

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Conniving.--D Z O K M H M L O R R E D O R S E Q W O P G Z G O S Z
O P G W O O Q R Z - K O Q Q R Z F O R B S X M R O P G K X M R
K X H X M R B X S Z X M R B F Z L T R O K X W B.
New York, N.Y. FUBINE
2. Wise Tip.--Z O N L H I C K S D U R A B L Y F N H U J N D U L N -
I U G D, F N X F G B R W N I B L D S N X W. G D N C U G I
F I X B L, R N S S O N U S O N I Y G C Z U I T O B D O N X W.
Bastrop, Texas. HOODWINK
3. Fearful.--U W Y M N X K A T W S C M U V X M U W B Z O Y Z T W H V -
C X Y A C Y A U Z D B R A H V K B A; Z W S V A H K U Z B K C, M S -
C X C Y X B S, T R Y C X P.
Whipple, Ariz. NUMERO
4. Same Old Liquor.--F J G M N P B C, V G J Z E W G N, J N Z P
Y X P M, E H B K M H Z A C. V K H Z E P F Y W, Z X W K * B F W G,
V C J G N F P K X N W V C F J V Y.
Los Angeles, Calif. SOL
5. Conceit.--F J C L S V R V D O E H: E J B M C U P D U I, N V K C -
D H H N F M G B U B P R E, J F U A C I H G N K C N S I. C N T E
A S D H J G N M P D H A E D P A C V L N T P C.
Falls Church, Va. B. NATURAL
6. Daring Duo.--W R A C K S A K I F J Q C, O G V C X Y M Z X Q V Z H -
K G I P J W B R J V C P R H Q X, M W F C Q B S U W Z M C A F,
I K F X G M C B Z P S Z P G A I V J.
SUE DOE

CHAT

Poly died last fall, and although I knew of the matter at the time, I somehow failed to announce it in the Enigma. He was a veteran and a most excellent formist, his 9-squares appearing with great regularity.

The executor of the estate left by Roving Vic writes us that the League is the beneficiary of a gift of \$500. Thus Vic becomes the first member of the Krewe to leave a bequest to the hobby that provided him with so much pleasure. It is earnestly hoped that his fine example will be followed by others to whom Puzzledom has been a cherished association.

Neophyte is no longer a tyro, and so he changes his nom to Billy Bee. We once heard of a chap with that as a front name. His last name was Dand.

With one exception, April solvers sent MISPLACED as the answer to the Orion rebus, and I credited it.

Some solvers said PARASOLS should be the answer to Midurndist's April rebus, but could not see it. He says SO is a synonym of SOL in N.I., and so two SO's are SOLS. Subtle, eh? Er sumpin.

A couple of solvers got PRESIDENT, ENSTRIPED for No. 11 in April and it fit so well that I allowed it--altho ENSTRIPED is coined. Boo-Jee Kay got STIPENDER, which was ingenious.

THE ENIGMA

AUGUST, 1953

CENTRE HALL, PA.

No. 593

HAS IT HAPPENED TO YOU?

By COMRADE

The postman knocks upon my door,
And in the mail he brings,
Amid the bills and circulars,
Enigma, king of kings.

I seize upon it eagerly,
Read all the quips and chat,
Then buckle down to try to solve
Each crypt and form and flat.

First efforts promise some success;
I turn the paper o'er
Until a more propitious time
When I can solve some more.

Yes, there they lie, a goodly pile
That monthly grows apace;
Time stands not still, no sols
are sent,
The hare has lost the race.

The moral, if you care for one,
I here can plainly state:
If you would gladden Arty's heart,
Pray don't procrastinate.

THE ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

Twenty-six puzzlers celebrated the 70th anniversary of the League, July fourth in New York. Ambrose was re-elected president, as he had served but nine months. Scranton was chosen as the meeting-place next Feb. 22.

Oedipus presented a comprehensive tabulation of League meetings, sites

and officers for the past 70 years. It was an interesting document.

Fort Sumter, the only living charter member, was the chief speaker at the banquet, on Saturday evening. He recounted many interesting facts relating to puzzlers and events of the early days of the League. Mr Ree was toastmaster.

