CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Plain Speech.--EGXCKGRM EOME VIC TORM BIG OTBOME SOTTE O EXORC O EXORC OZEBCWE OTT VIC OE CSIG. PZGBE

PATRISTOCRAT

SUE DE NYMME

Waltham, Mass. 2. A Week, Anyway. -- TO ZRYAWL UDPOMOZP= SWW C 0 COKSAZO OL UD PRO EAPAMO. UZ TR= ZFODL SMO IYUDI PRO MOZP 0 M O T O WUGOZ. YE YAM

Chicago, Ill.

3. All Aboard!--A Z B Y C B X Z D Y C W Z C B E Y C VFCU GFAYC FCU GXYYH BXECAT IH *C.*H.*R SALOME

Philadelphia, Pa. GHKX XYZR CDXF LSYG 4. Hint to Duffers. -- R S T W PCZV DMXT KPMB CFHM WTSR KFTX WTHK XZPJ.

Morristown, N.J.

DEEGEE

5. Watch Closely. -- A B C D E F D C G H K L M N O K G P F B M R K F = POEBD PUMCEBYFDPZ UPQLBOXDBK LXBDFPY LIFCGPZ PGOCFR. KLUB KVLA!

Bastrop, Texas.

HOODW INK

6. Spirit Humbled. -- BALTIMORE WXZCU FTXGRJ KZCU SZLRM. YIDQZMW HEAXJ JZOFT, FTRSXC GOI= DHCRJ: OTEAKM TAEGRDXM CZDORJ TADR TRX= EOGZFP.

Baltimore, Md.

COMRADE

7. Successful Defense. -- UNKEMPTG OWKSGRA BILKYWG OFLNTBI ENMJLKV. IWKRPB OWRALT SRNYIF YKPAMO, FIKWJ ELBV JLKMPVW RTKNOI.

SUE DOE

Rick, Oslo, Jemand, * Neoteric, * Billy Goat, * L.D.R., Arcanus, Sherlock Holmes. 6-Genesian, Dunroven. 5 or less-Larry, Atlas, Excel C. Orr. * Cuprite, Sue de Nymme.

CRYPTS: Complete, 6-Reynard,* Comrade,* I. N. Joyum, Anti Que. 5-Coleth,* Lu, Empty, Fiddle, Bick. 4-

Lady Lila, Alpha. 3-Penny, Johnnie, Oedipus, Oslo, Neoteric.* 2-Genesian, Dunroven. 1-Emmo W., Dhumbb Bhelle, Ifandor, Boo-Jee Kay, Billy Goat, Amor, Sue de Nymme, Daft, Cuprite, Sherlock Holmes.

Total solvers, 51. No. 5 was voted the best flat in April.

THE ENIGMA

AUGUST, 1952

CENTRE HALL, PA.

No. 581

VERBUM SAPIENTI

By SUE DOE

There's a frown on the face of Ye Ed. Poor old Arty is tearing his hair. And you know that his unhirsute head

Hasn't got any foliage to spare! Why the gloom that pervades Arty's lair?

Are things going from bad to much worse?

What accounts for the editor's care?

There's a shortage of headers in verse.

In the doldrums is Rufus the Red. He just sits with a blank vacant stare;

And it seems that as heavy as lead Is the onerous load he must bear. How about helping out with our

Before Arty is fit for a hearse? Let's all add to the Nig's bill of fare:

There's a shortage of headers in verse.

Of a night Arty's tossing in bed. He's upset by a horrid nightmare, Or a worry he just cannot shed. There's a reason for his mournful air:

An affliction both painful and rare--

It's isthmalgia: ask any nurse--It's a pain in the (stet!) derriere:

There's a shortage of headers in verse.

Krewe, respond with good grace and a flair:

Let us rid Arty Ess of his curse. Be the answer to his fervent prayer-There's a shortage of headers in verse. -----

THE GOLF CLUB TRAGEDY OR

JERRYS GREAT RIDDLE

By EVERGREEN

The action in this lively (?) tale occurred some twenty-five years ago, up at the Weewin Country Club, in the clubhouse. Oh, yes, to keep a meticulous record, it happened in the Red Room of the clubhouse. They also have a Blue Room there. In the interests of the games and contests the club stages, the members are divided into two camps -- and it's the Reds versus two camps—and it's the Reds versus the Blues, with the best team invariably winning—they claim. A convenient set-up for a murder, say you? Well, maybe. At least, the numbers of people milling round at all hours of the day and night might easily give the opportunity. the opportunity, the normal rivalry and jealousy engendered by the afore-said contests could doubtless supply the required motive, and it would be about the easiest thing in the world to pick up a mashie-niblick for the "blunt instrument." Still, emphatically, this is no vile whodunit you're reading. Comes mayhem, possibly, but never murder!

