

## 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.

## THE ENIGMA

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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!"  
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## 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

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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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have been deposited in the library  
of the Franklin Institute, Philadel-  
phia, where they may be consulted by  
anyone interested.

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Arty Ess has five entries, Quefanon (seventeen) I thought I would answer my own question.

Out of the possible 676, I listed about 500, with another 50 if transcriptions from other alphabets are allowed. Much that was unexpected, if not unaccountable, awaited me -- a dozen or more words commence with FI, yet innocent-looking UO is shunned by every nation, tho there are three in existence if you can find them. I have found all the Z's except ZO and ZX.

The other problem will appeal only to the mathematically minded, but as no doubt many readers find these of interest, perhaps space may be granted me, if I am brief. The idea came thru checking the statement that all numbers but two can be expressed as the sum of eight or fewer cubes. What, I wondered, was the lowest number which could not be expressed as the sum or product of the nine integers? The nine digits can be added and multiplied together, no figure appearing twice in the same sum, in thousands of ways, but what is the smallest number which cannot be shown as the answer to such a sum, if subtraction and division are not permitted? Thus far, I have solved all numbers thru 16630, but I think 16631 impossible. I would like to know if anyone else has worked on this problem.

A, B, Z'S

By IFANDOR

A Third-Letter Change was almost complete

When slowly it dawned on me  
That FLAUNT and FLOUT are lovely words,

But not similar, I finally see.

Another day, seeking a word deletion,  
I was struck with IN-TIMID-ATE;  
With a verse half done, I began to suspect

That I couldn't spell INNATE!

But the one which really broke my heart

Was a charade which seemed the best  
Till was fatally proved to me that  
It failed to pass Webster's test.

Oh, woe is me, and black the day!  
If only I could spell!

Then puzzle-making would sure be fun  
Instead of more like -- well!

# FURTHER COMMENTS

By ORION

This puzzler has been interested in arithmetical, mechanical and word puzzles since childhood. Golden Days, St. Nicholas, Sam Loyd and others always intrigued me, but the puzzle has ever been a personal challenge, not something to be solved in collusion with others. I realize that life in this day and age is different, and we are dependent upon one another; but solo solving is my way of retaining some individuality. To those who like letter writing, and have the time to correspond with other puzzlers, I say "Go to it." No doubt you derive considerable pleasure from it or you would not do it.

I have very little time for puzzling and when all I needed for complete flats for May issue was Sol's No. 8, my reading suffered badly. I looked up every K sound in the dictionary that I could think of, without success, and then sent in PECCA VI (peck, cavie) as an answer, but knowing the guy had thrown me. This was the only time that I was, to quote Hoodwink, "striving after that little asterisk." I could have kicked myself afterward for wasting so much time.

But why all the fuss? I am inclined to take, and have taken in the past, Chet's view. You don't, necessarily, have to solve them. So, why worry? What you have solved you have solved yourself, so you add a star, whether it is five, ten, twenty or what not. Some months, I have solved a number of puzzles and failed to send in the answers. So what? I solved them.

In references to puzzlers from time to time I fail to note the nom of L. M. N. Terry. It was Terry who introduced me to Enigma, back in 1923. In my book he was THE puzzler par excellence. No puzzler was, or has been since his demise, as versatile. If he chose, he could send a complete list every month, his flats were models, and he contributed 8-letter squares, 9-letter rhomboids, 15-letter diamonds, 17-letter pyramids, and crypts. Not like poor me, he was never at a loss for the proper word to use at any time or in any place.

In the future, let us throw more bouquets and fewer brickbats.

The verses by Oedipus form a reply to a recent header by Dorse.

# PENETRALIA

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## JULY SOLUTIONS

1. Sandblast. 2. Solano. 3. Twiners. 4. Impaired. 5. Unmatched. 6. Repeatedly. 7. Good and bad join in giving. 8. Siberia. 9. Asquirm. 10. Cosiness. 11. Leopard, paroled. 12. Curtilages.

1. By Sherlock Holmes.

J E  
R O X A  
S E R A N G  
T E N D R A R A  
P E N T A C T I N E  
M A N G A N E I S E N S  
C O R N E L I A N T R E E S  
C O N T I N E N T A L D R I V E  
R O S S S L A R G E E Y E D S E A L

- 2, 3. By Al Gebra.