After the banquet, an entertaining quiz program, patterned after one by Herb Shreiner, was put on by Ajax and Sylph. No one brought anagram blocks and so there was no word-building to occupy spare moments.

Adagds and Yum Yum, ACA members, were welcome visitors. Meeting at the convention for the first time, Pandora and Yum Yum found out that they worked for the same publishing house in New York.

Evergreen, visiting friends in Chicago and Milwaukee, altered his itinerary to include New York, producing glad surprise when he appeared.

Poly's lists and files of old puzzle papers were on display. They are the property of the League, and are now in the hands of Ajax. A partial list of the puzzle papers is as follows: The Eureka, 1902-3; The Formist, 1901-2; The Oracle, 1905-1910; also 1896-99; Ardmore Puzzler, 1899-1909, almost complete.

This material will be given--yes, given--to League members if they pay

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packing and postage. Requests should go to Ajax (Hardy Ropes, 44 Farley Road, Scarsdale, N.Y.).

Some of the folks went to a broadcast of "Give and Take," and N. Jinnear won a number of Cannon products. Sometimes puzzling pays!

Fubine plastered the walls with a new lot of his ingenious mathematical wonders, which caused the viewers to drop their jaws in sheer amaze.

A solving contest was held one afternoon. It featured flats by several oldtime masters, along with modern ones by Oedipus and other Riddlers. Ben Ami won top place against a fast-running field.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FLATS

(This report is condensed, as it alluded to tables covering ten-year periods from 1933 to 1953, and the tables could not well be shown here.--Ed.)

While anagrams and antigrams have held the number one spot, the number of puzzlers who construct them has fallen from 55 to 29 or 30. D.C. Ver was anagram king in the early 30's. Awl Wrong led in 1943, followed by Ayeaye Kay. Fred Domino had not, apparently, gotten his anagram blocks in 1943, but in 1952-53 his almost "nine-a-month" schedule netted him a grand total of 92 published -- two-thirds of them all. Pat and Emmo W. had the only other sizeable numbers printed.

While transposals have just about held their own, rebuses have gained in popularity. Charades, especially phonetic charades, have declined in numbers, while letter changes, word deletions, palindromes, and enigmas have grown in number of examples and of contributors. No spoonergrams were published in 1933 or 1943.

In 1933, the work of constructing flats was shared by 99 of the Krewes; but in 1952-53, sixty loyal puzzlers did all of the work -- 15% more work than in 1933. Twenty oldtimers were responsible for half the total number of flats. Today the contributors are more prolific and more versatile than in either 1933 or 1943.

A disturbing trend is the decrease in number of contributors as against previous years. This trend has also been recognized in the smaller solv-

ers' list. But an encouraging aspect is the assuming of the heavier load by fewer contributors. If this condition continues, the Enigma should be filled with a fully satisfactory assortment of flats.

It is our opinion that the quality of the flats currently appearing in the Enigma is of a high order. When we have such masters as Dorse, Molemi, Fred Domino, Rayle Rhoder -- to mention a few -- as regular contributors, how can the quality be other than of the highest?

Our plea is for variety. Arty Ess could use more acrostics, literatims, alternades, trinades, enigmas, and riddles. These should offer our contributors a fertile field for their ingenuity and give the solvers wider variety.

Osaple, Chairman

Grulla, Hardest Worker

ALAS, ALACK, SIR!

When Fred Domino verses up a list, With many many noms he packs 'er -- One pseudonym alone is missed, Because you cannot rhyme "Ixaxar."

In rhyme and meter Molemi is strict; In listing noms he is much laxer. One nom I know he's never picked, Because you cannot rhyme "Ixaxar."

Though Arty Ess in form's a poet -- On this it cannot be the facts err -- One nom alone he leaves inchoate, Because you cannot rhyme "Ixaxar."

Oh, Prince, perhaps you've lost the knack, Sir! Because you cannot rhyme

Baldwin, N.Y.