Jerry Best and Silas Lammermoor were Reds. Also bosom companions and

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the loyalest sort of friends since away back. As Jerry did not like his friend's name, he labeled him, affectionately, American-Expeditionary-Force-Si, Si having been, you see, a member of the noble army of American doughboys who landed at St. Nazaire on that glorious June day in 1917. Jerry was proud of Si--and how! And why not? Si, again keeping the record clear and complete, was a pretty good amateur boxer.

Abdel Sidi was a Blue. A swarthy, learned Arab hailing originally from Morocco, he had ranged via Spain and France to the United States, picking up somewhere along his route, as was later discovered, a good bit of box-ing knowledge. Just when he crashed the gate of the Weewin Country Club is immaterial, for there he was. For no reason they could have given you, neither Si nor Jerry cottoned to Abdel, though the feeling of animosity was not reciprocated. But it seemed to be fated that when a boxing match between the two clubrooms was carded, Si and Abdel were selected to represent their respective colors.

Came the day of the match. Well advertised throughout the membership, it drew occupants for all the seats in the Red Room, taxing the standing room. The principals were about of an age, compared well in weight, and both were stout, fresh-looking, and "in the pink." The fight had a limit of four rounds and promised to be close. Of course Jerry acted as Si's second. Both were sure the hated foreigner would be taught a lesson he would remember, Jerry being especially enthusiastic, and passionately eager for victory for the Reds -- and for Si.

But, alas, such a pleasant outcome was just not to be. This is a tragedy, you understand, and the tragedy began in the first round. Throughout those three minutes, Si took a ter-rific beating-was, in fact, the un-fortunate recipient of the following famous rebus solutions:

A pair of black eyes (2-33) A left hook, followed by a right cross (11-36) A dislocated underjaw (5-41) Lefts and rights to the midsection (4-46)

A left jab on the jaw, followed by a right hook (6-51)

(A bit of sober thinking at this point will bring home to the reader. as it has already done to the writer of these lines, that Rayle, Macropod, Hollo, Wick, and Vic must have known all about Silas Lammermoor and his disastrous fight, else how could they have covered all the conditions so exactly, and in such horrid detail?)

Yes, poor Si took a lot more than he gave, in the short battle. At the end of the first round, he was practically out on his feet; he was wholly unable to come up for the second When the referee declared Abdel Sidi the winner, pandemonium surged forth, with Jerry contributing some 66 2/3 per cent of the total,

"Robbery, robbery -- yes, worse -- murder!" he shouted. "The African is a murderous impostor. How he did this thing is to me a great, great riddle! But I'll get the answer to it -- oh, I'll find the answer!" And then, hopping up and down before the referee. he went on, screaming loudly;

I *A* A*, 0 *I*! "AE* *I" *0* 0* *0** *00* *E*? *011 *IE**. *I*E *I***E, -- I *0**E* *00* **0*, '*0*E *0* *0* *EA* I *0! *A* A* I!

Tragically, in his last three words Jerry spoke all too truly. So truly that he was never able, in his sub-sequent environment, to investigate the life and character of Abdel Sidi and so"find the answer to the great riddle." And as Si, moreover, seemed to prefer, for reasons of his own, to let the entire matter rest, the club members were unable at the time to discover the answer. At this writing it even appears extremely unlikely they ever will.

(The author of this article offers a dollar for the first correct solution to the palindrome sent to him. He will give consideration to dates of postmarks on letters and make allowance for the distance traveled by the Enigma from Centre Hall .-- Ed.) -----

CHAT

Brevity's the soul of something or other, and Larry shows plenty of it in his homonym.

The PRIMO in No. 18 simply PRIME-altered to make the lines scan.

Sue Doe has unearthed a nice pair of transposable words in No. 12.

How does Fiddle get the odd words he uses in many of his flats? That in No. 16 is new.