Q U A R T I C	C H O P P E D
U N T E A C H	H A R R A R I
A T T A L E A	O R V I N I O
R E A D A P T	P R I D I A N
T A L A R I A	P A N I S C I
I C E P I C K	E R I A C H S
C H A T A K A	D I O N I S E

4. By Arcanus.

B  
G O B  
M A R E B  
T O R I L E S  
C O R S A I N T S  
C O N T O R N I A T E  
P O R T O M A G G I O R E  
J A S M I N E B I N D W E E D

Dear Arty,

Way down here where it's hot as Hell,  
Deep in the heart of Texas,  
Look! Molemi and Bill Bell,  
Deep in the heart of Texas,  
Watch the marching airmen go,  
Five miles west of the Alamo.  
Just a line to say "Hello"  
From deep in the heart of Texas.

Fraternally,  
BILL BELL, MOLEMI

gesticular, scutiger, 13. Hearth. 14. We'll let dad tell Lew. 15. Goner. 16. Blunderbuss. 17. Teacher, cheat-er. 18. B-loll-y. 19. Fathomage. 20. Forget, forger. 21. Billboard. 22. Recently. 23. Shipmates, steamship. 24. This, his, is. 25. Pendant. 26. Sand bank, band sank. 27. English literature. 28. Marijuana cigarettes. 29. The furniture stores. 30. A grand opera star. 31. The grass widow. 32. Horse opera. 33. The house of correction. 34. Filling stations. 35. The foundation garments.

1. Beatifically balmy grande dame... 2. When crypt solving becomes oner-. 3. Shipyard chump snapshot kitchen-. 4. Dumb poet, smug vamp, upgo knob-. 5. Woeful plight: Hoyden mix albe it. 6. Pyknic kidsman, wrongful gaolbird

5. By B. Natural.

6. By Sue Doe.

O  
W Y S  
P A S T S  
P O S T I L S  
W A S T E R N U T S  
O Y S T E R G R E E N F  
S T I N G A R E E S S I B  
S L U R R E D S A R O D  
S T E E D S P L E N I C  
S E E S A L I C I T U M  
N F I R E C R A C K E R  
B O N E A C H E S  
D I T C H E S  
C U K E S  
M E S  
R

7. By Sakr-el-Bahr.

8. By Pat.

T A I L B A N D S A B A K H A N A R  
A N T I A N I R A B A R I O L A G E  
I T U E R I V E R A R A T R A T E S  
L I E S O M E S T K I T T E N I N G  
B A R O N I S S I H O R E S T O N E  
A N I M I R T I N A L A N T I N E S  
N I V E S T O N E N A T I O N I S T  
D R E S S I N G S A G E N N E S I A  
S A R T I N E S T R E S G E S T A E

## CHAT

We heartily welcome Mrs. Benson of Westwood, Mass.: Mrs. McGay (RON GAY) of Tulsa, Okla.: and A. M. Noel of Springfield, Mass.

Si, on vacation in England's lovely Lake District, promises to return to the States for a visit this fall.

The return of C. Kerr after several years is reason for rejoicing. She will again become a New Yorker late in the year. Riddlers, take notice!

## NEW PUZZLES

1. REBUS (9)  
F D

The horse is shod, also the mare;  
The little colt of course runs bare.  
Baltimore, Md. ORION

2. REBUS (2,3,4,2,4)  
D RO TRUO

Whenever a man surrenders  
To Satan's alluring wiles  
He's REBUS, sir, I'm telling you,  
And clipping off the miles.  
Bastrop, Texas. HOODWINK

3. REBUS (5)  
O

Without a change, just let it stand;  
A verdant spot in arid land.  
Baldwin, N.Y. IXAXAR

4. REBUS (7) *emulate*  
ABCDEFGHIJKLNOQRSTUVWXYZMU

I REBUS all our best contri-  
butions (By this I mean the Krewe).  
I try to find a good one,  
But they are all too few.  
Williamsport, Pa. CRYPTOX

5. REBUS (10)  
R E

If you should suddenly be I,  
And I should suddenly be you,  
Your conduct REBUS might imply  
(If you should suddenly be I),  
That you were quite a decent guy.  
But I'd be in a nasty stew  
If you should suddenly be I,  
And I should suddenly be you!  
Pearblossom, Calif. ALOUETTE

6. TRANSPOSAL (9)

Since centuries past when Life  
was begun,  
This tired old earth Man unceas-  
ingly ONE.  
Our scientists ponder and pundits  
take heed --  
From where shall come food these  
millions to feed?

