

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-
yl, Bonnie McGay, Quirk, Spud, Peri-
cles, Nat Pal, Cuprite, Billy Goat,
Psi, G. Holstein, Easy. \$5-Osapiel,
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 transpositional. 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.

THE ENIGMA

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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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the doctor pronounced it pernicious anemia. I had been overworking at the office and trying to help out at the house. Jessie was at the beginning of her last illness -- which I did not know -- and the strain of trying to keep up the place, and put up with a dumb domestic, put me behind the eight-ball. It may have been inept medical attention, but such was as difficult to get as a good nurse.

We existed, in a way, until Jessie went to the hospital "for a checkup" on Oct. 13, 1947 -- and never came back. My sight was affected and I managed to attend her burial services. Then I keeled over with what the doctor declared multiple sclerosis and spinal arthritis.

When a friend brought me to this "convalescent home" in May, 1948, I was not bothered much physically except the eyes. Now I am quite ready to quit, as I will be 78 next July 6 and I've no business blocking human traffic. As to my eyes -- well, I've seen everything.

The last time the doc was here, he pronounced my heart action and blood pressure O.K., which leads me to rather fear that I may linger on, like my old Pennsylvania forebears, to a ripe 80-odd or 90. A pleasing prospect! I have thought much in the almost four years I have been at this address. I have learned quite a bit of patience and thank God for my wonderful parents, my Jessie, and my happy years in Puzzledom. Truly a wonderful world, that!

I read no magazines, or papers, so have lost touch with many things. My radio has given me a wonderful education, and I have majored, as it were, in cigarettes, laxatives, soaps and soups.

I had hoped to write several puzzle friends, but I can hardly make the effort, as this wretched scrawl will attest. I had hoped to send you some anagrams and a flat, but ---

When I used to type my flats for Enigma, I tried to make the lines fit in without overlapping, by counting the em spaces in an Enigma line and typing accordingly. Sometimes it rather cramped my style a bit, and necessitated a synonym, but that was the way I kept lines from overrunning. Thank Heaven you got rid of the Yazoo yahoo!

God be with you, dear Arty, and for goodness' sake don't show this literary masterpiece to anyone. Maybe I can write you more lucidly later.

Cheerio!

Fraternally, HERCULES

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts in August were: \$1.50-Nu-
mero, Excel C. Orr. \$2-John Rooney,
Holly Day. \$3-Mephisto, Salome, Plan-
tina, Shyrene. \$5-Atlas, I Tappa Ke,
Ifandor, Chet, Emmo W. \$6-Macropod.

Balance, Aug. 1.....	\$832.87	
Receipts in August..	50.00	
Total.....		\$882.87
Ptg. August Enigma...	32.97	
Ptg. Sept. Enigma...	33.24	
Editorial Sec'y....	3.00	
Postage.....	3.00	
Stationery.....	2.10	
Mailing fees in adv.	2.00	
Typewr. ribbons....	1.80	
Total.....		78.11
Balance, Sept. 1....		\$804.76

CHAT

This month I have inserted several lengthy flats that have been held up because of the space they require.

Four infrequent contributors appear this round -- Gordian Knotter, Mr. Ree, Ralph, and Mephisto.

Grulla is misinformed. The Off. Ed does the typing of every issue. Girl Friday sees to addressing envelopes.

Arcanus points to a New Int. error, page 1617 (1935 Ed.) MUTESSARIF and MUTESSARIFAT appear, but the def of the second uses MUTESSARIF!

Sue de Nymme sent a 22-3-0 list of June sols too late.

Bon Gay of Tulsa, who joined last month, is also an A C A member.

Mrs. A. M. Noël takes Holly Day as a nom. She is reveling in a copy of Anagrammas that I sent to her. She wants to know whether any Krew members specialize in words composed of Roman numerals. Rather circumscribed area, eh wot? Only one vowel, I.

Molemi, winding up his motor trip, stayed overnight with Sherlock. Reverberations from the mid-west about that time were not the result of any H-bomb test.

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.

AUGUST SOLUTIONS

1. Right after August. 2. Heights. 3. Hand over fist. 4. To one's hands. 5. One nation, indivisible. 6. Spending. 7. Rabbit. 8. Dive-S-R, scal-P -E, time-A-D: spared. 9. Curfew shall not ring to-night. 10. Mentally. 11. Innocent, indecent. 12. Burglary. 13. Billboard, Bill bored. 14. Bulwark. 15. Salic. 16. R-Babies. 17. F-Kits. 18. Cloud, could. 19. Desserts, stressed. 20. Similar, similar. 21. In my hat, ah, what a hymn I. 22. S-watch.

1. By Cora Van Apple. 2. By Zordo.

A	A
SPA	DIGES
SHOUT	LEGES
SHASTAN	DECRETA
APOSTOLIC	IGREMORE
AUTOCAB	DEEMERS
TALAR	STORY
NIB	ARS
C	E

3, 4. By Al Gebra.