PENETRALIA

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

JUNE SOLUTIONS

1.At the bottom of the sea. 2.Center of gravity. 3. Sea anemone. 4. Up and down. 5. We are underlings. 6. S-implicit-y. 7. Pnyx, pyx, PX. 8. Thedom method. 9. Tentacle, pentacle. 10. Education, cautioned. 11. Reappear. 12. Airborne, ere born. 13. Redolent. 14. Manutype; man, you type. 15. Twelvemonth. 16. Dentifrice, certified 17.Donate, no date, 18. Laud, dual, 19.Shouted, 20.Cooperate, 21. Democrats, 22.Citric, critic, 23.Ar-

1, 2. By L.D.R.

L LAC BANAL BUNDLER LANDOFNOD LANDOFCAKES CAF CALFCREEK LENAEAN KANUM R.OKEN KINDLED MELANIN DEKON AEN

S 3, By Sherlock Holmes. 4. By Arty Ess.

EARCOCKLE MASSHIPPE ADAADELIA ACTIONERS RAMRIDING STELLATES CARDMAKER SILLYWISE ODIMARANA HOLYWATER CEDARITES INAWANIAN KLIKATATS PETITIONS LINENETTE PRESEANCE EAGRASSES ESSERNSEE

ticulation, 24. Artificialness, 25. Astronomically. 26. Badinage. 27. Bathhouse. 28. Black diamonds. 29. Contributes. 30. Chauvinism. 31. Contemporaneous. 32. Thrasonical bombast. 33. Magniloquence. 34. Rodomontade. 35. Promulgating. 36. Insolence. 37.The ash tray. 38.An Evinrude outboard motor. 39. Dwight D. Eisenhower. 40. The last will and testament. 41. Indistinguishableness, 42. Disestablishmentarian, 43, Postmaster-generalship. 44.Disproportionableness.45. Death of a Salesman. 46. The tarradiddles. 47. The tarradiddlers. 48.

1. You might define the girdle..... 2. Let us combat organization 3. Wealthiest group discover health-

4. Foxy knurl, Axel, swung axe..... 5. Woman had onychia. Got nostrum...

6. Around ground meat, spheric shape 7. Pyknic gunsmith, grownup crafts-.

5. By Dorse. 6. By Archimedes.

POD PATER PENATES PANATELAS MOTATORIOUS C DETERGENT FOR RELIEVE PORES SAONE PERUSES SUT FORESTALL SCORUSCATION RESTATING SEATING SLING LOG

7, 8.	By Al Gebra.	
TAB	ASCO	TOBACCO
AME	BIAN	OTAVALO
	IRTY	BALANUM
	NOEM	AVADANA
	0 C C 0	CANARIN
	ECHU	CLUNIAC
ONY	MOUS	OOMANCY

CHAT

New Int, shows one of the items in No. 6, but not the other.

One of my piscatorial friends uses Joy to repel gnats and mosquitoes in place of the LAST in No. 7.

Sol plants a verbal land-mine in No. 8. Approach it with due caution.

Another of Sherlock's magnificent compound forms graces this issue. In the center is a 15-diamond; on its

sides are two rhomboids and two reversed rhomboids; while a pyramid at the top, with an inverted pyramid at the bottom, completes a compound 29letter diamond.

Sue Doe says of his crypt, "I dunno how nasty it is. " Well, that need not worry him. Solvers will find out.

Evergreen is at 333 North Virginia St., Prescott, Ariz, for a couple of months and may remain, should he and Mrs. Mills like it well enough. SOL

LARRY

ALLEZ

1. REBUS (5,3,7) CY

My sweetheart says she suffers from Such things as allergy and fever. She can't eat this, she can't

Or she will sneeze, and I believe her. What can I give her if the facts he thus

And her mother approves only of REBUS? **IFANDOR**

Baltimore, Md.

(6,3)2. REBUS OTU

My wife brands me untidy--As the antithesis of "neat," And vows were I a martyr, I'd wear my hair-shirt COMPLETE. ARCANUS

Iowa City, Iowa.

(10) 3, 4. TWO-WAY REBUS CCCCCC D CCCCCC Maline

(1) I am REBUS to write today, My brain can think, And all my thoughts obey My pen and ink.

(2) I REBUS to write today, My brain won't think, Neither will thoughts obey My pen and ink.

