

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 fattest 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.

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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 laterly in our teens,
Convened with those Phil'del Pheens,
We met. And was't sister Hazel?
Ye got me in a fraizel*
Anywhichway:
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.

BEST PUZZLES

By B. NATURAL

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? I'd say 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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of the various departments separately. As he mentioned, the forms are in a class by themselves and ought never to be beclouded by the verse-writers, the anagram-shufflers, nor the word-jugglers in the cryptographic group. Best forms involve the choice of words used in their make-up, and the difficulty of form made possible by clever manipulation. Best flats, for example, display ingenious base-words, no matter how unrelated, that are carefully wrought and cluefully linked. Best anagrams are dependent upon expressions that throw at least a few glimmers of light upon their original meaning. And best crypts are wholly high-lighted by their originality in disguising letter positions and word endings, and holding to coherent text.

Taking into consideration the past year or so, our puzzles have become a hundredfold more acceptable, altho, of course, a few misfits have crept in to agonize us solvers. By these I refer, for instance, to too brief flats, where ONE, TWO and TOTAL could denote almost any words in New Int.: "I find a ONE, and yes, a TWO; what TOTAL can we solvers do?" is a very exaggerated example, but I'm sure you see my point. In almost the same category is the homonymic-less homonym. Only one syllable bears the correct resemblance; the others are normal, as in a charade. Time and time again one has the right solution, only to tell himself that "surely this can't be it, for it doesn't adhere to the rules"; and later that very answer turns up in the new Penetralia. How the solver kicks himself for not penetrating the violated veil of ethics and sadly reviews his utter waste of time and patience! Episodes such as these can be avoided if the constructor would only take the time and patience to prepare a pleasing puzzle with as pleasing base-words. In Anagrammasia the breach of etiquette is less glaring; for Ye Ed seldom publishes a puzzle of this type that is not a bona fide example. Why, then, cannot Ye Ed also oversee the proper types in flats, you might ask? Remember, much of the flat-work today is the output of our up-and-coming experts, who are tyros now but who are fast becoming adepts at puzzling, and to deny them the pages of the Enigma would defeat the purpose of bringing new noms to the roster. How then can such mistakes be overcome? Only by bringing to the attention of beginners the basic qualities which make

up the "best puzzle of the month"... not to mention those folks who "know better, but who just don't take time to sidestep these pitfalls." In the cryptogram department there is still some obscurity shown in the choice of text, as Hoodwink so aptly puts it. There is a generous blending of simple teasers and tough headaches; but when the sense is lost, the fun of solving goes out the window. Again, the matter of time, patience, and common sense enters the picture. How much better for a constructor to be proud of a well-built crypt than to sigh and say, "There, that's my contrib for the bin. I dashed it off in nothing flat. A con is a con, no matter what it contains, just so long as I didn't encipher two letters alike." A little more preparation, and the greatly desired combination of just enough odd words to confuse the solver, sprinkled with a generous supply of false clues, produces a worthwhile offering which is more apt to be remembered advantageously than a concoction of meaningless words strung together, which, after solution has been reached, leads the solver to say, "Bah, another one by so-and-so. When will I learn to skip his/her stuff?" But, all types of puzzles are needed for a coveted complete, and so the cycle goes on and on.

Just what does the mere word "puzzling" bring to your mind, now? To me, it signifies that in the future we members of the National Puzzlers' League will be remembered because of our work, some of it outstanding, we hope, and little of it, a minimum, that has caused frowns and silent epithets from our fellow-solvers.

CHAT

This month we greet Emil Y. Cable, Milford, Iowa; and Miss Janet S. Tom, who graduated from Marietta College, is now at her home in Narberth, Pa. She adopts Swan as her nom.

I was lenient in checking lists of August sols, as one flat had two pat answers, and another was based on a word not to be found in New Int.

Sometimes I shorten crypts to save space; but I try not to spoil them.

After I had prodded him repeatedly, Alouette sent three word deletions, among them No. 15. I wonder whether the same line would wake Macropod!

Roving Vic's two had to appear together, for obvious reasons.