STATICS	TOMBACS
TENONER	ONOLAU
ANOEIA	MOBBIST
TOEHOLD	BIBLIST
INSOLID	ALIPOE
CEILIDH	CASSONE
SRADDHA	SUTTEES

CHAT

From Chet: "Is there another place in the dic, aside from CEILIDHS near neighbor CEILE, where CEI is phonetized into KAY? Or for that matter, if LIDH anywhere else is pronounced LEA. If anyone starting from scratch can--or did--get that charade, without preknowledge of the keyword, he is smarter than I ever imagined anybody could be."

Girl Friday spent part of her vacation exploring Williamsburg, Va.

23. Diatribe; die, a tribe. 24. Top spot. 25. Bluets, subtle, bustle, sublet, bluest. 26. One good turn deserves another. 27. Mercantile establishment. 28. A radio receiving set. 29. The wage earners. 30. The American Revolutionary War. 31. Weather-beaten. 32. An astronomer. 33. The Broddingnagians. 34. The caricaturists. 35. The chain store.

1. Actors are filled with sweetness. 2. Kraals mobbed. Hiccup, sudden.... 3. Alert girls! Moron: That which in 4. Stolid ploughman thwackt balky... 5. Crown fight sport datum. Human... 6. Aptly used formula knits complex.

5. By Sue Doe. 6. By B. Natural.

G	
WIP	
LINOS	
LANGUET	
WINTERIG	
GINGERBREAD	M
POURBOIRE	ADS
SERRIES	CREEM
TIER	CROWPEA
GAE	AROMATIC
D	MEWAKANTON
	SEPTATION
	MEINIES
	ACTOS
	SON

7. By Sherlock Holmes. 8. By Pat.

TAS	NAPASS	RISH	HOPESS
ABEARANCE	IT	TERANCE	
SEAMANTES	STER	LINES	
NAMESAINT	HERE	ANENT	
ARASRIVER	ORLAR	RIVER	
PANAIDERE	PAIN	IMERI	
ANTIVEN	ENNE	VELIN	
SCENERIES	SCENERIES		
SESTRENSK	SESTRINSK		

Reputation as a puzzler has drawbacks. Rogor has been asked to build a crossword around terms in sewing, needlework, and dressmaking. He admits it is quite an assignment.

Midurndist has sent a snapshot of Roger McGregor, showing this British puzzler as a scholarly looking chap, posed on Westminster Bridge, holding a copy of Enigma in his hand.

Larry suggests that the League run an ad in Sat. Review of Literature. The cost would be 31¢ a word for 12 insertions a year.

NEW PUZZLES

1. REBUS (5) *Empty*

Look sadly on the vacant place.
It's REBUS, for no more
The nom a Complete List will grace
In recorded cryptic lore.
Salute her honored memory!
Of Thedom's Sphinx a graduate,
No less of Scytale Rod's fine com-
pany:
All mourn, and Circle B, yes all
Her countless friends, from strick-
en Florida
To California's desolate rains,
Where Herbert grieves and has no more
His Marion's help in mystic lore.
St. Petersburg, Fla.

FIDDLE

2. REBUS (9,4,3,6)

T DHE O
F

A roving bee in the early morn
Tore loose a wing on a rose's thorn,
But spied a bloom and saved a fall
By diving very quickly ALL.
Los Angeles, Calif.

SOL JR.

3. REBUS (14)

X T
D I

Feel inflated? Give concern?
May be REBUS, from heartburn.
Whipple, Ariz.

NUMERO

4. REBUS (9)

(Partly phonetic)

ECOD

No fair campus maid (coed)
And no cuss word, this.
Our views haven't WHOLE;
Hence, you score a "miss".

Iowa City, Iowa.

ARCANUS

5. REBUS (7,4,8,6)

TFLEXIH C C
S S

Each time we squint inside New Int.
We thrill with admiration.
Since WHOLE we find just every kind
Of useful information.

Mason, Mich.

LARRY

6. TRANSDELETION (10)

Maud Muller, I'm told, on a torrid
June day,
With one eye on the clouds, raked
the TEN-LETTER hay.

Hurry, Maud, hurry! This weather
won't last.
Hay that gets rained on deterior-
ates fast.

Said the Judge on his horse, "This
Maud's sure a queen!
A NINE-LETTER form I have never yet
seen."

But the Judge, like the self-right-
eous EIGHT-LETTER told
Of in Luke, remained haughty and
distant and cold.

SEVEN-LETTER he feared; when sirens
beguiled,
Honeyed SIX-LETTER he'd spurned
since a child.

So his farewell to Maud was FIVE-
LETTER and
In his voice was a FOUR-LETTER, not
at all bland.

