

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Wrapsallions.--W IETLCS IZVTEPHFLIS LV FOHP
MT OHPT H VFHZGT CIPTESRTSF LS *MHVO-
LSCFIS --LSXGDULSC FOT *HDCTHS.
Waltham, Mass. PATRISTOCRAT
2. Oddity.--A B C D E F G H B I J D I K E L F M B L I G H F L N =
N D F F G B H: M O N D P G B L F, R O N P D I G B L F, P T D H B R =
F D S L G B L F. I D A D I F D B I J D I: J L B E G P D I O E.
Philadelphia, Pa. ALPHA
3. Patterned.--B O X X E S G R M I F H O M E G O G, E F O B E S
K N O E K N O S. E F P T K X E U I A S R, X A K N I K P O I R K
K X E P O K K O S R S O U O I K O G, N I L O M E C O K E C T
I K K O F K A E F, L A Y.: M E S S A G E S, C O R R I D O R; K A K -
I F A M, F E F R K E U.
State College, Pa. CRYPTOX
4. Rude Pair.--A B C D E F G K D L C M N, O P A R B S T N F X C,
C N D E O M N U B C T M G H. V M P C D L, M F T X J A D R R N B =
J M C. T F C O M L Q D N E N F R V T X G.
Bastrop, Texas. HOODWINK
5. Got the Gate.--B A L T I M O R E C I T Y M D U T O C B D X Z W L =
P O E V R B M O T D L; D V F O B K P W X N B D R K. F D G W R T
H D L K M I A X B D G O L C E O C W U X. E R P C O T U W G O X
U L R X E V D A X B O.
Baltimore, Md. COMRADE
6. Active Folks.--I F B T X D Q Y V J Q S K B, K V X P B F J Y X V =
J Q Z B X J Q B F D M B O F P V D Q O X Z U V D F: M F Y I W B R
D V Z U B F J Q K S E X D V, K X D A V Z B.
Minneapolis, Minn. QUEZNA

CHAT

Hereafter votes should be cast for the best puzzle in an issue, and not just the best flat. But let us have more voting by solvers.

No. 44 in July has a U that should be H, to give Zero Fahrenheit as the answer. How the author made the faux pas I am unable to explain.

Roving Vic was in Minnesota at the last report, following a trip to the Mayo hospital. He was headed for Duluth next.

We extend a hearty welcome to Miss A. Irene Kinneman of Baltimore; also to Mrs. R. H. Wilde, daughter of Bergreen; and to G. Holstein (TA T) of Washington, D.C.

We hear that Cincinnatus died last May. This oldtimer made the 11-pentagon a specialty, and many fine examples came from him.

Si is now at The Rose Revived Inn, Dewbridge, Oxfordshire, England.

Atlas writes that Davis, who died recently, was a retired B. & O. man.

THE ENIGMA

OCTOBER, 1952

CENTRE HALL, PA.

NO. 583

HELP WANTED

By SOL

Methinks my brain grows more obtuse
Or flattists grow more clever.
Whatever be my weak excuse,
No list complete can I produce
Despite my firm endeavor.

Long years ago when I was young
I eschewed assisters.
Ofttimes the asterisk was hung
And oft my nom was found among
The solo complete listers.

But now I show a bit of rust,
I need collaborators.
So, when I find myself nonplussed,
I'll do as others found they must--
I'll join the syndicators.

NANTYGRAMS

By ARCANUS

This newest evidence of my aberration--due to octogenarianism--I have christened "nantygrams"--not because it is sometimes difficult to differentiate between my anagrams and anti-grams. Rather, the title is adopted because Loughhead, in the "Dictionary of Given Names," declares that Nanty means "inestimable." (More applicable here would be the prefix "un.") My first impulse was to name the sketch "Insanagrams"--for obvious reasons.

With that preamble, I shall plunge in medias res, by stating that anagram-making is a wonderful art, with many beautiful ramifications--and,

eke, many dark and devious pathways whereon daring travelers trek.