Remember the woman in Oxford, long  
dead,  
Who gave her poor children their  
broth without bread?

There might come a day -- perish the  
thought! --  
When verily even the TWO contains  
naught!

Los Angeles, Calif. SOL

7. PHONETIC CHARADE (8)

ONE would delve in mystery,  
Stump the wisest, here you be!  
Join the TWO\* and have a share  
In the mystic doings there.  
Not THREE artifice or trick  
Posed by Harry, Mame or Dick  
Will defeat your solving sense.  
Come on in -- the show's immense!  
Ruffian or ALL, stay out!  
We want none of you about.  
Centre Hall, Pa. ARTY ESS

8. HETERONYM (4) *base*

A C-note is dough, sheet music a  
snore,  
And footnotes from shoehorns may  
burst;  
The ump knows the pitch, the fans  
watch the score,  
But batters all want to sing FIRST.  
The fisherman hopes to play a TWO  
soon, a  
Flying fish often will top high  
sea,  
And the only possible way to tuna  
Fish is to open the can with a key  
Middleville, Mich. M. U. LATER

9. CHARADE (8)

TWO we laughed and held our ONE  
At the TOTAL, House of Fun!  
Mason, Mich. LARRY

10. TERMINAL ELISION (5) *cloth*

Sky pilot in truth is our Fiddle,  
And not metaphorically;  
But had, in the past,  
The FIRST been his LAST  
He might have been Fiddle, D. D.  
Franklin, N.H. CHET

11. PALINDROME

Aunt Sally is thrilled with her  
TV set,  
At some of the "shows" she fairly  
shouts.  
She goes for athletic and sporting  
events --  
Especially heavyweight boxing  
bouts.

In September of nineteen fifty-two  
When the title changed hands in a  
bruising fray,

Aunt Sally was anchored before her  
screen  
Absorbed by the fight -- hence to  
you, sir, I say:

\*. \*. \*A\* \*A\* \*A\* \*E\*\* \*O  
\*\*A\* \*O\*\* \*O\* \*A\*\* \*O\*\* -- \*E\*\*.  
A\*\* \*A\* \*A\*, \*\*.

Banning, Calif. EVERGREEN

12. TRANSPOSAL (10)

Joe Bumpit is a PRIMAL  
Who groans from morn till night  
To maximum-ize his troubles:  
"Nothing is ever right."  
One day he broke his tibia,  
(For once, we will agree)  
His shin bone is in splinters,  
And a SECOND gripe has he.  
Falls Church, Va. B. NATURAL

13. RIDDLE (1)

Come with me--always I get in free;  
Without me--always expect a fee.  
Wilmington, Del. BOO-JEE KAY

14. LINKADE (7) *poacher*

"ONE mine," the hungry diner cried;  
"They're nicer that way than when  
fried."  
The waitress tossed TWO frizzy  
head --  
"You'll take them as they come,"  
she said.

MY TOTAL slinks about the wood,  
To ONE. Oh, do you think he should?  
New York, N.Y. CASSANDRA

15. TRANSPOSAL (7)

Their argument was loud and long,  
For politics just then was FIRST.  
They fought with fists so hard and  
strong,  
Each Party booster did his worst.  
Like Cyclops, then, they looked  
next day --  
One-eyed, each bruised up brother;  
And each had Dr. Heale to pay  
For LAST hurts to each other.

Bolivar, W. Va. RAYLE RHODER  
Baltimore, Md. ATLAS

16. CHARADE (9)

The National Gallery of Art  
THREE masters has to stir the heart.  
With TOTAL beauty all around,  
In here, TWO masters, you astound.