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.

SEPTEMBER SOLUTIONS

1. Ionone. 2. Half-witted. 3. Intrinsical. 4. Excuse my hastiness. 5. In

1. By Sakr-el-Bahr.	2. By Arty Ess.
CASCASIA	VADAKARA
ARIEMABF	AMENAGED
SILRIVER	DEVILISE
CERETANA	ANIMETTA
AMITISTS	KALEYARD
SAVASKAI	AGITATED
IBENTARA	RESTREPO
AFRASIAN	ADEADDOG

3. By Sherlock Holmes.

M
PO
MET
SOTI
BORRO
WALTON
TINDALL
BUTTEREE
TETHERENS
WINTERINGS
GATHERINGIN
DENTALENGINE
DIESELENGINES
MASTERLESSNESS

AUGUST SOLVERS

EVERYTHING: Daft, Evero, Nollid, X. Specked, Hoodwink, Sober-Kay, B. Natural.

FLATS: Complete, 30-Rayle Rhoder, I. N. Joyum, Allez. 29-Sue Doe, * Emmo W., A. Chem, A. Chemem, Lady Lila, Alpha, Salome, Fiddle, Bick, Empty, Lu, Sol. 28-Dhumbb Rhelle. * Ifandor, Ajax, Orion. 27-Nat Pal. 26-Johnnie, Penny, Evergreen, Genesien, Dunroven, Boo-Jee Kay. 25-Oedipus, Grulla. 24-M. U. Later. 23-Easy. 22-Atlas, Osaple, 20-Amor, Plantina, Oslo, Zordo, 17-Jemand. * 10 or less-Excel C. Orr. Cuprite, Sherlock Holmes, Patristocrat, Larry, L.D.R., Arcanus.

FORMS: Complete, 5-Lady Lila, Fiddle, Bick, Empty, Lu, Sol, Genesien, Dunroven, Easy, Oslo, Ajax, Sherlock Holmes, L.D.R., A. Chem, A. Chemem, 4-Atlas, Cuprite. 3-Sue Doe, * Penny,

one's teens. 6. Philately. 7. Therein. 8. T-e-state. 9. Catc(h)all. 10. Versatile, relatives. 11. Sibyl, cibol. 12. Semiround, unmortised. 13. Thyme, time. 14. Si-g-mat-is-mus. 15. Required. 16. Gerrymander, merry gander. 17. Slumbering, rumblings. 18. Melon. 19. The war correspondents. 20. Melodramatic. 21. Questionnaires. 22. The raconteurs. 23. Reasonableness. 24. Sanctimonious. 25. Intolerance. 26. Transgressions. 27. Undermined.

1. Foreign observation is that we...
2. Vowels in order plus four in....
3. Few words can be coded, one for...
4. Sidewalk vendor, mystic fraud....
5. Curlyhead sylph ogles confirmed....
6. Buoyant mestizo, zealous maestro.

4, 5. By Al Gebra.

FOOTPAN	VATICAN
OVERAGE	ARACENA
OEDIPUS	TAKESTO
TRIVIDI	ICEFALL
PAPILIO	CESARIO
AGUDIST	ANTLING
NESIOTE	NAOLOGY

6. By Arcanus.

C
BUC
TASHA
DARTARS
CONSOLATO
BORGOMANERO
JULIAWARDHOWE
JULIAWARNERSNOW

Johnnie, Excel C. Orr. * 2-Ifandor, Zordo. 1-Boo-Jee Kay, Jemand. *

CRYPTS: Complete, 6-Coleth, Bick, Reynard. * I. N. Joyum, Sue Doe. * Lu, Fiddle, Empty, Ajax, Johnnie, Penny, A. Chem, A. Chemem, 5-Genesien, Dunroven, 4-Lady Lila, Alpha, 2-Salome, Ifandor, Dhumbb Rhelle. * Boo-Jee Kay, Oedipus, M. U. Later, Easy, Emmo W., Atlas, Oslo, Zordo. 1-Cuprite, Sherlock Holmes.