IXAXAR

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts for June were: \$2.50-Sea King. \$3-Martelia, Daft, Captain To, Rayle Rhoder, Sue de Nymme, Roger G. M'Gregor \$5-Midurndist Sakr-el-Bahr, Amor, Sherlock Holmes. \$6-Sober-Kay. \$10-Jemand, Orion.

Balance, June 1.....\$769.49
Receipts as above... 76.50
Total..... \$845.99

Conv. allowance..... 50.00
Ptg. July Enigma.... 34.52
Editorial sec'y..... 3.00
Postal cards..... 1.00
Typewriter ribbon... 1.00
Total..... 89.52

Balance, July 1..... \$756.47

PENETRALIA

Standard authorities: New International, 2nd Ed.; Century Atlas; and Phillips's 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. Observer. 2. Visit. 3. As printed. 4. Be beneath you. 5. Benefited. 6. Rosinante. 7. Second row, reckoned so. 8. Lifelong. 9. Mustang, musang. 10. Sucker. 11. Maypoling, Pygmalion. 12. Coroneted. 13. Tailors' sales, sailors' tales. 14. Creptation. 15. Waiting room. 16. Oblique. 17. Carapace. 18 Red roses run no risk, sir, on nurse's order. 19. Managed. 20. Hoggerel, doggerel. 21. Damask. 22. Groan, grown. 23. Tenpins, spinet.

1. By Zordo. 2. By Sue de Nymme.

D	P
WAS	PRY
TINET	FREED
WILDASH	PREPARE
DANDELION	PREPARING
SEALING	YEAROLD
TSINE	DRILL
HOG	END
N	G

3, 4. By Arty Ess.

CORPS	DEB	BALLET	P
OVERPOP	ULOUS	F	
RESERVANCES		PEG	
PRECIEUSES		MOSE	
SPRINKLES		MOSTO	
DOVEKIES		MERTIN	
EPAULET		BUSTING	
BUNSES		MUSCULAR	
ALCES		MESCHALLA	
LOES		MORTUARIES	
LUS		POSTILLIONS	
ES		FESTINALENTE	
T		PIGEONGRASSES	

CHAT

The following from Nypho files can be had from I See (Mrs. Ida E. Cope, 5300 S.W. 67th Ave., Miami, Fla.): Enigma, 1913-52 (1st 12 yrs. bound); Ardmore Puzzler, 1902-09; 3-letter word-lists; 68 odd copies of Forms, 1908 to 1916; McGinty, Balmar, Maud Lynn and Ernest memorials; odd copies of Enigma to complete files.

piners, spin, nip, in I. 24. Heading, leading, beading, reading. 25. Legislature. 26. Suction, cousin. 27. Night, sight. 28. Weather. 29. Familiarity breeds contempt. 30. The building materials. 31. Gastroenteritis. 32. Birthday suits. 33. Confirmed bachelors. 34. The classified information. 35. A double indemnity policy. 36. Animated cartoon. 37. New York, the Empire State. 38. West Virginia, the Mountain State. 39. Wisconsin, the Badger State. 40. Arizona, the Grand Canyon State. 41. Arkansas, the Wonder State. 42. Delaware, the Diamond State. 43. Iowa, the Hawkeye State. 44. Indiana, the Hoosier State. 45. Kansas, the Sunflower State.

1. One red king and half the jacks... 2. Cargo: Shipload rum. Shipworm... 3. Boatmen, lazy nomads, drift down... 4. Countryfolk enjoy fair sideshow... 5. Negro beau, ebon houri, mid riant 6. Pilots skywrite under platinum...

5. By Sherlock Holmes.

B
AQ
TUO
BATTICOTTA
QUIUQUUHS
OCQUAGAS
OUARGLA
TUGGLING
THALIACEA
ASSANCALEE
GEL
AE
E

6. By Sakr-el-Bahr.

7. By Pat.

KAMTCHANG	JADERBERG
ARAYRIVER	ALEDEALER
MADRONERA	DEVOSLAVA
TYRRANNES	EDOCEATES
CROATIANS	RESEISERS
HINNATIERS	BALASTRES
AVENATEST	ELATERINE
NERENESSE	REVERENCE
GRASSSTEM	GRASSSEED

Sue de Nymme sent a 22-2-0 list of May sols too late to be included on page 7, except by retyping it.