Of the anagram there are scores of families, genera, and species, the species most productive of grief to the creator and anger to the solver being the Almostia anagrammia. Illustratively, I append a typical quartet misbred in my puzzle atelier.

Having turned the leaves of Holy Writ to Matthew VII, 6, I read: They strain at a gnat and swallow a camel, and decided to anagrammatize that widely known figure of speech. Partial success came, but I was stymied ultimately. Then, truckling to necessity, I sought to give the wreck appositeness--the truly vital quality of a perfect anagram--by messing with the quotation, abbreviating a conjunction; substituting another; and using a pointless apostrophe, as some of my misdeeds. Then, pretending that I had completed the flat, I typed this:

WRONG RANT AN' GAS. ALLOW
GIANT CALAMITIES

Some men talk blatantly anent simple things that vex 'em,
While ignoring vital matter until it fairly wrecks 'em.
Over trivia they quite too often weep and wail;
As to affairs, important? Oh, that's a wholly diff'rent tale.

"Blind Guides," saith St. Matthew, in a parabolist's quaint way,

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NEW PUZZLES

1. REBUS (4,5,3)

TH
ALL

"REBUS!" the wise Polonius cried
Unto his son; and soon both died.
St. Petersburg, Fla.

FIDDLE

2. REBUS (6)

(Suggested by #16 in March)

EI

Hey diddle diddle!
For the cows and the fiddle!
Let the ALL hang high
Against the western sky.
Flushing, N.Y.

IXAXAR

3. REBUS (12)

TI
SUB

Oh, have you heard the latest, Krewe?
If not, we'll tell it all to you.
Sale bills are posted for all to view;
In Mason, sir, you'll find the clew,
For Larry has sold his farm.
A REBUS he's having, so we've been
told;
It will last till everything is sold,
And he has pocketed all his gold;
For Larry is leaving the farm.
Detroit, Mich.

NOLLID

4. REBUS (4,2,3,3,2,7)

(Partly phonetic)

UT
UT

TUTRUTAUTUTUTUT
There goes a crazy driver.
O, Sexton, start to dig!
He REBUS on a busy street
And zags where he should zig.

Middlesing, Mich.

LEMMO LATER

5. BEHEADMENT (6)

'Neath springtime skies in genial
ONE*
How easily one's work gets done!
But here, where April's winds blow
TWO,
One shivers, coughs, and muddles
through.

St. Louis, Mo.

MOLEMI

6. CHARADE (12)

Once upon a Sunday, many years ago,
Nodding in his buggy, with old
Dobbin walking slow,
Pastor Poorman fell aslumber and the
FIRST fell from his grip.

Then a hoptoad frightened Dobbin
to start him on a rip!
When Pastor Poorman awakened, he was
seated on the ground;
His SECOND was all dirty, and the
buggy strewed around.
It pays to lead a righteous life
and know your credit's good--
Pastor Poorman made a TOTAL as
you'd surmise he would.

Wilmington, Del.

BOO-JEE KAY

7. CURTAILMENT (4,3)

I

One placed above the tractor seat
Will shade me from the summer heat.
As sure as you are born, her aid
She gave when you your debut made.

II

The whales at sea have lots of fun
As do the boys when holding one
Down on the street as gals go by.
"A pretty pair," we hear them sigh.
Mason, Mich.

LARRY

8. TRANSPOSAL (9)

FINAL is a leucocratic porphyry with
phenocrysts,
A groundmass of anorthoclase, and a
little amphibole.

Dafila acuta tzitzihoa
Is PRIMAL, according to Noah.
Los Angeles, Calif.

SOL

9. HOMONYM (6)

She eats each meal like one who's at
a feast,
Or barbecue, or PRIME, where appe-
tites
Are whetted by the tangy outdoor air
And one bite calls for three (or
eight more) bites.