RAYLE RHODER Bolivar, W. Va.

5. REBUS (6)

A piece of iron, cut from a bar And ready for the heat, From fourteen pounds it isn't far --And will be rolled into a sheet. **IXAXAR**

Flushing, N.Y. 6. REBUS (1,3,1,6)

GE HLH S To children, the tale of Mary Forever will appeal --The little maiden and her pet,

No fantasy, but real. In the town of Sterling, Mass., (Am I sincere? I am.) I've seen the home where Mary lived And the barn that housed the lamb, The house has quaint, low-ceilinged

rooms, Rag rugs adorn the floors, Old pewter on the corner shelves, And REBUS on the doors.

Attleboro, Mass.

CAPTAIN TO

THE ENIGMA 7. TRANSPOSAL

> Old Jack and Jill were solving flats With customary knack; "What is 'between localities'?" Asked Jill. "MY FIRST," said Jack.

"Now when mosquitoes sneak around To such their bloody fill, What is a known preventative?" Asked Jack. "MY LAST," said Jill. Denver, Colo, L.D.R

8. PHONETIC CHARADE (5)

What shall become of me? With SECOND men you see --Thus in I too shall be! No misconstruing.

Tho ten men stand between, We two shall still convene And thus make WHOLE be seen By all those viewing.

In getting something done We need few words or none. Our actions speak -- just one Who FIRST is doing.

Los Angeles, Calif.

9. HETERONYM (4)

1. Consequently; hence. 2. Common frankincense.

Mason, Mich.

10. SECOND LETTER CHANGE I excused her PRIMAL actions,

She's really not to blame, She didn't understand me, Nor the reason why I came. So I hid my injured feelings And sent her flowers galore, Roses and FINAL lilies --I could do nothing more.

Ferndale, Mich.

11. WORD DELETION (7*; 3,4) ARTIES

A man well versed in sciences and TWO Is our beloved editor, COMPLETE. For lo these many years he's served us well;

In fact, for what he's done he can't be beat.

If you should ask me do I like this guy, Do I appreciate all that he has done,

Or is he worthy of our great respect,

The answer must be an emphatic "ONE! "

Ennis, Texas. Y. KNOTT 12. TRANSPOSAL (8) WINDWARD

On sailing ships the galley cook Didn't throw slops FIRST, no siree! With well-wet thumb aloft, he took The wind's course and threw them alee.

FINAL is just a smallish bird. If New Int has got it right. Dwells in rocky places, I've heard. Telltale mark: its rump is white.

SUE DOE

13. ENIGMA (13)

Two asses* and I lead the Nation As high-ups we hurl from high station.

Bolivar, W. Va. RAYLE RHODER *No reflection on Harry and the Veep

14) HETERONYM (7; 3,4) Now let me tell how I almost fell (While dining in New York)

For a maiden fair, till I saw her tear A PRIMAL with her fork.

I shuddered, and when I looked once again No longer did I linger: However I tarried, we could not be married. For FINE was on her finger.

Flushing, N.Y. IXAXAR

15. CHARADE (10)

There in the park, the three of us. All warmly wrapped, sat in the sun One crispy day near autumn's end--She and I and the little one. Beneath his TIREE that little one Was cute and ONE and looked like me.

As he lay folded in TWO arms. Proud was I of my ONE-TWO-THREE. Waldorf, Md. JOE CALICO

16. NUMERICAL (7)

This tale is told of a naughty man Whose loving wife trusted him. "I go to the 2* as quick as I can, And play volley ball and swim." But on the 3,4,7 he went to the track

And bet on the 1,5,6 races there. He lost his money and he came back, No hero, you'll declare. A rousing TOTAL is his award. No eulogy for him! A rasping TOTAL is my reward; My hopes for praise are dim!

St. Petersburg, Fla. FIDDLE 17. PALINDROME

*A**0*I* 0**E* *I* 0** A*

Spring is here, and when you print Your Sunday sheet, with flowers high,

Spend all the money in the mint. We'll overwhelm them, then they'll buy.

Brookline, Mass.

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18. SECOND LETTER CHANGE (6) The man that can PRIMO his SECOND In these days when all prices soar Is a man who can work with a budget, A thing that I'd find quite a bore. State College, Pa. CRYPTOX

19. BEHEADMENT (5)

Like the PRIMAL of the sea, when it rolls onward, So is the FINAL of my mind, e'er to

move forward; The sea presses on and has a swell--It's the way with my head, as well.