Total solvers, 53. The massive diamond by Sherlock Holmes was chosen as the best puzzle of the month and Sol's DOZEN charade as best flat.

Mrs. E. C. Ong takes Easy as a nom and Don Kuehl selects Donkey, while Miss Kinneman chooses Mannekin. Make these additions to your roster. Easy sent a list of 32-2-2 June sols too late for regular credit.

NEW PUZZLES

1. REBUS (10)

E
A R X

This is not the outer narthex
Of any church you know;
Go quickly through the vestibule
To inner portico.

St. Petersburg, Fla.

FIDDLE

2. REBUS (4,2,3,5,7,5,7,3,3,3,7,5)
H03U2SE 32

You all who know your St. Luke well
The sol to this should quickly tell.
In less, far less, than half an hour,
With not the half of your brain power
This bit of solving you should do --
At least you should in '52.

That three and two apart make five
Is that at which you can arrive;
But that a five and two have aught
With thirty-two may have you caught.
But at it, Krewe! Go on and delve!
(I need a rhyme. So here is twelve.)

Waldorf, Md.

MIDURNDIST

3. REVERSED REBUS (7)

U
U
A

Hope Arty rules that this will pass:
"A common shrubby peppergrass." (*)

Mason, Mich.

LARRY

*In Hawaiian Islands, that is.

4. FINAL LETTER CHANGE (4)

ONE

The singing of no songs must be
Unusual eccentricity.

TWO

This term, tho last, is hardly least;
It means the octave of a feast.

St. Louis, Mo.

MOLEMI

5. ENIGMATIC CHARADE (7)

FIRST

In them thar hills I'm brewin'
I'm in court and jail as well.
The bulgy muscled gentry
Lift me high before the bell.
Musicians all have noted
That I'm lines across the FACE.
Don't put that crow before me
Or I'm apt to wreck the place!

I always feel the sharpest
When I get next to a bee.
I'm soap and sand and candy
And the drinks are all on me.

SECOND

The worm that turns turns in my
pitch:

For dogs my teeth are meant.
I'm high to help display your wares,
I'm high when clouds or rent.
I strain and draw off from the lees;
Or in the farmer's cart
I ride; and by dead reckoning,
To steer the forward part.

You know I like to pull your leg,
Your joints to disconnect.
I go with horsy gaiters
But with ruin I am wrecked.

TOTAL

Contestants, when down under,
May hear my ironic cheer.
I'm houses joined together
Or a private lodging here.

Middleville, Mich.

M. U. LATER

6. BEHEADMENT (7) *Cleaves*

Man FIRST to his loving wife.
Divorce FIRST them like a knife.

SECOND turn to colors fecund;
Autumn enters as spring SECOND.

THIRDDropping in vain, in vain,
Hear but the THIRD dripping in
the rain.

Now bid your farewells, or LAST,
As southward the LAST fly past.

SUE DOE

7. TRANSPOSAL (10)

Faith there are many PRIMAL in Eire
Whose chins bear appendages hairy;
Whenever they roam
Without using a comb,
Their appearances make neighbors
all wary.

Their habitats there in old Erin
Are marshes or fens if you're carin';
They're FINAL (a rumor
From old Irish humor),
Since they always the green have
been wearin'.

Falls Church, Va.

B. NATURAL

8. NUMERICAL (9) *light robe*

(FIRST: 8,7,9,4,3. LAST: 6,2,1,5)

"What's TOTAL me," said the trav'ling
man,

As we sat at the bar in Rip's.
"Is how to explain the lace FIRST
LAST

The wife found in one of my grips."

"How come such a pickle, chum?"
I asked,

And called for additional
brew.

"It was like this," said the
trav'ling man,
"On Friday in Kalamazoo...."

Denver, Colo.

L.D.R.