Dorse had a double-page display in July Vogue, including a pair of Fubine's geometrics.

Can anyone name a sure-fire method of adding to our numbers? The trend toward decrease must be reversed, or we're sunk!

NEW PUZZLES

1. REBUS (5,5,6)

Sept. 1st

Young August and his brother Jock
Went out to hunt for deer;
They were not expert hunters
But claimed to have no fear.
Out round a tree leaped the big-
gest bear

August had ever met.
He took to flight, and brother Jock
Took REBUS, you can bet.

Attleboro, Mass. CAPTAIN TO

2. REBUS (7)

88888. 88888
(The dots denote that some 8's have
been omitted. If all were printed,
there would be 200 of them)

'Twas not by helicopter,
And not by sudden flight,
That tall man REBUS reached
By toiling through the night.

St. Petersburg, Fla. FIDDLE

3. REBUS (4,4,4)

H T F

A poor boy of the city's slums,
Pale, undersized, unhealthy,
But now, a man, he goes and comes,
A leader 'mong the wealthy.
He used ambition, hard work, pluck,
And REBUS he pulled in Good Luck.

Bolivar, W. Va. RAYLE RHODER

4. REBUS (2,4,5)

II HS

Now, surely, much trouble you are
spared;
Here's the answer, "already pre-
pared".

Iowa City, Iowa. ARCANUS

5. REBUS (3,6, 11)

N DTII

Listen to the pupils
In school o'er U.S.A.,
Oft repeat precisely
The "Flag's Salute" today;
Hear "I pledge allegiance. . ."
Voices proudly say
Toward the ending, . . . REBUS" . .
'Tis America's way.

Falls Church, Va. B. NATURAL

6. REHEADING (8)

How to choose a president,
How best compromise with labor --
Questions ONE, since every man
Calmly leaves them to his neighbor.
Wages up means happy WHOLE,
Prices up means pinch each nickel,
Stopping dear inflation's run --
Ah, it's there our statesmen
stickle.

Politicians can't agree
On a simple, fair solution.
Toward advice to help them see,
This would be our contribution:

O'er these stanzas, herewith TWO,
Let them ponder, pore and study;
Mental cobwebs must be cleared --
Politics is mixed up, buddy.

Banning, Calif. EVERGREEN

7. RIDDLE (6)

If you will use but one third of
your ration,
Then dig up two bits and throw
it away,
You will have left, by transmogi-
fication,
One furry rodent. (Just one,
did I say?)

Middleville, Mich. M. U. LATER

8. ACROSTICAL ONEGRAM (6)

(Five-letter words)

1. A rich man he, who went to hell.
2. Sinks to the depths inside a
shell.

1. A warrior took to prove his met-
tle.

2. A crusty coat inside a kettle.

1. Is any fungus skin disease.
2. Fits forks--perhaps cheval-de-
frise.

MY FIRST is just a springy place,
MY LAST a menace free men face.
WHOLE from this sort of atrocity
The average puzzler hopes to be.

Franklin, N.H. CHET

9. MUTATION (6,5,3,4,7)

Acrobatic girlish figure saves her
lover's life, despite
Lord Protector's cruel edict. SUN
LOW! FARTHER! CLING ON TIGHT!

St. Louis, Mo. MOLENI

10. CHARADE (8)

The Army gives an I.Q. test
To all the ONE inducted;
They SECOND up the scores--at best
A lot of credit is deducted,
But the ALL deficient with the rest
To "Boot Camp" are conducted.

Baldwin, N.Y.

11. THIRD AND FOURTH LETTER CHANGE(8)

The spinster scolded stormily
When two young lads informally
Employed the irrigation ditch
To swim in. Clothing? Not a stitch!
Those two raps-calls should be
flayed!

And I a lonely ONE old maid!"
(She saw them -- 'twas no fault
of hers --

While peering through binoculars.)

Now which would you call ONE?

Which TWO?