Three times a day like this quite
did the job;
Her figure now is fat, obese --
yea, FINE.

Beware, dear gals! To keep that
gracile form,
Be careful how you breakfast,
lunch, and dine.

Ennis, Texas.

Y. KNOTT

10. TRANSPOSAL (9)

The lake's a-sparkle in the sun,
The "waterbugs" are out in droves.
This way and that the motorboats run,
The PRIMAL glide in and out of
coves;
Sailboaters have a lot of fun.

But clouds appear and begin to
glower,
The air whips up quite a breeze:

It will storm within the hour.
The boaters gather beneath the
trees
And wait the LAST of the shower.

SUE DOE

11. TRANSPOSAL (10)

That prophecies^I (Apocalypse)
Are being now fulfilled's the gist
Of what a FIRST believes, Of tips,
The best he's but another ist.

II

There is no question in my mind,
Than beauty, SECOND'S commoner.
In every turn I take I find
Fair things to make my pulses stir.

III

Man labors with THIRD zeal for fame,
To win success at any cost;
Forgetting that both he and name
In tides of time will soon be lost.

Denver, Colo.

L.D.R.

12. HOMONYM (7;8)

I am quite sure you will not find
A monk wearing a PRIMAL;
But if you do you will remind
It's anything but FINAL.

Baltimore, Md.

ORION

13. FINAL LETTER CHANGE (7)

"Workers of the world, now ONE!"
Buzzed a Soviet bee as he flew.
"No more queens, and no more drones
And no more honey-TWO."

London, England. ROGER G. M'GREGOR

14. HOMONYM (8; 5,4)

Oh, for the comfort of a picnic
Along the ocean's shore!
But sand flies plague us constantly
We're pestered by 5 4.
Perhaps by Nineteen Ninety-Nine,
These tiny mites abate
Thru use of new insecticides,
When our outings gay so 8.

Washington, D.C.

SOBER-KAY

15. TRANSPOSAL (11)

What a dire calamity
Upset our way of life!
It made our little family
TWO, with lamentations rife.
Mishaps pervaded everywhere:
Mom's coffee tasted flat,
Since water in the reservoir
Was ONE; sick were our dog and
cat;
Pop's Old Fashioneds were so much
muck,
No matter how he tried
To blend the drops of H₂O,
And all the goldfish died.
Falls Church, Va.

B. NATURAL

16. TRANSPOSAL (7)

A blind man worked at making brooms
With great and FINAL care.
He was an artisan whose skill
His cross could not impair.
He worked outdoors in sunlight,
For PRIMAL he could tell
That God had made this world of ours
Both wonderful and well.

17. DELETION (7)

Staggering across the desert,
Hungry, weary and athirst,
I had almost lost all hope
In that heat that is accursed.
When suddenly a lake appeared.
Ah! Life! My thirst can be SIX!
I SEVEN not my speed; I ran--
Toward a mirage! What a fix!

Baltimore, Md.

IFANDOR

18. BEHEADMENT (6)

My TWO to ONE the argument
Was really all in vain;
No more had I departed than
They started over again.
Ferndale, Mich.

ALLEZ

19. SECOND LETTER CHANGE

On Sunday we ONE and pray for peace,
Hoping the war soon will cease;
Meantime a TWO bombards the Chinese;
What's the use of getting down on
our knees?

20. SPOONERGRAM (4,4; 4,4)

Busy Farmer Brown's new neighbor
Was apparently too lazy to labor,
But hung around the barn's big doors
While Farmer Brown was doing chores,
And talked and talked of many things
Such as cabbages, politics and kings
And proved to be just a FOUR FOUR
While hanging round the big FOUR
FOUR.

Norwalk, Conn.

EXCEL C. ORR

21. CHARADE (10)

When tourists "do" your city,
The ONES are never missed;
They seem to lure, with glamor
That folks cannot resist.

Give me the dancing billows
(Not TWO* Sea; that's too rough).
Don't waste your time in TOTAL--
Eight hours is quite enough.