9. CHARADE (11)

By the shining Big-Sea-Water
Sleep the warriors in their wigwams,
Sleep the warriors on their TOTAL
Made of finest hide of buffalo.
Snore aloud the big Ra-Gillo,
He with arms both long and mighty,
He who walks with PRIMAL amble,
Who with strength of twenty panthers
Can uproot the river birch tree.
Dreams are sweet to young

Lo-Watha,
Dreaming of the dark-eyed maiden
Whom Algonquin singers tell of --
Whom the poet Ovid wrote of,
Far across the ocean waters,
In the verses of his FINAL.

Los Angeles, Calif.

SOL

10. LINKADE (5) *begin*

I ONE you, gentle reader, shrink
From TWO or alcohol;
The day that you COMPLETE to drink
Will start you on your downward fall.
Flushing, N.Y.

IXAXAR

11. HETERONYM

I heard Miz M. repeatin'
T' Rev'runt things 'bout me.
It set m' temper heatin',
An' made m' big 4 3.
They think I wuzn't in 7,
But I allus listen well....
If ever they git t' Heaven,
Lots further down I'd dwell.

Bolivar, W. Va.

RAYLE RHODER

12. TERMINAL ELISION (5)

"Dearest," "Darling," "Peaches,"
"Sweetest TWO" --
Precious ONE" -- favored words
of Eros-darted crew.

Iowa City, Iowa.

ARCANUS

13. TRANSPOSAL (10)

(Dedicated to No. 5, April 1952)

I hopelessly deplore
Less or more,
Blackstone's PRIMAL locution
Ament the man of cloth.
The Krewe waxed very wroth
Before came the solution.
Ere we return
To SECOND, and puzzles spurn,
That ease the solvers' pique,
This bit of verse

Is surely and undoubtedly worse;
But offered with tongue in cheek.

Washington, D.C.

SOBER-KAY

14. SECOND LETTER CHANGE (5)

In a hollow tree, by Cupid express,
My lover and I posted billets-doux;
Till one sad day, empty was the ONE.
Cruel and blighting was my mistress
To learn that I was left in the TWO;
By a faithless lover I was undone.

Arlington, Va.

IFANDOR

15. WORD DELETION (10; 6,4)

If by SECOND it's written
That soon I may ONE
A sweet "yes" from the maiden
Whose heart I have won,
Then indeed you may WHOLE me;
'Tis happy I be!
For there ne'er was a colleen
As lovely as she.

Pearlblossom, Calif.

ALOUETTE

16. TRANSPOSAL (5) *board board*

Right soon in this ONE land of ours
Election we will hold.
We hope to TWO the bandwagon
And not be in the cold.

Jersey City, N.J.

FORT SUMTER

17. LINKADE (9) *Candidate*

"Oh, WHOLE, you are not at all
PRIMAL
As you woo the electorate.
On reaching that November FINAL,
How do you expect to rate?"

18. ANAGRAM (14)

I, IT ANGERS VOTERS
I, IT GARNERS VOTE
(The first Is are used phonetically)
"I'll beat around the bush," said he,
"From Maine to Minnesoter.
With every viewpoint I'll agree."
"But aye, it angers voter,"
I told him, "when you're on the
fence.
Evading issues." "Note,"
Said he, "I have much confidence
That aye, it garners vote."

N. Little Rock, Ark.

ROVING VIC

19. TRANSPOSAL (5)

While wandering on my journey,
I saw FIRST in the earth.
I visited Fort Knox to see
What all that wealth was worth.
The day was almost over,
My SECONDS all were done;

I felt I was in clover,
Just having lots of fun.

The moon had long appeared,
But the danger went unseen --
THIRD's limit was being neared;
Soon it could change the scene.

Los Angeles, Calif. SOL JR.

20. REVERSAL (5) *Time*

The PRIME was off,
The car wouldn't go;
So I had to FINE
The mechanic some dough.

Detroit, Mich. NEOPHYTE

21. PALINDROME

"She's gone, poor soul," said Mrs.
Teach,
"But there's some faults that can't
be hid.

People should practise what they
preach.

I *A***A* *A* *A* *A***A* *I*?"
London, England. ROGER G. M'GREGOR

ANAGRAMS

22. DID SLOPE
23. FEND! SEEP

Easton, Pa. OSAPLE

ANTIGRAMS

24. A BLESSING IN DEFEAT
25. CLUE T' INABILITY

Lansing, Mich. ENMO W.