Whitestone, N.Y. **OEDIPUS**

20. LINKADE (11)

Long thru the blue he flew, ALL seemed the vast expanse: Tho few who knew, his TWO Had been reached in advance.

Safely he comes to land, For him a bounteous THREE is spread; Companions clasp his hand--But look! He's ONE! Ah, no, he's dead!

Canaseraga, N.Y. NAT PAL

21. THIRD LETTER CHANGE Junior, home from school,

Crept on a still hunt For a piece of THREE.

So he went into the ONE To see if there was any pie. When his mother found it out. He said, "Mom, I cannot tell a

lie. I went into the ONE and took A TWO piece of THREE."

Norwalk, Conn. EXCEL C. ORR

ANAGRAMS

(These are not for "amateurs")

22. GET OFF PAR, OR LESS, IN
HOLES (3,12,7)
23. LA, LINES DO HIT, OR PRESS.

FOES (3,12,8)

24. 0, HE RAPS LEFT. HITS RING FOE (3,12,7) 25. SO HAIL FINE PERSON AT MAGIC (3,12,8)

26. CLASSIER PIANO TUNES OF HIM (3,12,8) 27. HIS PALETTE IS FOR ART,

27. HIS FALLITE 13, 12, 6)
28. 0H, CAN DO REAL FINER
29. I, ONE NICE, APT SHOUTER
29. I, ONE NICE, APT (3, 12, 10)

FOR SALE (3,12,10) 30. NOT LESS THAN A FINE REPER-TOIRE (3,12,11)

FRED DOMINO Corinth, Miss.

1, 2. SQUARES

1. One who lodges and trains young thieves (Eng. slang) 2, Ilokano (var.) 3. Imbecile persons, 4. Small S. Am. fish, family Cichlidae. 5. Tree of New S. Wales (wood is used for golf sticks). 6. French for Andrew (pg. 99) 7. A punkie (fly) (collog.)

1. Unit equal to one billion farads. 2. Typical genus of Brotulidae. 3. The time between breakfast and noon. 4. The worship of Aten. 5. A group of pelecypods. 6. In medieval demonology, vengeance personified. 7. Distress while awake, like that experienced in nightmare.

AL GEBRA

Arlington, Va. 3, 4. DIAMONDS

1. P. 2. The haunch. 3. Magicians (poet.) 4. Manzil#.5. Signature#. 6. Wheeziness of voice, which is due to contractions in or near the glottis. 7. Perished#. 8. One who slishes. 9. Atter#. 10. Age. 11. E.

1. H. 2. To castrate#. 3. Heads of the Roman Catholic church. 4. Short, pithy expressions. 5. Eyeglass with a long handle, 6. Overwhelmingly, 7. Assailing, 8. Seething#, 9. To be acutely painful. 10. An ovum. 11. H. SUE DOE

5. COMBINATION DIAMOND

DIAMOND. 1. N. 2. T. Denmark, 13 SE Aalborg. 3. SANIS (Map Ind. of E) 4. SERROTA (Andrees). 5. SUCKALEGS (Wr. D.) 6. Writing desks. 7. State of being marketable. 8. States of being nonratable. 9. States of being violable. 10. Conditions of being sterile. 11. Nimblenesses. 12. Selfhoods. 13. Ladders. 14. Aye. 15. S.

PYRAMID. Across: 1. C. 2. One of the dominant tribe of Nepal. 3. FAERT (Chamb.) 4. Same as Porcius (Lemp.) 5. T., Fla., Jefferson co., 10 SW of Monticello. 6. Clinandria 7. The signs

Libra, Scorpio and Sagittarius. 8. Nitrogen combined in the form of ammonia. Down: 1. A. 2. Swed. measure 60 kannor 3. AAM (var.) 4. WNTO(Oxf.) 5. PADUN (Stieler) 6. FOURMI (Fost.) 7. T., India, 370 NE of Calcutta, 8. 7. T., India, 370 NE of Calcutta, 8. Chetecan (Pull.) 9. T., Italy, 9 SE Chiete (Lipp.) 10. Tuner. 11. SANIG (Worc, Gaz.) 12. T., Brit.E.Afr., 180 E Lake Rudolf. 13. ANG (Wr.D.) 14. Shall (var.) 15. N.