To gals who teach I dedicate  
This flat, because I predicate  
No ONE who teaches can pass thru  
These marble walls and see no clue.  
Waldorf, Md. MIDURNDIST

17. PALINDROME

My music teacher's name is Charlie  
Wright.  
(He calls me just what comes into  
his head).  
"What's on your programme at the  
Hall tonight?"  
"I \* I \*EE\* \*A\*, A \*EE, \*I\*I,"  
he said.

London, England. ROGER M'GREGOR

18. CHARADE (9) *breakfast*

Only seconds left to play  
And the home team in the rear;  
The casaba crown at stake,  
I was much too sad to cheer.  
Then a TWO dash down the floor,  
And the ball flew thru the hoop.  
Yes, the TWO-ONE offense worked;  
Now we're champions of the loop.

But the moral of the story  
Is to sleep well every night,  
Eat your TOTAL every morning,  
And you'll start the day off right.  
Good condition is the factor  
That will make or ONE a team.  
And an athlete needs his meals  
Or he can't get up the steam.

Los Angeles, Calif. SOL JR.

19. ANAGRAM and ANTIGRAM (3, 10)

ENTER OUR CHATS with stories risqué,  
Pathetic, exciting, mystic and gay.  
You may be SURE NO CHATTER will fall  
From these tall-tale tellers that we  
know as ALL.

Corinth, Miss. FRED DOMINO

20. TRANSPOSAL (10)

Do not believe all that you read,  
Accept less of what you hear.  
Use judgment and ONE in forming  
your creed  
And you won't be far wrong, never  
fear.

On the other hand, when doing some  
work  
That others expect you to complete,  
Heed the TWO, from orders never  
shirk,  
And with success your efforts  
will meet.

Los Angeles, Calif. ZORDO



## 21. FIRST LETTER CHANGE (5)

A doughty young private of ALPHA\*  
Rashly swallowed six packets of BETA.  
In a month, silly ass,  
He was covered with grass,  
And he couldn't sit down for the GAMMA.  
Whipple, Ariz.

NUMERO

## 22. HOMONYM (7; 3,4)

The tale is told of a sailor bold  
Who dived deep down in the sea,  
PRIMAL Minnie the Mermaid  
(A doughty mariner he!);  
Far down among the corals  
To study piscine morals  
(And that is what he said).  
Before him tridented FINAL rose  
And seized him firmly by the nose;  
And though he begged to stay,  
Was told, "Begone ere break of day!"  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

FIDDLE

## 23. CHARADE (8)

Are Russians TOTAL in revolt?  
Will we soon ONE the day  
When TWOs will change and they  
will bolt  
The Iron Rule's cruel sway?  
Detroit, Mich.

BILLY BEE

## ANAGRAMS (MORTUARY)

24. DEATH THUS TOSSES SOD AT US  
(4,2,4,5,2,5)

## 25. ASHES THERE (3,7)

## 26. FORM ROW OF SOD (4,3,5)

27. THE SAD END TO FELICITY  
(6,4,2,3,4)

## 28. EVERLASTING (6,5)

## 29. SOD, GRACE (4,4)

30. FARES ON IN TO SEPULCHRE  
(3,7,10)31. CORPSES' TENSE FINAL HOUR  
(3,7,11)

St. Louis, Mo.

MOLEMI

## 1, 2. SQUARES

1. Face covering for protecting  
against poisonous atmospheres. 2. An-  
ientise. 3. Comm., Limburg pr., Neth.  
(N.I.Gaz.) 4. Composed in meter. 5.  
The inimical planet. 6. To extend. 7.  
Enclosures to entrap wild elephants.

1. Same as 1 above. 2. Mex. general  
1812-69 (N.I.Biog.) 3. Small maker.  
4. Frieable. 5. Staking up (the ante).  
6. The breastbone. 7. The proclamation  
of the gospel.

Princeton, N.J.

AL GEBRA

## 3, 4. DIAMONDS

1. W. 2. Well#. 3. Syn. of Adicea.  
4. Punties#. 5. Systematic arrange-  
ment of numbers, expressing velocity  
of wind. 6. Sentimental pessimism. 7.  
That part of the bolt-rope to which  
the leech of a sail is sewn. 8. Mort-  
ally sick. 9. Slumbered. 10. Early.  
11. Z.