The naked youngsters, or the shrew?
Pearblossom, Calif. ALQUETTE

12. CHARADE (8)

I
A hanger-on, or parasite.

II
Of dazzling lustre, shining? Right!

WHOLE
Committed oft in dead of night.

Mason, Mich. LARRY

13. HOMONYM

William White dislikes the stage;
He'd let no actor thrive;
All 9's he'd destroy in rage;
Yes, any play leaves *4 5.

Iowa City, Iowa. ARCANUS

14. WORD DELETION (7; 3,4)

My projecting shopfront on Miami
Beach

Attracts tourists galore within
easy reach;

But I rued it each hurricane
season.

Till a well-made COMPLETE all around
the TWO,

That could be bolted on when the
gales were due,

Won my ONE with the wind, saved
my reason.

Arlington, Va. IFANDOR

15. PHONETIC CHARADE (5)

Sign is down. Is ONE concluded?
Hope that no one was deluded.

See the deer at the salt SECOND;
Its zest from afar has beckoned.

Females, you are not desired;
TOTAL law says males required.

New York, N.Y. CASSANDRA

16. ALPHAGRAM (6)

17. ALPHAGRAM (4)

Alas, our home was filled with fear;
Our little dog had PRIMAL.

But now our home is filled with
cheer;

Our little cat has FINAL.

Los Angeles, Calif. SOL JR.

18. TRANSPOSAL (5)

Up in the sky a FIRST sails past --
I'd sail away too if only I LAST!

Wilmington, Del. BOO-JEE KAY

19. REVERSAL (8)

For dinner? Oh, thanks; what fun!
Sweet ONE I like? My favorite one
Is mincemeat pie.

Hi yi! Cannot lie!

Have TWO the fact. Hope to die!

Whipple, Ariz. NUMERO

20. SIXTH LETTER CHANGE (7)

Sometimes things are not just what
you may think;

ONE, gold-colored alloy of copper
and zinc.

And TWO, extending this imitation
theme --

Things are not always just what they
may seem.

Baltimore, Md. ATLAS

21. PALINDROME

You should see my new bonnet for
Easter;

It's a poem, a dream of a thing.
On Sunday, in church at St. Mary's

I'll look/sing.

London, England. ROGER M'GREGOR

22. BEHEADING (6)

Taking a ONE, they hurried into town
To buy more cloth before it all was
sold.

The streets were crowded and the
walking bad;

Snow was falling fast and it was
cold.

She consulted her TWO; they had
more things to do

And time was precious, so they hustled on.
Luck was with them and they did it all,
And made the bus; they feared it would be gone.

Ferndale, Mich.

ALLEZ

23. HOMONYM

The last of the Mohicans
Directed to his foe
An EIGHT about his passing --
He knew he had to go.
"If I should THREE, ONE FIVE,"
He said, "would end its history.
The last to go ends all," said he;
That is no mystery."

Williamsport, Pa.

CRYPTOX

24. PALINDROME

McGregor's palindromes are truly
spectacular,
Deserving an "Oscar" in the stage's
vernacular.
I am certain that Thedom is perfectly
willing
To give him an honorable "00" "00" billing.

Whitestone, N.Y.

OEDIPUS

25. TRANSPOSAL (6)

By lovely flowers I am beguiled;
Today I found ONE growing wild.

The artist was a man most TWO,
His work distinctive and TWO, too.

"Train is due -- you'd better hurry;
THREE, passengers; start to worry!"

Dearie, don't FOUR the house you
rent;

Disaster then is imminent.

The FIVE colors you have seen
Are Mother Nature's gifts, I ween.

Canaseraga, N.Y.

NAT PAL

ANAGRAMS

26. DO ROGUES ENDORSE THAT? NO,
NEVER (3,4,4,8,7)

London, England. ROGER M'GREGOR

27. I CAN SELL THEM BEST RAIMENT
(10 13)

28. GETS VOICE IN AIR, DEAR (1,5,9,3)

29. WE EARN, GET SHARE (3,4,7)

30. TRUE, VALIANT ARMY WON HEROIC
ERA (3, *8, 13, 3)

31. E'EN WEAR THAT BE

32. STAR, MOON NEAR (2, 10)

33. HE GIANTS AND BORN BIG
(3, *15)

34. THEIR ART'S CAUSTIC (3, 13)
35. THERE TO CASH IN (3,5,5)

Corinth, Miss.