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INVERTED PYRAMID. Across: 1.A common sand spurry. 2. Generated in many ways (1st Ed.) 3. A variety of pinite. 4. NARRAMINE (Longman). 5. Units of saturation. 6. Reposing, 7. Noy (1st Ed.) 8. S. Down: 1. S. 2. The letter M. 3. Awl (1st Ed.) 4. SLIN (Ind.,Geog.) 5. Plants of genus Itea. 6. DIBRAR (Andrees). 7. T. Eng., co. of Kent, 7 NW of Ashford, 8, A verse of six feet. 9. A sea anemone. 10. Nearing (var.) 11. Drops of water (Chamb.) 12. Wade. 13. Oat (1st Ed.) 14. The tone D. 15. T.

UPPER REVERSED RHOMBOID. Across: 1. Pert, to Ammonius (Std.) 2. Debauchery. 3. Those who do odd jobs transporting. 4. Cautions(1st Ed.) 5. Authors' pseudonyms. 6. A skillful artificer. 7. The United States government. 8. Clerks (Wr.P.) Down: 1. B. 2. UO (Stieler). 3. DNO (Andrees), 4. To mass compactly, 5. Seals, 6, A set of two. 7. An enzyme that accelerates the hydrolysis of prunasin, 8. ARAC-ALAN (E.D.) 9. The least quantity, 10. MATOES (Andrees), 11. To spread out. 12. Things small or stunted in growth (Wr.D.) 13. Var. of YES, 14. Them. 15. N.

LOWER LEFT RHOMBOID. Across: 1. BOOKSMEN (Wr.P.) 2. TENTALAY (P.O.G. India). 3. Sonatas (1st Ed.) 4. BAT-TANTA (Lipp.) 5. Lake, Mainland Is., Orkney Islands.6. Arterial highways. 7. Lasting seven days. 8. Seashores. Down: L.B. 2.That (Wr.D.) 3. Islets. 4. Thump. 5. Porticoes. 6. MANTA(Andrees). 7. Snapping beetles. 8. Diving spiders (Std.) 9. Flemish painter and etcher, 1727. 10. STEREA (Lemp.) 11. ASINS (Min. Gloss.) 12. SEDI (Balf.) 13. Mournful. 14. Yea (var.) 15. S.

UPPER RIGHT RHOMBOID. Across: 1, A colorless gaseous element, 2, Var. of VIOLANS (Oxf.) 3. Shiremen (Std.) 4. Pert. to the wind. 5. Any of numerous rays of the Dasyatidae. 6. STILIGER (E.B.) 7. Hielaman (var.) 8. The law or policy of government, Down: 1. N. 2. In (1st Ed.) 3. Teatrees. 4. ROHA Worc.Gaz.) 5. Red deer (1st Ed.) 6. GARETS (Oxf.) 7. Enmity (1st Ed.) 8.

NEMONIES (Wr.D.) 9. Singlet (Wr.D.) 10. NARILA (Thorn.) 11. LAGAT (Phil. Gaz.) 12. Observe. 13. Not cooked. 14. Than. 15. Y.

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LOWER REVERSED RHOMBOID, Across: 1. The law or policy of government. 2. Ships' sails collectively. 3.SIN-REGGE (Andrees). 4. Immovable feast days. 5. SINGELEI (Ind.Geog.) 6. Undershirts of cotton or wool. 7. Without side. 8. Any plant of genus Arenaria. Down: 1, S. 2, Say. 3. Moral failure, 4. SIDD (E.B.) 5. A tendon, 6. A green Chinese tea. 7, SANGLIER (var.) 8. Grittiest. 9. TIRALTS (Oxf.) 10. ALETES (Lyons). 11. TAREI (Blackie). 12. Incites. 13. Little. 14. In equal degree, 15, Y.

Worthing, S. Dak. SHERLOCK HOLMES

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts in June were: \$1--L.D.R. 31.50--Bill Bell, Allez, X. Specked. 33-Amor, A. J. Van Cleave, Sea King, Bee Wilder, Grulla, Psi, Daft, Evergreen, Sue de Nymme. \$4-Roving Vic. \$5-Sober Kay, Sakr-el-Bahr. \$7-Midurndist.