Canaseraga, N.Y.

NAT PAL

22. HOMONYM

If John goes to college
To accumulate knowledge--
If he then is "A" CDEABA
One might say he's ABCDEABA.
State College, Pa.

CRYPTOX

23. HOMONYM (5)

If you hug a girl and love her,
son,
And she doesn't fall in love
with you,
All your wooing will be but a
ONE,
All your effort merely gone to
TWO.

Waldorf, Md.

MIDURNDIST

ANAGRAMS

24. THE CALM PIG

N. Little Rock, Ark.

ROVING VIC

25. AM, DERBY HATS HERE (3, 12)

26. OH, PET SOPHISTS DINE (3, 14)

Lansing, Mich.

EMMO W.

ANTIGRAMS

27. NICE LOVE

28. CAN NOT SEE LAD (2, 10)

29. I'M A LESS THING

30. LA, NOT IRE ACT

31. SOUL'S NICE AIMS

32. HELP UNTO A BAD SINNER (3, 12, 3)

33. NO, IT AIN'T A FINANCING

34. PET CRIME-LADEN SPOT (6, 11)

35. SO PERT, I RAN ACTS

Corinth, Miss.

FRED DOMINO

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1. 2. HALFSQUAR'S

1. (Dyeing) A black obtained by the interaction of nutgalls, pyroligneous acid, and a ferric salt. 2. Having six sepals. 3. Explorers. 4. A native of Malabar. 5. A form of butane (pg. 1316). 6. Keratins. 7. Apparent (Oxf.) 8. Makes late. 9. Blaze (1st Ed.). 10. Erudition. 11. One of an Arab tribe at Medina. 12. Letters C. 13. K.

1.0. 2. Early bronze coin of China. 3. Chinese dynasty, 598-618. 4. CULN (Wr. Pr.) 5. GARVA (Times At.) 6. One who nerves. 7. A place where books are bound. 8. Rom. orator and jurist, 5th cent. 9. Usually. 10. Tables on which cards are played (404). 11. An overseer. 12. Dustiness. 13. A fanciful classification of animals (by Swainson).

Centre Hall, Pa.

ARTY ESS

3. PYRAMID

Across: 1. S. 2. To ask. 3. Tatarian. 4. KOLELET (Map Index Fr.) 5. Enumerates. 6. To make homogeneous. 7. Interest paid by the debtor for default (pg. 1294) 8. Com. Priesland; prov. Netherlands (N.I. Gaz.)

Down: 1. 0. 2. The realm of darkness. 3. Men. 4. Same as NAUNT (1st

Ed.) 5. KUMAD (Balf.) 6. An old measure of S. Italy (1.58 bu.) 7. BALEGIN (Phil. Gaz.) 8. Town, Mongolia, SW Lake Tsadam. 9. GALANTE (Hughes). 10. RETEER (Oxf.) 11. TEARA (P.G. India) 12. Stead (Ref. Sp.) 13. Ease. 14. Sol-fa syllable. 15. L.

Iowa City, Iowa.

ARCANUS

4 to 7. SQUARES

1. Island, Norway, N of Tromso. 2. Town, Nigeria S. on Niger river. 3. Put in the ground and covered. 4. An East Indian shrub. 5. Portug. measure, 282 yards. 6. Ashrafi. 7. Resembling fungi of the genus Oidium.

1. Furnished with wattles 2. Methyl phenyl ether. 3. A small buffalo of Mindoro. 4. Var. of CZARIST, pg. 660. 5. Golden orioles of Europe. 6. Springy. 7. The German language.

Princeton, N.J.

AL GERBA

1. ACHASTIAL (Worc.) 2. Increase#. 3. German mineral water (Enc. Brit.) 4. Asperness (Std.) 5. Silence (1st Ed.) 6. Tenant (Oxf.) 7. Suburb of Stockholm, near Ekelund (E.B.) 8. A becoming acid. 9. Lens-edge grinder (Occup. Titles).

