeds.--Ardmore Puzzler,
August 4, 1900; account of the 280th
meeting of the Diamond Club.

Recently, Lily May caused a notice
to be printed in this paper inviting
puzzleresses to join the Mystic Sis-
ters. Winkle responded, whereat the
fair Lily wrote back: "Are you black
or white?" We are glad to know that
the Mystic Sisters are very careful.
But would it not be a terrific shock
to Lily if, when she appeared before
the Golden Gate, God should send out
word to see whether she was black or
white?--The Enigma, June 1922.

Well, anyhow, we will save \$15 by
having the next League convention in
New York. The great McAlpine charges
\$5 for a room, while the little Rob-
ert Cheat--pardon us, we meant Treat
--charged us \$20, which is something
of a black eye for Newark as a con-
vention town. Otherwise it is a nice
burg, for it's so easy to get to New
York from.--Editor Nanki Poo in the
Enigma, March 1922.

Somebody brought out the fact that
persons with a screw loose made ex-
cellent puzzlers, whereat Miss Fitts
suggested that the Enigma be sent to
the inmates of all the booby-hatches
with the object of increasing League
roster by much desirable material.--
Account of the Allentown convention
in April 1930 Enigma.

I. Knott says the young hopeful in
his household monopolizes everything
time included. The situation may be
expressed mathematically by the pro-
portion, I. Knott Jr.: Puzzling ::
Static: Radio.--Item in the Enigma
of February 1930.

Scranton papers in early February
carried an item saying that Olive W.
Dennis had retired from her job with
the B. and O. So N. Jinsor should now
have plenty of time for puzzling!

My pleas for headers and sketches
were answered far beyond all my wild-
est dreams. To all who sent material
my hearty thanks. Now my embarrass-
ing problem will be to decide which
masterpiece to use first!

FEBRUARY SOLVERS

EVERYTHING: X. Specked, Nollid, Ev-
ero, Fiddle, Sue Doe.*

FLATS: Complete, 34-Allez. 33-Dhu-
mbb Bhelle.* 32-Hoodwink. 31-Lady Li-
la, Evergreen. 30-I. N. Joyum, Bick,
Empty, Lu, Rayle Rhoder, Nat Pal.*
29-Salome, Penny, Johnnie, Alpha.
27-Dunroven, Genesian, Oedipus, Val
Entine. 26-Larry, Ralph, L. Wood. 25-
Artaxerxes. 24-Jack, Oslo. 23-Daft,
Grulla. 21-Osapple, Zordo. 20-Bee Wil-
der. 19-M.E., Anti Que, Jemand. 18-
Al Gebra.* 16-Neoteric.* Cuprite.*
15-Amor. 14-Arcanus. 13-Atlas, Excel
C. Orr.* 10 or less-Archie Tech, The
Griffin, L.D.R., Sherlock Holmes.

FORMS: Complete, 9-Hoodwink, Bick,
Empty, Lu, Dunroven, Genesian, Arta-
xerxes, Neoteric.* L.D.R., Sherlock
Holmes, Val Entine, Ralph, L. Wood,
Lady Lila. 7-Oslo, Zordo. 5 or less-
Penny, Johnnie, Arcanus, The Griffin,
Atlas, Excel C. Orr.* Hokus Spokus,
Nat Pal.* Cuprite.* Jemand.

CRYPTS: Complete, 7--Quezna, Empty,
Lu, Comrade,* Reynard,* I. N. Joyum,
Dunroven, Genesian, Artaxerxes, Anti
Que, Coleth. 6-Alpha, Lady Lila. 5-
Bick, Bee Wilder, M.E., Oedipus, Os-
lo. 4-Hoodwink, Penny, Johnnie, Neo-
teric.* L.D.R., Sherlock Holmes, Val
Entine. 2-Daft, Dhummb Bhelle,* Jem-
and, Ralph, L. Wood, Cuprite,* 1-The
Griffin.

Total solvers, 53. No 7 was voted
the best flat in February.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts in March: \$1-Cuprite, L.
D. R. \$3-H. W. Sniffin, L. E. Phant,
Pax, Limor, Pacifico, Hokus Spokus,
Junkerl, Sourpuss, \$4-HoHo.\$5-Nypho,
King Sly, Blackstone.
Balance, March....\$802.10
Receipts as above. 45.00
Total..... \$847.10
Printing April.... 34.69
Postage..... 3.50
May copying..... 3.00
B. Natural, postage .45
Total..... 41.64
Balance, Apr. 2... \$805.46

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. The Koran.--SUN FIEND *PQAFGND, BULQN UNF=
A S Q S A P I E Q F A N F D C S N, U F Q S U N Q B N N S N Q S
H L P K N L G F D D *E L Z ' Q K A N F S C A N Q.

Chicago, Ill.

2. Caution.--V I C H Y B U L C V B I X V I Z U V Y I M H U L X B M =
I V B L Q Z E Y Y B L Q J C L U L X Y U V B I X C J U E Y
*V U J B L *G U U M B L X H G U U T X: C *V I N O V U L Y.

Waltham, Mass.

3. The Secret.--A Z B Y C D X E W A F Z V A U G E H U I T D I B U
J U D K B F U I Z L V X U R B U G D E F E P J Z I F, F C Z X A
L Z X T V H G K I F, X U T B D U W Z F F H J I U F Z I B A H Z G F.