Balance, June 1\$788.44	
Receipts as above 53.50	\$841.94
Total,,,,,,,, July printing 32.99	\$041.94
Edit. secretary 3.00 Addressograph 1.25	
Stamps and postals. 4.00	
Total	41.24
Balance, July 1	5800.70

-----SALVAGED By FRED DOMINO

It's funny what a guy may do When building anagrams. A few Of them will fall right into place--Rise up and smack him in the face--While others try to hide their light From puzzler's view until midnight.

Now. INTERCHANGEABLE looked neat To make an anagram -- no feat. I worked and worked but had no luck. It seemed that I was stumped. or stuck.

No anagram would come to me, But here's a header, as you'see. ANGEL HIT BEER CAN! Oh, Gol ding! Some folks might call BEER CAN. ALE THING.

-----CHAT

Sherlock Holmes dropped a chunk of iron and broke a toe. But such hard luck doesn't affect his knack.

CHAT

Apropos of my fervent appeals, Ixaxar sent the following:

DEAD HEADER

Yes, the facts are There's nothing deader Than any header By Ixaxar.

All of which is nice rhyming but a long way from the truth.

The Labor Day meeting will be held at Wesley House, Oak Bluffs, writes Dorse. It is a real New England surmer hotel, filled with Vineyard atmosphere, with fine swimming beaches near by. A letter of information will be sent to the Krewe.

Humorous quip: Psi of Detroit ends a letter with "Psincerely, Psi."

Sea King sent a sub renewal as he was about to sail for Europe.

I certainly messed Horio's charade, No. 15 in June. I left out the line that contained the ONE. It is based on TWELVEMO-NTH. It will be ignored in making up the solvers' list.

Bill Bell says Molemi has bought a new Chevrolet. If he is not drafted, sill will join the Air Corps.

Emmo W. has retired as a tonsorial artist par excellence after 50 years of practice. We hope he will levote some of his leisure to writing cons for the Enigma.

Joe Calico has changed his nom to Midurndist which aptly describes his efforts to carve a niche for himself in Thedom. He is buying old copies of Enigma and reveling in the contents.

Sober Kay went swimming and turned pinkish on the back. Now he wonders if that makes him a fellow-traveler.

Jemand called on K.T. Did's daughter and made a list of Katy's references. It is extensive and the items are for sale. Write to Jemand as to your needs.

I See, B. Natural, and Jemand are asking the Krewe to subscribe funds for a Nypho memorial along the lines of those for other deceased masters.

That loyal puzzler, Amor, mourns for her mother, who died at the age of 81. We are heartily sorry for our Sioux Falls friend.

A. Chem and A. Chemem sent 21-4-6 April sols just one day too late to get into the listing.

CRYPTOGRAMS

B X A Z C T X Y Z C E C T X Y Z RWFC SCR HEGXECT

1. Bending.--X Y Z A Z'B C W V Z X X Z A Z U Z A D E B Z G W A YZSAX XYSC AZSDYECT OZWOHZ P 0 .-- S C W C.

ALPHA

2. Take Note. -- O SAPLE BSLA DFEHG, OSAPLE BSCA Philadelphia, Pa. HSFE, KCE, KASEGLA, MS QSE

OSAPLE

TSEL.

FUBINE

3. Mellow Voice.--UNSLIVFCR PNFTUY BNCP IZBGNS New York, N.Y. IZVPO. SNTUVMGYBO ANVLSM JOXD, TVYJI SNFI XUSOPGNDZT DOCYV.

HOODWINK 4. Off in a Huff.--Q U A I N T A I U, N G O L Bastrop, Texas. EFRU UKOZ. VUOX EYOL EFKO. OARY EUPA CUTN SNYL CNUL, CLHZ KAEY ELOU EATZ HYFV HMFK CLZNO, MFHE HFTU HUMN. AOXNT MUTZ MNWE.

EMPTY 5. Paying Business. -- BALTIMURE XZIUTAC PTYFGIZA Piedmont, Calif.

XBZHKYFAP, OKZFGJ RBGEFZ PKMYUO NZBCTRF XBCFO. XZIDFA NRBGO XZIJMHF BYXRF OP=

TXFAJ.