FRED DOMINO

1, 2. DIAMONDS

1. A 2. A mineral spring. 3. Vehement outcry. 4. Comanchean. 5. Of an apostle. 6. An automobile cab. 7. Robe reaching the ankles. 8. A beak. 9. C.

(Deceased)

CORA VAN APPLE

1. A. 2. Made. 3. Pl. of LEX. 4. Pl. of DECRETUM 5. Charcoal prepared for making gunpowder. 6. Those who deem. 7. An account of some event. 8. Letters R. 9. E.

Los Angeles, Calif.

ZORDO

3, 4. SQUARES

1. Branch of mechanics that treats of equilibrium of forces. 2. A workman or machine that tenons. 3. Idiocy. 4. A slight footing. 5. Unsubstantial. 6. (Anglo-Ir.) A visit. 7. (Hinduism) A rite in which balls of rice are offered to ancestors.

1. Alloys consisting essentially of copper and zinc. 2. Islands, 300 SE Fiji. 3. One who practices mobbism. 4. A teacher of the Bible. 5. (Hawaii) The Indian shot. 6. Large Italian chest with hinged lid. 7. Hindu widows who cremate themselves on funeral piles of their husbands.

Princeton, N.J.

AL GEBRA

5, 6. DIAMONDS

1. G. 2. Coil. 3. Linotypes (cant). 4. A tongue-like pendant. 5. To till in the winter. 6. Tawdry ornament. 7. A gratuity. 8. Presses together. 9. Ranks. 10. Jay. 11. D.

SUE DOE

1. M. 2. Advertisements (colloq.) 3. Shudder (Dial. Eng.) 4. The bush vetch. 5. Plants characterized by fragrant smells. 6. One of the Seven Council Fires of the Sioux (2347) 7. A septum. 8. Sets of chessmen. 9. (Sp. Law) Suits. 10. Male child. 11. N.

Falls Church, Va.

B. NATURAL

7, 8. SQUARES

1. TASNA PASS (E.B.) 2. Behaviour. 3. Squillas. 4. A saint after whom one is named (Oxf.) 5. River of Asia, boundary between Elisabethpol and Persia. 6. PANAIKERE (Times At.) 7. An antitoxin to a venom. 8. Pictur-

esque views. 9. SESTRENSK (Blackie).
Worthing, S. Dak. SHERLOCK HOLMES

1. Wife of a bishop. 2. Iterance# (Oxf.) 3. Sterlings (1st Ed.) 4. About this#. 5. ORLARIER (Worc.) 6. PAINIMERI (Strat.) 7. ENNEVELIN (Full.) 8. Views of picturesque spots. 9. SESTRINSK (Blackie).

Palm City, Fla.

PAT

CH A T

Hyphens at ends of lines in crypts denote breaks in words.

Of his crypt Cryptox says: "If you print this, you have less sense than the decoded solution." Well, it does change the subject rather abruptly, but the uniform pattern of the words is its Achilles heel.

A solver writes: "I nominate Nos. 8 and 9, May, as flats with little-known words that are fairly clued."

No. 23 in July is a transposal of a 4-letter word. It was misnamed.

MAY SOLVERS

EVERYTHING: B. Natural, Daft, Sol, Sue Doe, Empty, Sol Jr., Nollid, X. Specked, Evero, Numero.

FLATS: Complete, 42-Lady Lila, Salome, Orion, Alpha, Dunroven, Genesian, Billy Goat. 41-Hoodwink, Allez, Zordo. 40-Nutmeg. 39-Pacifico. 38-I. N. Joyum, Chet. 37-Dhumbb Bhelle, Emmo W. 36-Ifandor. 35-Fiddle. 32-Boo-Jee Kay. 31-Evergreen, Osaple, Bick. 30-Atlas. 29-Easy, Jim Bill. 27-Comrade, Oslo, Oedipus. 25-Captain To. 21-Amor. 19-Jemand, Excel C. Orr. 17-Midurdist, Molemi, Cuprite. 16-Grulla. 10 or less-Patristocrat, Sherlock Holmes.