SUE DOE

1. H. 2. Joss (R.Sp.) 3. Souther-  
ly winds on the coast of Peru. 4. To  
feel through a sense. 5. Act of be-  
ing a German noble. 6. The rider of a  
race horse. 7. Any plant of the genus  
Cakile. 8. A bill poster. 9. Narrow  
ridge of gravelly and sandy drift de-  
posited by a glacial stream. 10. Mea-  
sure, usually a bushel. 11. Y.

Falls Church, Va.

B. NATURAL

## 5, 6. SQUARES

1. CABECARES (Full.) 2. APANETOMA  
(Wr.Gaz.) 3. A stiffened cloth bound  
around a hat-body (Std.) 4. Endeign-  
ing# (Oxf.). 5. CERYLENES (Oxf.) 6.  
Restoration of friendly relations.  
7. P.O., Baker co., Ore. (P.O.G.) 8.  
Eminently. 9. Songsters (Wr.D.)

1. SALICASES (Dic. of Chem.) 2. Ger.  
Benedictine bishop of Hieropolis and  
historian; 1590-1670. 3. One of the  
Lamprolinae (Std.) 4. Beseeking. 5.  
Ruby-red crystalline hydrocarbons.  
6. Adoration#. 7. Frilled pigeon. 8.  
Eminently. 9. Songstresses (Std.)

Worthing, S. Dak. SHERLOCK HOLMES

## 7. PYRAMID

Across: 1. C. 2. A lugworm. 3. Georg  
Agricola. 4. Danish phys., 1733-1805.  
5. One of the Pimelodinae (N. Std.)  
6. Put a sidesaddle on. 7. The forma-  
tion of blood. 8. A share of a class  
of corporate stock generally held by  
officers or directors... 9. The act  
enabling the life tenant of settled  
estates to exercise large powers of  
disposition of the estate.

Down: 1. S. 2. My property. 3. The  
office of a cardinal. 4. Transmitted.  
5. PIMAL (Enc.Br.) 6. A tax formerly  
paid to the royal exchequer for every  
hide of land. 7. Measured#. 8. Lone-  
some. 9. Cowslips# (Oxf.) 10. Phyto-  
saur (N. Std.) 11. REDDITA (Hughes)  
12. Most rite. 13. Nesh# (Oxf.) 14.  
Gr. Phil., B.C. 350. 15. SRA (Stiel)  
16. Eke# (Oxf.) 17. T.

Palm City, Fla.

PAT

## MRS. HERBERT RAINES -- EMPTY

(Empty died July 9. A letter  
from Daft to me expresses so well  
the rare affection that we felt  
for this wonderful woman that I  
reproduce it here. -- Arty Ess.)

She was the grandest friend I ever  
had, despite the miles between us.  
Those miles meant nothing; for when  
a letter from Marion came thru the  
door, she was there, herself. I knew  
her herb, her goldfish, her flowers  
as though they were within easy reach.

Imagine the delight of having her  
"drop in" on us for a couple of days  
-- not a visitor, by any means, but  
just one of the family. She captiva-  
ted all of us! We had never met any-  
one like her. We never will.

And don't forget that when she was  
here, she knew what she was facing.  
Purple hearts aren't good enough for  
Empty! She faced death with her usu-  
al humorous quip. From her letters,  
would you ever have guessed she felt  
her time was short? I'm certain your  
answer is "No!" We touched the sub-  
ject, not morbidly, but just facing  
facts. She had all the courage God  
could pour into one human being.

How we regretted not meeting Herb  
as we'd hoped to. We do know he's the  
salt of the earth. Her sympathy was  
all for him. If ever a woman found  
happiness with a husband, that woman  
was Empty.

When first I met her -- by mail --  
I asked for a thumbnail description  
of her. Her reply started, "The best  
thing about Empty is Herb." And how  
her later letters showed that it was  
not an empty phrase!