26. SO SURE IN CAPERS

N. Little Rock, Ark. ROVING VIC

27. UNBALED (1, 6)

Mason, Mich. LARRY

ANAGRAMS

28. GRANTS SORE SIN
29. GREAT HELP, LESS WIRE (8,9)
30. DINNER'S O.K., LET'S EAT (10,6)
31. DINNER LATE? EATS O.K. (1,10,5)
32. O. GOT TIPS ON "HEEL" (3,5,6)
33. HIS TACT POISED
34. IS TO PEN "RATS" (5,6)
35. IS PAID ENTRY
36. HY, SCORES PAT HARMONY (1,8,9)

Corinth, Miss. FRED DOMINO

1. PYRAMID

Across: 1. G. 2. WEC (Allen's Star Names) 3. COROP (Stieler) 4. MOLONTA (Andr.) 5. Commanders# (Oxf.) 6. Convents. 7. Sow something sown before. 8. CONTEBIANCANANO (Var. Index).

Down: 1. C. 2. In that degree. 3. Mouth. 4. Member of the Coptic church. 5. Town, Hills co., Ill. 6. Same as COMARBA. 7. WOLASSI (Ind. Hdbk.) 8. GERONTEA (Lemp.) 9. To pronounce incurable. 10. Pertaining to a wing. 11. ARINA (Lemp.) 12. A scar. 13. Var. of STALL. 14. Var. of AIN. 15. 0. Iowa City, Iowa. ARCANUS

2. 3. SQUARES

1. (Guam) Small bitterns. 2. The giants Otus and Ephialtes. 3. Swedish measure, 756 kannor. 4. Character in the Fables of Bidpai. 5. Var. of Adeline. 6. Port, S Lake Tanganyika (N. 1. Gaz) 7. The covering leather left loose at the head and foot of the backbone of a hand-covered book.

1. A Chinese citrus fruit. 2. The bearberry. 3. El Jedida, Moroccan seaport. 4. The black-crowned night heron. 5. Genus of bulbous herbs, related to Scilla. 6. Bible name, pg. 159. 7. Timber tree, Philippine Islands. Princeton, N.J. AL GEBRA

4. DIAMOND

1. W. 2. Tea. 3. Holes# (Oxf.) 4. Jerseys (var.) 5. Head-register tones. 6. (Her.) Knotted cords. 7. Whistling eagle (var.) 8. (Law Latin) Under a different aspect. 9. Senegine (Oxf. var.) 10. Sarking (var.) 11. Seat # (Oxf.) 12. Stew# (Oxf.) 13. E.

Centre Hall, Pa. ARTY ESS

5. 6. SQUARES

1. KNOBKIRIS (Pett. Afr., pg. 261) 2. A mineral of the zeolite family. 3. OTAI RIVER (Barth. Gaz.) 4. Britoner (Oxf.) 5. Korakorras (C.D. Add.) 6. Illinois (Am. Ind.) 7. RIVER ERA (Scr. Bl.) 8. Repetition. 9. SERESSANS (Full.)

Worthing, S. Dak. SHERLOCK HOLMES

1. MASSACARA (Ind. Geog.) 2. Tribe of N. Luzon (N. Std.) 3. Short headings at right angles to a crosscut. 4. SANSATIRO (Cath. Enc.) 5. ASTARIVER (Worc.) 6. Most captive (N. Std.) 7. Anniversary#. 8. One who regresses. 9. Those who assort.

Palm City, Fla. PAT

7. 8. DIAMONDS

1. V. 2. Gun. 3. Var. of GALLI. 4. Calash#. 5. A city of Texas. 6. The Calif. quail. 7. T-square. 8. Fifth. 9. White or gray with age. 10. Nine. 11. L.

1. V. 2. Malay gibbon. 3. Town near Ablessa, Afr. 4. Berated. 5. Like a lion. 6. Calif. quail. 7. Rat poison squill. 8. Mexican liquor. 9. Bantu people of Cameroons. 10. EIL (Oxf.) 11. L.