Palm City, Fla.

PAT

1. OLD BAHAMA (Sc.-Bl.) 2. LERR RIVER (Blackie). 3. Moving slowly (Chamb.) 4. R., Matto Grosso, Brazil, enters Rio Ivinheima. 5. ARTHURTON (Longman) 6. Exhilarating (Fost.) 7. AVINTAINE (Wr. Pr.) 8. MENTONNER (Fost.) 9. Money changers#.

Worthing, S. Dak. SHERLOCK HOLMES

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C H A T

Of No. 8, Sol says: Ixaxar's PENTACLE-TENTACLE leads me to try to go him one better. To assuage the ire of those who find the solving difficult, I will award the solver whose correct answer reaches you with the earliest postmark, the sum of \$2, plus another \$2 to the NPL treasury. (It's a chance for all. Let's go!-Ed.)

I'm curious to see what solvers do with Orion's homonym. It seemed to me shy of clear clues. Prove me wrong, Krewe experts.

Allez drove me to Webster, to find out if her TWO meant what it seemed to mean. It did!

Well, Blackstone's out of circulation. Wed Charlotte Packan on Aug. 8 in Akron. Congratulations to both.

MONTANI SEMPER LIBERI

By RAYLE RHODER

Wal, I've come back from Worshin'ton
From seein' sights, a lot:
Amongst 'em wuz a speshul 'un
Not I have not ferget.
Now, most o' wimmen in Then Thar
Must have a lotta sons
Way off, a-prodigallin' whar
Thar ain't no shootin' guns.
Fer most o' wimmen I seen in
Th' roads o' Trumantown
Own Fatted Calves--some few be thin--
All shades o' tan an' brown.
An' all the gals look pore an' froze.
No frocks atall they wear;
But go out in their underclothes--
Most o' 'em durn nigh bare!
Th' men don't wear no hats no more--
Bald heads like they know strife--
But they've got autos by the score
Not make ye skip fer life.
The sights I seen wuz funnylike:
Neckties on dawgs I see;
An' ev'ry sassy leetle tyke
Stopped still an' hooted me!
But nary 'Nigma did I see
On newsstands loaded down.
B' gosh! it wuz no place fer me--
Dadburned ol' Trumantown!
But yit I showed m' manners, fer
I paid Wite House a call;
Yit hair ner hide o' Him or Her
I never seen atall.
Oh sure they knowed 'at I wuz thar,
But didn't like m' beard;
Mebby they thunk m' coonskin quare,
An' both felt sorter skeered.
But gosh! 'twuz wuth m' trip t' see
Abe Lincoln, full mansize;
From out his frame he looked at me
With sad an' ha'ntin' eyes.
Uhuh, I seen a lotta things
This last time I wuz down,
But nary 'Nigma no, b' Jings,
In that thar low-brow town!
So back I hiked t' mount'ins blue
An' Miz M's pone an' kale;
A town 'thout 'Nigmas, old or new,
Be too durn dumb fer Rayle!

I joyed t' hear th' Houndawg "Woo-o-o"
An' see his frantic tail!
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Nice words for a transpo, B. Nat!
Mrs. E. C. Ong takes EASY as a nom
and Don Kuehl selects DONKEY, while
Miss Kinneman chooses MANNKIN. Make
these additions to your Roster. Easy
sent a 32-2-2 list of June sols too
late for regular credit. Our newcomers
make splendid solvers.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts in August were: \$1-L.D.R.
\$1.50-Numero. \$3-Mephisto, Doc, Shy-
rene. \$5-X. Specked, Nollid, Evero
(Nympho Mem.); Sherlock Holmes, Ifand-
or, Cryptox (Nympho Mem.), Emmo W. \$10-
Sakr-el-Bahr (Nympho Mem.)