FORMS: Complete, 7-Lady Lila, Nutmeg, Hoodwink, Fiddle, Oslo, Bick, Jim Bill, Cuprite, Sherlock Holmes. 6-Billy Goat. 5-Captain To. Less than 5-Easy, Jemand, Atlas, Excel C. Orr.

CRYPTS: Complete, 6-Reynard, Hoodwink, I. N. Joyum. 3-Zordo, Oedipus. 2-Pacifico, Fiddle, Genesian, Dunroven, Billy Goat. 1-Lady Lila, Nutmeg, Comrade, Dhumbb Bhelle, Bick, Easy, Captain To, Amor, Cuprite, Sherlock Holmes, Alpha.

Total solvers, 50. Rayle Rhoder's POTBELLIED linkade was chosen as the best flat.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FORMS

The master event of the form world was the king-size March Enigma, with the extra space devoted to a magnificent Rokeby star by Sherlock, a fine compound diamond by Arty and two marvelous cushion squares by the Off, Ed. Just why Arty and Sherlock deemed it necessary to defray the added costs involved is beyond the added costs we feel that an occasional bonus issue is a wonderful idea and it could not be better utilized than to show such outstanding formistry. We are confident that the Krewe would cheerfully finance such special fare.

We are extremely pleased to report that our pleas for fresh noms in the forms department have been heeded. Sober-Kay, Dorse and Sol Jr. all mastered the 7-square by way of breaking the ice. The Griffin scored with an oddity--a palindromic diamond on REDIVIDER. Sue de Nymme, Fiddle, and Zordo made debuts with diamonds, and B. Natural showed three diamonds, the best of which was the one on WAKKA-MOOWEE; L.D.R. featured VALLEY FORGE and VALLEY QUAIL in diamonds.

The 9-square was amply represented, four times by Pat, twice by Sherlock and thrice by Sakr-el-Bahr. Arcanus and Pat took care of the pyramid, the most intriguing base being the former's LORD RANTAM'S SHEEP. Arty displayed four halvesquares, our favorite being TO GET ONE'S GOAT. Pat succeeded in doubling the 13-halvesquare and tossed in an 8-square on KDYSJSEM, of all things! Arcanus, Sakr, Arty and Sherlock showed 13-diamonds; noteworthy were Sakr's TOM-AND-JERRIED, and Sherlock's ESPRIT DE CORPS, Sherlock, the most prolific of the veterans, also contributed a 13-pentagon, a double inverted enneagon, and a double 8-square. Al Gebra continued his inimitable treatment of the 7-square with 12 more of the same, it is difficult to select a particular one as best; all were excellent. Most appealing to the committee was that odd one on OIIOIIO.

Sue Doe, Chairman;

Hoodwink, Arty Ess

CH A T

The Nypho memorial, "A Nyphonium", has been sent to all members. It is filled with wit and wisdom from that outstanding puzzler. Enjoy it!

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. No Wonder.--S UNYAM SAP CDEEFF GDNO MGPPN.
HPMM SHF EDKON LHNDE NOPDA RESX DM
USEEFF S CADKON; NOPH NOPX CDKON.
New York, N.Y.

FUBINE

2. Double Trouble.--A NOOKD BPGGRJ. CSEETL, DTJJRU
ENRRLV FTXXOY. GRFFON, DASSUF, ASKKRJ
DTBBRN-HOOURJ, JNPPLV-KSLLRJ, CPNNSJ KOD-
DSR. BOHHRN? LTMMKR!
Williamsport, Pa.

CRYPTOX

3. No Take-Off.--BMFSU HJSMT! NPSP0: UIBU XIJDI,
JO XJOUPS UJNF, XPNFO XPVME0'U IBWF TP
NBOZ DPMET JG UIFZ QVU.
Whipple, Ariz.