Her last words, written to me from  
the hospital -- at a cost no one can  
imagine -- a few words at a time, in  
a 2- or 3-day period, said: "Brought  
'Nigs -- can't concentrate yet." Sick  
as she was, her beloved 'Nigs went  
with her. With a temperature of 103.3,  
how many puzzlers would have thought  
of the Enigma?

## JUNE SOLVERS

EVERYTHING: Nollid, X. Specked, Ev-  
ero, B. Natural, Sol, Sue Doe, Hood-  
wink, Sol Jr.

FLATS: Complete, 45-Alpha, Salome,  
Lady Lila, Billy Goat, Daft. 44-Zor-

do. 43-A. Chem, A. Chemem, Orion,\*  
42-Chet, Dhumbb Rhelle, 41-Allez,  
1. N. Joyum, 40-Emmo W., 37-Ifandor,  
36-Jake, Fiddle, 34-Midurndist, 31-  
Boo-Jee Kay, 30-Oslo, Oedipus, Cap-  
tain To, 28-Comrade, \* Blackstone, 27-  
Grulla, 26-Easy, 25-Atlas, 24-Amor,  
23-Cuprite, \* 22-Ralph, L. Wood, 18-  
Osaple, Larry, 16-Dunroven, Genesian,  
14-Molemi, 10 or less-Excel C. Orr,\*  
Patristocrat, Arcanus.

FORMS: Complete, 7-Lady Lila, Billy  
Goat, Daft, Zordo, Fiddle, Oslo, Cu-  
prite, \* Captain To, Easy, Ralph, L.  
Wood, Dunroven, Genesian, 5-Atlas.  
4-A, Chem, A. Chemem, 3 or less-Boo-  
Jee Kay, Arcanus.

CRYPTS: Complete, 6-Reynard, \* I.N.  
Joyum, 3-Daft, A. Chem, A. Chemem.  
2-Comrade, \* Oedipus, Captain To, 1-  
Lady Lila, Emmo W., Ifandor, Fiddle,  
Jake, Oslo, Amor, Cuprite, \* L. Wood,  
Ralph.

Total solvers, 48. B. Natural's  
PYGMALION, MAYPOLING transpo and the  
DORSE LIFE LONG charade were tied for  
best-flat choice.

## SPEAKING OF VIVISECTION--

## By OEDIPUS

My "Angel" looked inside the Gate  
And found friend Bellamy of late;  
"Didst thou on Earth originate  
Those lines I used for Cryptic bait?"

"Look close, FIRST I have never been,  
For OFT I said was told this story,  
One is in Bliss, one Hell is in,  
And all the rest in Purgatory."

My "Angel" then to Dorset sent a note,  
"Make not a mountain out of a mote;  
From Enigma, April '29, I quote,  
Wherein of affectionate admiration  
you wrote:

"With Oedipus sing Hallelujah,  
I'm a Nom,  
Then into my presence you both  
may come."

## C H A T

Roger M'Gregor says Ev's tribute to  
Roget in a pal suggests TEARS TOUGH  
RUSES as an anagram of Roget's The-  
saurus.

Ev's palindrome uses certain words  
that must be capitalized, and these  
I have indicated by a period under  
the star. The other periods denote  
abbreviations.



## CRYPTOGRAMS

1. No! Justice!--BCD FNGH CKLD MDDA FPKFQRAS  
TNXA NA MNNQWKQDPH. XNEZT ONE HKO  
BCKB XKH PKFD GPDVETRFD?  
New York, N.Y.
2. Quick Wit.--VICTO RYTUT YT BAX YEI "TOOV-  
HVXEAF," GANFB \*EHTWVFOEH IHYAWVU UTQ-  
WETI: EF XYT IHYAAW UNFT.  
Waltham, Mass.
3. Fooling?--SANE HBUBNCLT XYLOPHONE. DOEFLOK  
RDUEOBULT NDFL OUBFOK FOEELY. RCDNL  
KLNLY DH EZD ZLLJBKN OUT OEL CBF.  
Williamsport, Pa.
4. Brummagem.--BALTIMORE BUSHRMOT, BROKDIUHFSV  
BXRZFSO, BRWITOU BRPTZIXCE BAHXO. BTHEO  
BMZSHEOTU BRULODE BGZTV BRSHV; BRJHAZIU  
BALZUEITO.  
Baltimore, Md.
5. Circus Jamboree.--DJWGL KPTBDQC, VFDWM LXHFB,  
RZTSH NDLYPVJWT WHTN FYGXJ SDBRH, CZSD,  
NGDBH CWGH JTGC NQJZVH MGKZWDJ.  
Falls Church, Va.
6. Close Shave.--SKETCH HYBRID LEYANCPKGF, TARP-  
SFD TWDCGF ODLKNWGR, GBOSTKWE FYAIENL  
UPYEISKTBWN.