Bastrop, Texas.

4. Blackmail?--M A N Y R O S E A T E T U L K Y B U E B, E A P J G =
B N J P T H D G M P T U O U B P N K S M X B U M S V N P U H
Z Y H V J B U M P V P T U O M S P E A M O J P U B J R K D S B N.

Swansea, Mass.

5. You're Just Kidding.--X Q G Z: P T J V Q J Q N L Z H S G Z T X J
X Q J G W F V G M W F S K R T, M P F N T R J X M N G W L N V D
C V Y K W J: E T V H M N S P D W V G Q, L N S R M Q J F T M K R V.

Burton, Ohio

6. Pough on Wearer.--Q O R G E I B W F P D H Q N O: H M P Q U O W F H
C M B R X O Q P G B I K F B Z P A B N D P Q M B U B E J B M C
F W X O Q P O W K. H B M Q O L R B D H M W K P I W X O Q P O W M Q
F H I M Q O U W P H.

Whitestone, N.Y.

7. African Doings.--*H J N O B I J K N D X Z P S R H F T E A
P A F J Q J, F B T K Z B P, L Q P R F E; V S N Q J P N S B J T
J B O I. K F T P I S F O P R A J V V, V R P S S N B R, A F B J
V B O R, N B B I.

Minneapolis, Minn.

CHAT

Al Gebra has taken a job with the Navy-M.I.T. in Washington, and will report there early this summer. That makes his attendance at Baltimore on Labor Day almost a certainty.

Error in April: The New York puzzler who joined the League in Ablur, and not Abblue.

HoHo has moved into a new home, 24 Griggs Terrace, Brookline, Mass. Woo Woo is a pathologist at the Army Institute of Pathology at Washington.

Pleasing lines from King Sly, with renewal of sub:

"Put me back in circulation
With the puzzle population."
No sooner said than done, Mrs. K.

Mazy Masker is entitled to credit for a 3-0-0 list of December sols.

Even tho I sent my letter airmail, I failed to catch B. Natural with a list of belated January sols. Therefore: Nutmeg, 38-9-0; Dhumbb Bhelle, 35-0-3; Ralph, L. Wood, 34-9-3; Blackstone, 29-2-0; Bee Wilder, 26-0-7; Jim Bill, 18-0-2. Total, 66.

Hoodwink says: "Whenever I read an article on anagrams I wonder why the writer fails to mention PARCELS DAY as an anagram of A CLEPSYDRA by Awi Wrong in 1938. In my opinion that is as fine a short annie as the Enigma has ever printed."

A half-tone of Wick with young Wick Jr. in his arms was a feature of the B. and O. Magazine recently.

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PER ASPERA AD ASTRA

By NEOTERIC

There is a puzzle club in Quaker-town;
How often had its Krewe amazed them all.
Enduring glory wrought of Fame its Hall;
D. C. Ver's nom still shines with bright renown.

In three-score years, our standards have come down
And do no longer fly from spires tall.
Minuscule is our work, if done at all;
Of Theodora now we do not wear the crown.

Now is the time, if ever we would show
Devotion to the Mystic Shrine again.
Creative effort shall not drop so low.

Let none contend: "Such strivings are in vain."
Unless we strive, we cannot hope to grow.
Behold: From darkest cloud drops fertile rain!

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MINUTES OF 126TH CONVENTION

The business session of the 126th convention of the National Puzzlers' League was called to order at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 11, 1951, at Hotel Park Sheraton, New York, N. Y. President Dorae presides. Romany acted as secretary pro tem.

Minutes of the 125th meeting were approved as printed in the December, 1950, Enigma. Reports of the Committee on Flats and on Forms were read. There was no report from the Committee on Cryptograms.

Following a discussion as to what

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references should be tagged in puzzles, the president recommended that the Forms Committee (Al Gebra, Sherlock, and Pat) should continue working with Arty Ess, and consider new rules in this respect. Ambrose suggested that the committee write the librarian of the New York or Chicago public library, to ask whether there are any biographical reference books with which the League is not already familiar.

Arty Ess reported for the Committee on Credentials that all the following persons had paid League dues and they were elected to membership: Sue Doe, Fatsy, Phyllis, Yelbis, Ablur, Zordo, Oulja, Achilles, L. E. Phant, Jim Bill, Martelia, Miss Takes, See Are Sea, Pandora, Ponte, Witch Hazel Quezna, Paul Bergen, H. W. Sniffin, C. R. Jones, Mrs. Lippitt, Mrs. Farrar, J. R. Watt, W. B. Yarbrough.

The Treasurer's report, as printed in the February, 1951, Enigma, was accepted.

Communications were read from: Evergreen, Roving Vic, Atlas, Neoteric, Sherlock Holmes, Sea King, Excel C. Orr, Mr. Hirsch, Disk Eyes; from the wife of I Tappa Ke who is now in Korea; and from the sister of the late Pee Wee.

The amendment to the Constitution proposed at the 125th meeting--that a new office be created, to be known as Editorial Secretary, whose duties would be designated by the Official Editor--was accepted by the membership. Girl Friday was appointed.

Discussion of the National Membership Committee, provided for in the Constitution, led to appointing of a committee to consider an amendment to the Constitution, to replace Section 9, Article 10.

N. Jineer proposed an amendment to

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

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