Denver, Colo. L.D.R.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts in September were: \$1-Numero, L.D.R. \$2-Mannekin, Fubine, Midurdist, Hoodwink. \$3-Fubine, Salome, Alpha, B. Natural, Plantina, Rogor, Comrade, Dhumbb Rhelle, Me Too, Spud, O'Casey, Anti Que, Fort Sumter, Neoteric, Excel C. Orr, Nutmeg, Dis-colog, Fiddle, Phyllis, Cuprite, \$4-Swan, \$5-Freddie, Fred Domino, Sober-Kay, Bunny, Aristotle. \$10-Vesalii; and for Nymph Memorial: \$2-Hoodwink, HoHo, Cuprite. \$3-Nutmeg. \$5-Evergreen, Disk Eyes. \$10-Sue Doe, Neoteric, Arty Ess.

Balance, Sept. 1....	\$829.25
Receipts as above...	158.00
Total.....	\$987.25
R. Natural (Nympho)...	122.00
Conv. allowance....	50.00
October Enigma ptg..	32.99
Stationery.....	3.55
Editorial sec'y....	3.00
Stamps and affidavit	2.00
Total.....	213.54
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CH A T

Hearken to this wail from Ifandor: August Enigma almost broke my feeble little heart! When I saw the answer to the flat that night drove me nuts was manutype, I all but cried, I had thought of that word and it fit just beautifully; but I couldn't find it in Webster, and finally decided that I had invented it. Woe is me! (Those who send flats based on words not in New Int.--and carefully refrain from revealing the fact--cause such grief as that described. The practice isn't fair and should cease.--Ed.)

The 15-year-old son of Sol submits his first puzzle. THIRD is a proper name, and FIRST is a mineral, red or yellow in color. (He must have had a preview of his dad's header.)

We predict a rush for the New Testament when solvers hit No. 2 rebus. Midurdist rings the bell with this.

Vesuvius, scion of the Vesalii, is getting his Master's degree in Chem. Eng. How quickly kids grow up.

HOPE PATERNAL

By SOL

I didn't raise my boy to be a short-stop;
I raised him up to be a puzzle-fan.
But when I lauded Arty Ess's nine,
He said that Arty Ess's might be fine,
But he'd take Leo's Giants, man
for man.

I didn't raise my boy to be a full-back;
I raised him up to join the puzzle-hunt.
But when of Rayle's Reversal I did speak,
He said that ends-around are very weak
Unless you have a speedy half in front.

I didn't raise my boy -- oh, what's the use!
I dreamed he'd be another Herk, of course.
But there are things with which one cannot cope,
So I must cling to yet another hope--
Perhaps my girl will be another Dorse.

CH A T

Kenneth has returned to Clearwater for the winter. Lucky dog!

Moneys for the Nymph Memorial have been sent to B. Natural, to keep them separate from the League funds.

Bob, of New Orleans, returns after a short absence, much to our delight.

Sorta got the hunch I'd spoken out of turn, when I announced retirement of Enmo W. But it's authentic. Says he's been doing a lotta things about his home that have been waiting this sort of leisure.

What with the World Series and attending football matches at his alma mater, 12 miles away, it's a miracle ye Ed. got this issue ready on time.

Windmill has just issued an addendum to his Horological Puzzles of a couple of years ago. It is very interesting.

Evergreen's household goods--which include his puzzle belongings--will be in Banning, Calif., before this issue appears. He says his puzzling has been severely restricted.

Have a pleasant time on the 27th, Krewe.

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Wet Weather.--FOUR AUBCM GR ME OUXH RE MUKC
LEX U XUGWN HUN GM ROC FUN GR BCCZM
XUGWGWT.

New York, N.Y.