Balance, Aug. 1.....	\$822.59	
Receipts as above....	46.50	
Total.....		\$869.09
Ptg. Sept. Enigma....	32.94	
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Typewriter ribbon....	1.40	
Total.....		39.84
Balance, Sept. 1....		\$829.25
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JULY SOLVERS

EVERYTHING: Ajax, Sue Doe,* Hood-
wink, B. Natural, Sober-Kay, Nollid,
X. Specked, Evero.

FLATS: Complete, 46-None. 45-Sol,
A. Chem, A. Chemem, 44-Rayle Rhoder,
Empty, Lu, Daft, Dhumbb Bhele,* Al-
lez, 43-Genesian, Dunroven, Fiddle,
42-Salome, Bick, Roving Vic,* Lady
Lila, 40-Evergreen,* 37-Emmo W. 36-
Alpha, Penny, Johnnie, I. N. Joyum,
35-Oslo. 34-Ifandor, Nat Pal.* 32-
Boo-Jee Kay, 31-Osople, 30-M. U. Later,
Anti Que, Easy, Zordo, 25-Shyrene,
24-Plantina, Amor, Atlas, 21-Jemand,*
20-Excel C. Orr,* 19-Midurndist,* 18-
Arcanus, 17-Jack, 16-Neoteric,* 13-
Grulla, 10 or less-Neophyte, Patris-
tocrat, Doc, L.D.R., Sherlock Holmes.

FORMS: Complete, 7-Sol, A. Chem,
A. Chemem, Empty, Lu Daft, Genesian,
Dunroven, Fiddle, Bick, Lady Lila,
Oslo, Jemand,* Neoteric,* L.D.R.,
Sherlock Holmes. 5 or less-Ifandor,
Easy, Shyrene, Atlas, Arcanus, Doc.

CRYPTS: Complete, 7-Reynard,* Co-
leth, A. Chem, A. Chemem, Empty, Lu,
Daft, Bick, Roving Vic,* Penny, John-
nie, I. N. Joyum, 6-Fiddle, Lady Lila,
5-Anti Que, 3-Evergreen,* Emmo W.,
Alpha, Oslo, Ifandor, Boo-Jee Kay,
M. U. Later, Easy, Zordo, Shyrene,
Amor, Atlas, Neoteric,* Neophyte, Doc.
2-Jemand,* Sherlock Holmes.

Total solvers, 57, No. 19 was chosen
as the best puzzle in July.

C H A T

Jemand suggests some small, easy-
to-solve forms be printed each month
to encourage solving by the tyro. I
have always thought that Enigma is a
magazine for adepts. Still, I'd like
to know what the Krewe thinks.

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. More Patterns.-A B C D E B E C F G H B F B K D L N *A C O G E C E
D B K P R B R F L H B C S B T C F U S B G C A U F C F F L V C=
D F U X U V C F B U T X P D D B T F *L H Z N V U C E. E B S U R B R
V H C T K L D N C Y U T O R F C T E R B X P D B D.
State College, Pa. CRYPTOX

2. Strong Arms.-T C A I E V U C N D R V I K M C V K L I I K C E F W L
K C E W L Y D. I A H Y V L C, U C G I N V F W K L E C O G H Y E R=
A I L H, S L O A G H I G F V O A C R; W V C H V F X G C L Y, C A=
R E F U L S H E I K L Y. T H A K J A K L Y F. W.
Piedmont, Calif. EMPTY

3. Hot Rodding.-P C Y M H P R V W O R G B V C A L W I R E H T P G
(P M T X E R M), C B Q R I T S R H M T U, W T X R M U V F H R I Y K
S Y A V R S P B. C R H W B U P H R O T Y M R E M Y F W H K.
Bastrop, Texas. HOODWINK

4. Foiled Getaway.-S G W M R V N P R G M T T M G D T L W R, R P G V
S H B R H D, W Z M X R L W Z K W T X I H R L K G F C L G W M.
Morristown, N.J. DEEGEE