NUMERO

4. "Git Up!"--CAUGHT MGULFWINE AWBNDYA JNGYP
ILGX. GNCW LMUE SLIM INTX WXNTCASUEF
WPJSHT BUSY.
Bastrop, Texas.

HOODWINK

5. Out of the Park.--W IELD KNOBS AJEIS PCSQF. BQ-
FCD BQIHA MINAG JNSWB. CPTJS CPQHS RN-
TLA WQIRT, MCD0A BEFTI CMERT MQDWB, BT-
HJA CNPTA AWEIT.
Falls Church, Va.

B. NATURAL

6. Good Going.--Q UGJB VIZO YKWFVJQ EPCGI AKFU-
JZH IBFLKJ JQLBWC PGM. LBWVKOVAG: QGBUCA
ZPCTFQ QPISZW.

SUE DOE

CHAT

Her 7-year-old nephew gave Boo-Jee
Kay her keywords. Smart kid!

I'm not sure that Roger's No. 26 is
clueful, but it's a clever arrange-
ment of an old saw.

This month Fred Domino gets credit
for his anagrams. In June I omitted
his nom from the "States" annies.

It's good to see Comrade back with
us again -- especially with a header.

Hoodwink uses a reformed spelling
in his crypt, but it is in New Int.

Número helpfully advises me: "Tigh
nime fer ye to gut the crass. See
that ur mawn lower has blarp shades.
Crow mosswise, and keep them stroaz
rate. Twuttin it kice is exerful wroaz-
dersize." Er--well, thanks, old top!

B. Nat's rebus ought to have been
in the July issue, but I overlooked
its appositeness.

If you don't chuckle at Alouette's
flat, you should have your chuckler
examined for misfiring.

Sol Jr. hands us a double-barreled
curiosity -- one flat, two answers.

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EPITAPH

By MOLINI

Here lies a humble Puzzler within
this lowly bed;
He never served the N. P. L. as its
Official Ed.
He seldom tried to write a flat --
he wasn't wise or witty;
He never got appointed to a big
top-shelf Committee.
Yet when he died and showed his pass-
port at the Pearly Gate,
The Sentinel, St. Peter, didn't even
make him wait!
An Escort formed of Angels -- ten
pairs of wings, at least --
With trumpets sounding, seated him
high in the Heavenly East.
St. Peter said, "A man like that
you simply can't refuse;
They never had to ask him twice
to pay Enigma dues!"

TRANSATLANTIC NOTES

By ROGER M'GREGOR

The Enigma uses two types of puz-
zle that are new to me -- good ones,
too -- but I search in vain for the
Letter Shift. It is the crypt's only
offshoot. An example is SLEER, which
becomes TIFFS if for each letter the
next in alphabetical order is substi-
tuted. Clues are given in verse, and
if mutation is used also, word length

can be indicated, altho five letters
seems to be the maximum. A mutation
example is: TIM, PAT, TEX, LEA, PIE.
If five strips of cardboard are pre-
pared, with the alphabet written ver-
tically once-and-a-half, labour can
be saved in composing and solving.

In February, 1950, a picture ap-
peared in the New York Times of Mon-
sieur Andre Paul O, with the shortest
surname in France. As he lived less
than 100 km. from a village named Y,
a letter suggesting taking him there
the next fête-day for another photo
seemed my manifest duty. This idea
found favour with the London office,
but whether the journey was ever made
I do not know. Altho in a foreign
tongue, you'll admit N. O A Y makes
a dandy caption.

Speaking of names, it is interest-
ing to note that the chronograph for
Elizabeth II is LIII. Queen Elizabeth
I's chronograph, tho only a few years
out, was nearer her sister Mary's
coronation year.

Years ago, when the days seemed
longer, I tackled two problems which
may be of interest to others. Queer
words, like bdellium, ptarmigan, and
mnemonic, set me wondering just how
many two-letter combinations could
be found beginning words in all lan-
guages, i.e., Aaron, able, act, add,
&c. As I had access to plenty of gaz-
etteers and lexicons at the British
Museum library, with plenty of sur-
names in the Catalogue (1500 thick
volumes each quite a weight to lift.

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