FUBINE

2. Fact!--SCOPE UH QATC YGUNCTHOR PEOG RUMC;
CNCTBAGC SUCH, ZYP GAP CNCTBAGC RUNCH.
Chicago, Ill.

SUE DE NYNNE

3. Touching Up.--BASKE'T BAND OT ECYCN HAEC;
KMBKRT TASC PKZOKM UMKZC TWC'T SOTTCH!
Whipple, Ariz.

NUMERO

4. Try It, and See.--EDCAB FGHE JKLMF NOP CBKNO
ZYEF GDX BNEL EGDKE XDKPE JNO MKDAB
VYHFB ABTHOS YOFHC NOEXBK DUFNHOB.
Bastrop, Texas.

HOODWINK

5. Nutty.--POWDER MARYN UTMANL QMRONDK PAL
TONELU TUNY, NOVMRU* PDERAM. OYPBN OYPB
TPSYW, IMB, SQERFP, YPABU, FEY KPMD PY
DUEL SPQO. KMPOXU!
Piedmont, Calif.

EMPTY

6. Queer Food.--PTYDNWU PTYDAXI, BJDWPIV JWSA=
KXQ ITODYW IZBJOGQ ITEWXXJ. GZYNSTV EXB=
FPWV NFZJVT--OXSKZFJ IXYWOZV WJEBYIA
VBPTU AVTJDIXV KTFU.
Minneapolis, Minn.

QUEZNA

CHAT

Well, I've done it again! Omitted Fred Domino's nom on No. 16 and that of Oedipus on No. 18, both in September Enigma. Beg pardon, folks.

Mrs. Wilde takes Alcor as her nom. She had it 15 years ago when she and her dad, Evergreen, attended puzzle meetings in Chicago.

Número comes back with a whoop! If the Krewe doesn't get a guffaw from his header, its funnybone needs some overhauling.

That "off" in No. 20 doesn't mean "detached," but out of synchronism.

Me Too won \$100 in a national limberick contest. Congrats -- lotsuven!

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AN IRREVERENT FAREWELL TO OLD-TIME PUZZLEDOM

By MOLEMI

The puzzlemen penning their "pomes"
When Ruthven was ruling the roost
All sported large cranial domes.
(Or did they?) In boyhood I used
To worship their prowess, seduced
By editors' chat, gay and free.
Their fame I no longer can boost.
It's the '52 puzzles for me!

Gone are those days with the gnomes;
Their gleam and their glow has vanished;
Their empire's in ruins like Rome's;
Their orange insipid and juiced;
Their conflict is ended, or truced;
All of their mystic debris
Into the sewers is sluiced.
It's the '52 puzzles for me!

Vanished their ponderous tomes;
The fame of the formist, "cooked-
goosed":
Disdained is the Autocrat Holmes
In favor of Faulkner and Proust.
The necks of old rimesters are
noosed

In hemp of unyielding degree.
ENIGMA stands, natty and spruced.
It's the '52 puzzles for me!

L'ENVOI

Poor old Arty Fishel you're "shoost"
A hazy, unsung memory.
New Times have their voices unloosed
It's the '52 puzzles for me!

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TRANSATLANTIC NOTES
By ROGER M'GREGOR

If the words of a word-square make a sentence (LEAVE ELLEN ALONE...), I call it a Squared Sentence; and if, in addition, it is a pal, it becomes a Squared Palindrome. As constructing the latter is rather a tall order, it is permissible for a word to run from one line to the next.

There are a number of these in English, mostly 25-letter. My favourite is the obituary notice of an Irish politician who died suddenly during "the troubles." LATE PAT: ONE TO VOTE: NOT A PETAL. The last three words are the emphatic form of "No flowers by request." More rare is the 16-letter variety. Perhaps the Krewe can improve on PAN WAS ON NO SAW, NAP.

In Latin, ROTAS OPERA TENET AREPO SATOR has deservedly had worldwide publicity. It is thought to date back to B.C. times. Recently it has been found that the letters composing it can be rearranged and written along the four arms of a cross as A(1pha) pater noster O(mega), the N in the centre being common to the horizontal and the vertical. Not long ago I decided to do a little work on ROTAS myself, with the following result.

Take a sheet of squared paper, rule off a square of 100 cells, and subdivide it into four 25-cell squares. In each of the squares write in the

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