My TWO-LETTER says that the Judge
thus to act
Was ONE-LETTER THREE-LETTER, just
a bit cracked.

St. Louis, Mo.

MOLEMI

7. LITERATIM (6)

A perfect WHOLE this Georgian Sphinx,
With ideas gone 6,4:
The free world's 2,5,1 has gone --
3, gone forevermore.

Franklin, N.H.

CHET

8. PHONETIC CHARADE (8)

While we didn't leave the old home to
the beat of drums and tabors --
And we'd lived there thru the FINE
of decades two --
Still we drove away to good-bye waves
of kindly friends and neighbors,
On a search for those elusive pas-
tures new.

Hail, Wisconsin, California, the
points of start and finish --
In eight other states we also spent
some time;

Tho the wonder of the sights we
looked on cannot soon diminish,
Space forbids relating all the
things we PRIME.

After "doing" dams and canyons, and
at famous mountains looking,
Here in Banning we have dug in, as
you see;

So now, Maggie, get the TOTAL out
and set the stew to cooking,
Put the dear old kettle on, and
let's have tea.

Banning, Calif.

EVERGREEN

MISSPELL

E1-LLASSP

15M-ELLSP

9. HETERONYM *Mendicant*

To the Hash House door she came,
And spoke with faltering tongue;
A 9, both thin and lame,
And neither old nor young.
"C'min," Miz Medders said,
"I allus takes a chance;
I'll give ye meet an' bread
T' patch m' boarder's pants."
The beggar said: "I'll scrub
An' do a whole lot more;
I'd like to earn my grub,
But, Missus, 4, 1, 4."

Miz Medders glared and shook her head:
"Go down t' Peterses," she said.

Bolivar, W. Va.

RAYLE RHODER

10. TERMINAL ELISION (8) *slings*

The learned critics disagree
About the lectures of Dean THREE*.
But be his teachings false or true,
I shall not on this subject TWO.
Tho other ONE of words, with vim,
May criticize and lambaste him
Because his glooming they deplore.
I shan't, for that is strictly FOUR.

Waldorf, Md.

MIDURNDIST

11. WORD DELETION (8; 2, 6) *create*

The TOTAL sniffed. Then reversing,
whiffed.
The woods were dark and dreary.
"There's something dead, I'm afraid,"
he said.

The light was dim and eerie.

He looked around, saw, upon the
ground

A porcupine, dead, decaying.
"Shall I let it stay, to SECOND away?"
The smell was most dismaying.

"FIRST had I better inter it here?"

He felt both weak and weary.

"I'm glad it's not a seven-point

deer!"

The woods were dark and dreary.

Pearblossom, Calif.

ALOUETTE

12. TRANSPOSAL (8)

Mr. Mumble with ONE was afflicted;
A bad lisp and a stammer he had.
His cute steno was badly restricted--
His dictation would drive the gal mad.

His steno had trouble with grammar;
Her orthography: simply absurd.

Mr. Mumble would lisp and he'd stammer,
And his steno would TWO every word.

Now this Mumble sent out lots of mail,
And you'd think that his readers
would sue;

Not at all, for you see, without fail,
All his readers belonged to the Krewe.

SUE DOE

13. FIFTH-LETTER DELETION (8)

In ancient times they moved about
Just as we do today;
They moved from ONE* to other towns,
Quite merrily on their way.
And tho they had no auto trucks,
Some ways were found, of course;
They must have had some SECOND firms
Like ox-cart, mule or horse.

Oakland, Calif.

GORDIAN KNOTTER

14. CHARADE (6)

I heard a WHOLE that says *report*
That girls will wear a fez,
A blouse in denim done,
And shirts made up of ONE.
And when you dine, they say,
New fashion has its way.
You leave a little TWO
Altho you may be thru.

Baltimore, Md.

MR. REE

15. SPOONERGRAM

When TV fare is awful *she'll go*
And movies are a flop
Where 6 2 then, the children
Their quarters for to drop?
Some entertainment pleasing,
(Vacation's here once more)
To keep them out of mischief,
They'd welcome a 4 4.

Washington, D.C.

SODER KAY

16. TRANSPOSAL (7)

(Owed to a Nazi in 1936)
If you SECOND your Fuehrer
Is FIRST over all.
Then you've read "Mein Kampf"
And are due for a fall!

Wilmington, Del.

17. TERMINAL ELISION (5) *money*

"I can't give you anything but FIRST"
Is not the way the song was written.
But if LAST can sing it that way,
I'll confess that I am smitten!

Arlington, Va.

IFANDOR

18. TRANSPOSAL (5)

In Lacedaemon, so I hear,
(That city great of yesteryear),
ONE was a vassal, or a slave,
A status that no man would crave.

TWO is a neg, or else a pin;
A boat's gunwale it is set in.
It forms a fulcrum for an oar.
Need I tell you anything more?