5. Curious Brat.--B X F Z U Z P D U J M X U P (L X T I J V E Q J F U=
Z O D K I), Q K L J A V U P M T X A F Z (T J B W Z U Q D K F-T M J=
B D I) V Q Z F L X D K W B K F V Q J W (Z M I J L M).
Minneapolis, Minn. QUEZNA

6. Safe Landing.--S I X T Y F O U R U G I S T F R T U C K R C T A=
L U F E K Y A S C I B N W M O Y V G I K X L T W K W E L R D Y G K,
L R D W P B V C L B X F L I G A M.
SUE DOE

BRIEFS ON THE CONVENTION

Some 26 puzzlers met at Oak Bluffs over Labor Day...Sue Doe did not appear; so the incognito remains...Ambrose is the new president, and Ambrosia is now secretary...Since next July 4 is the seventieth anniversary of the founding of the Eastern Puzzlers' League, it was suggested that the February convention be dropped and a celebration be held over the July 4 week end in New York. The officers will decide the matter. . .Patsy and Pat were surprise attendants as also were F. I. Nance, Budget and Cookie. Newcomers who graced the affair were Mannekin of Baltimore and Boo-Jee Kay of Wilmington...Bathing diverted the hardest and others played anagrams. Motor trips around the Island added

Motor trips around the Island added to the enjoyment...Freddie and Fred Domino endured a 4-day motor trip to be there...The puzzle contests drew a large crowd, many being strangers. Further details will be given in the official minutes.

C H A T

Número, active 20 years ago, now in Arizona, joins the Krewe again. The fatted calf's being barbecued.

The dead line for contributions to the Nypho Memorial is December 1.

WooWoo, son of HoHo, was married on Sept. 2, to Miss Rhoda Schott in New York. Our felicitations to the young folks.

THE ENIGMA

NOVEMBER, 1952

CENTRE HALL, PA.

No. 584

RESPECTS TO N. JINEER

By NUMERO

They say that for N. Jineer
It does now at last appear,
(Was't at age of thirty-nine?)
That they ope'd a bottl'a wine!
Say it isn't so,
She's left the B. 'n O.

'Twas later in our teens,
Convened with those Phil'del Phreens,
We met. And was't sister Hazel?
Ye got me in a fraizel*
Anyhowway;
W'ich Hazel -- Say?

So now ye've left the B. 'n O.
And now ye're free to come and go.
Whyn't ye take the Santy Fee?
Come make puzz and visit me!
Mebbe ye'd thaw out my dome
We'd make Witty Palindrome!

I'd tell ye 'bout our pet frog;
T'other day, fell off a log
'N dang nigh dround!
Ye see, he's many yars old
(H' many, ne'er bin told!)
It's so dry in Aridzony, him
Haint never learned to swim!

*Webst. Int. V Edit.

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Exactly what does the simple word
"puzzling" bring to your mind?

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Of course, we all know that it is a battle of wits, but to what extent are our brain cells to be dusted? Does it mean that with just the smallest amount of cogitation the proper solutions pop up and we accept them? Or, does it mean that after we have delved into our sources of knowledge we are still a little hazy as to the correctness of our answer and a further search in one of our references produces the desired results? If it is a combination of both, Flats, forms, crypts, anagrams, and whatever else we have to offer, should tax all our combined ways and means, to a marked degree.

We can't expect our puzzle fare to always hold to this criterion, but we can hope for the best, provided constructors give ample study and preparation to their offerings. Many of us could learn a thing or two from our formists. There are few of these men and women, I dare say, who can dash off one of these intricate geometrical figures without giving long and unadulterated thought to the construction. Why cannot flattists and cryptists do the same thing, so that, when we have constructed something of merit which might entitle us to "best puzzle of the month," we can honestly be proud of the well-earned honor?

Agreement with Hoodwink, the author of the original article of this series, is in order, as to the judging

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