FUBINE

PATRISTOCRAT

CRYPTOX

COMRADE

B. NATURAL

SUE DOE

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts in July were:	\$1.50-Allez,
X. Specked, A. M. Noël.	\$2-Mrs. Ben-
son, \$3-Sylph, Oedipus, Arcanus, Ber-	
ryl, Bonnie McGay, Quirk, Spud, Peri-	
cles, Nat Pal, Cuprite, Billy Goat,	
Psi, G. Holstein, Easy, \$5-Osapi,	
Freddie, Fred Domino, C. Kerr. \$6-Jay	
Estee, \$10-Sherlock Holmes.	
Balance, July 1.....	\$756.47
Receipts as above....	84.50
Total.....	\$840.97
Addressograph exp....	1.75
Editorial Sec'y.....	3.00
Paper and supplies....	3.35
Total.....	8.10
Balance, August 1....	\$832.87

## CHAT

Of No. 6, Sol says: To soothe the feelings of those who may have lost sleep over K-K-Katie, I send a transposal. All who take over three minutes to solve it are fined 3 cents.

On August 1, motoring back to Missouri, Molemi stopped at the home of the Off. Ed. for a few hours of chat, much to our delight.

Hercules died in the final week of July, writes Emmo W. from Denver, returning from a motor trip. More details in the next Enigma.

If Ev would not hold it against me (so says Sol), I would tell him that he missed a good rebus in ST ST.

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## DEFINED

By FRED DOMINO

I've been working crossword puzzles and I have learned a lot About crossword definitions. Some of them are tommyrot. They're not sanctioned by N. Webster but they frequently appear In the puzzles I solve daily in the Podunk Daily Smear.

"Ur" of the Chaldees is a place with which I am acquainted, And I have found plain "tinge" to mean a thing that's "slightly painted." A yearling salmon is called "parr"; it's used 'most every day; While "par" is but a golfing term when from their "tee" they play.

Now "res" is but a lot of things, and "Etna's" a volcano; And "cure" is but a remedy for every ache and pain-o. There's "Ra" and "Og," two ancient kings, and Jason's ship was "Argo." "N.D." stands for a western state that boasts Bismarck and Fargo.

"Ago," "Eon," and "age" mean "time"; a fact that I won't question, While "eat" and "ate"--consumed, you know--can give one indigestion. Plain "hard's" a word that, often used, is something that quite "firm" is; But here's what shocked me most of all--our Mister "Ess" a worm is.

H. B. McPHERRIN -- HERCULES

Notice of the death of Hercules on July 24 came from Emmo W., who was in Denver at the time, returning from a western trip. He went to see him at the address given in the Directory, not aware that Herc had moved. Next day he went to the new address, only to discover that our fellow-puzzler had died and had been buried the day before, beside his wife Jessie.

Hercules was in the Land Commissioners' office in Denver for many years. After his wife's death, his health became precarious and he went to a nursing home, moving to another about a year ago. One of the nurses at the latter place is Gin, whom many of us met at the convention in Burton, Ohio, where Hercules was in attendance. How odd that their paths should cross again.

Gin writes that Hercules knew all of the folks up to the last day, and that he just slept away in the night.

A letter from him to me, dated Jan. 29, 1952, follows, and gives a clear picture of his last years of life. How unutterably sad that he had to live on, unable to read or to puzzle, cut off from all his friends, with no relatives to care for him. But even to the end, he loved Puzzledom and his puzzle friends.

When I dived into a nervous breakdown, the morning of Jan. 13, 1947,

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