COMRADE

6. Daybreak.--ZXWVTS XRVQWPNM TLNRVWK, Raltimore, Md. NJRHW JNMPXKRD. GNLCM WRNC OVCDFRJ JRWGVF QBZWNK FNCDVRZ, JNZTMX. SUE DOE

MAY SOLVERS

EVERYTHING: Sober Kay, Sue Doe,* Fiddle, B.Natural, Lu, Empty, Evero, Nollid, X. Specked, Hoodwink.

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FLATS: Complete, 34-Emmo W., Ixax-ar, Allez, Orion, * Daft. 33-Bick, T.
N. Joyum, Salome, Alpha, Lady Llla,
Dhumbb Bhelle, * Roving Vic, Sol, If-andor, Larry, 32-0edipus, Genesiar,
Dunroven, Oslo, Billy Goat. 31-Nat
Pal. * 29-Johnnie, Penny, Jim Bill,
Ralph, L. Wood. 28-Anti Que, Boo-Jee
Kay, Blackstone, Atlas, Captain To.
26-Jack, Viking. 25-Amor. 24-Bee Wilder. 22-Osaple. 20-Zordo, Neoteric. *
19-Jay Estee, 18-Excel C. Orr, * Arcanus. i4-Plantina. 10 or less-Mr. Ree,
Archie Tech, L. D. R., Sherlock Holmes. Archie Tech, L.D.R., Sherlock Holmes.

FORMS: Complete, 7-Lady Lila, Bick, Genesian, Dunroven, Oslo, Neoteric*
Jemand,* Arcanus, L. D. R., Sherlock
Holmes, Billy Goat, Ralph, L. Wood.
6-Atlas, Jim Bill. 5 or less-Ixaxar,
I. N. Joyum, Johnnie, Penny, Excel
C. Orr,* Blackstone.

CRYPTS: Complete 6-Reynard,* Daft, I.N. Joyum, Oslo, Anti Que. 5-Alpha, Lady Lila, Roving Vic,* Johnnie, Penny. 4-Comrade,* Bick, Bee Wilder. 3-Ifandor, L.D.R. 2-Emmo W., Ixaxar, Atlas, Amor, Neoteric,* Billy Goat, Dhumbb Bhelle.* 1-Sherlock Holmes.

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Essence of old puzzle papers, Devotion of Beech Nut and Fitts, McGinty's masquerade capers, Mullins' and Terry's keen wits, The undying flame that was Ernest. Tunste's reduplicate ten.

Damon and great-souled Remardo (Long ago passed from our ken), Brilliance of Ellsworth and Mentor, Effie Cee smiling through pain. Jovial Gi the physician --On runs the endless refrain.

Like some rare attar of roses Flooding an old Persian vase. Puzzledom's mystic elixir Breathes out enchantment and grace,

A fragrance that angels might envy And time shall not dare to efface. -----

ANAGRAMS, OR PUZZLES?

By FRED DOMINO

There is great difference of opinion about anagrams. Some solvers hate them, they are tolerated by some, and others go into raptures when a good one bobs up now and then. Some puz-zlers say that an anagram should be based on a single word; some say, on two words; and some of the most liberal-minded place three words as the absolute limit of length.

When it comes to making anagrams-long ones, short ones, good ones, bad ones, or what have you?—I place myself in the same category as St. Paul when he wrote in the First Epistle to Timothy of "sinners, of whom I am the chief." My anagrams have been on all sorts of bases of varying lengths of from one to ten words.

Some puzzlers take the ground that every anagram should be based upon a single word, as I have said above. I admit their stand is well taken, as far as it goes. The only trouble with one- and two-word bases is that the field is limited. Most one-word ana-grams were worked to a frazzle long years ago. APT is a perfect anagram on pat; DO IT IN A STILL, on distillation; and I ADD IT ON, on addition; I NOTED A SIGN, on designation; and on and on and on the state of and on and on. The fault with these anagrams (and I think they will pass all tests as anagrams) is that they are not puzzles. One glance at them is all an experienced puzzler needs to solve them. No mental gymnastics are involved in getting the correct answers. A perfect, or near perfect, short anagram solves itself.

What is a puzzle? Something that the mentally lazy can decipher with a minimum of effort? Something that causes the solution to appear before the solver's eyes without any mental effort, consultation of references, or any attempt to figure out the angle the composer was thinking about

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