Basstrop, Texas.

HOODWINK

19. HOMONYM (6) *primal le*

Dear lambs that PRIMAL on green lea,
PRIMAL as long as you are able;
When you grow fat, fat as can be,
He who FINALS on the green table
Will shear your fleece for dollars
galore.

So he can FINAL just this once more.
New York, N.Y.

CASANDRA

20. CHARADE (9)

ONE has several meanings,
It may be wrong or right;
Again, it may be harder
To find it in the night.
Then TWO is at the very end,
And what a THREE you'll be
If you can't find the end of what?
It's plain as A.B.C.
Then just forget your ems and ens,
Pack lunch, go on a WHOLE;
Set lines instead of type today
Beside some fishing hole.

Ferndale, Mich.

ALLEZ

21. DELETION (8)

"Just see the shape the world is
in," said he.
"It's TOTAL just as you can
plainly see."
He was a blowfish (and he liked to
blow
Quite SEVEN) and on and on and on
he'd go.
Narcissus-like, he loved his figure
SIX.

For things that were not FIVE, he
cared no flicks.

His friend, a FOUR, a variant
roach quite fresh
From European lakes cried, "Give
me mesh

Of fishers' nets. I'd rather have
the THREE, *BEING*
Than listen to your spate of words
flow free.

Why don't you study TWO, and dis-
course global?
You look just like a ONE, and that
is noble."

Brookline, Mass.

HOHO

22. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (10)

At FIRST* (a famed house in Vir-
ginia)

A pompous old violin player

Was asked to perform at a concert
For notables, including the mayor.

In the middle of his furioso,
The finest his art could produce,
His NEXT dropped down with a wham-o-
All the strings of his fiddle
came loose.

Attleboro, Mass.

CAPTAIN TO

23. TRANSPOSAL (6) (FIRST, LAST)
24. TRANSPOSAL (8) (PRIMAL, FINAL)

I made this for my pals who solve
While many tasks on them devolve;
Who, FIRST in facts, also in lore,
Have LAST, and always at the fore;
Instead of delving into books,
They puzzle while the dinner cooks.
PRIMALS they are, tho FINAL miss,
So make 'em easy, folks, like this;
Some on their wits depend, you see,
Some may be lazy -- just like me.

Canaseraga, N.Y.

NAT PAL

25. TRANSPOSAL (9)

How do you like Enigma's new look?
Isn't it a neat puzzle book!
No more waiting all the winter
For a Mississippi printer,
With typesetters out on strike,
To set it up in linotype.
The present FIRST is simple to state:
By offset process LAST on a plate
The typewritten manuscript. Since '51
The composition has all been done
By Arty's efficient Girl Friday,
The editorial secretary.
If original copy's checked,
The copy we get should be correct.
So, if a cipher now is pied,
Arty, only, may we chide.

Greenville, S.C.

GRULLA

26. ANAGRAM

With a rescue drawing near,
ALL descend, and PILOTS CHEER.
Mason, Mich.

LARRY

27. ANTIGRAM

AIM TO CONDEMN
East Stroudsburg, Pa.

RALPH

ANAGRAMS

28. HEART PACE RECORD, THIS LOG (3, 14)
Los Angeles, Calif.

SOL JR.

29. LO, I SEE CUT UP ACT IN RING
(1, 10, 9)

30. WILL BE IN THIS INMOST AREA
(6, 10, 6)

31. METES REAL PITY IN CHATS
(1, 11, 8)

32. HE'S "GIP" -- ROBS ME AT FARO,
NELL (3, 12, 7)

33. OH, LET'S FIND OLDEN AGE MAN
(3-9, 9)

34. THE GENT'S IN A TRUE RAGE
IS THE TRUE ANGER AGENT (1, 11, 7)

35. SAY, CITE RARE, PRIME TALE
(1, 8, 11)

36. OH, ARODE, AS OF A HIGH-BORN
LINE (1, 11, 12)

37. DAMN IDLE, NON-TRUE FACTS (11, 9)
Corinth, Miss.

FRED DOMINO

1, 2. DIAMONDS

1. E. 2. Also 3. Rage. 4. Machines.
5. First bishop of Paris. 6. A thing.
7. S.

1. R. 2. \$5 bill. 3. A short match.
4. To reestablish. 5. Short square-
cut jackets. 6. 10 meter squares. 7. E.
Chicago, Ill.

SUE DE NYMME

3, 4. SQUARES

1. A saw set in an H-shaped frame.
2. Small guitar, which was popular in
Hawaii. 3. Like a cupola. 4. Cloak-
ing#. 5. Town, Turkey, near Gulf of
Adalia. 6. Liquid of peppermint odor
obtained from elecampane root. 7. In
Anglo-Saxon law, the value set upon a
man's life.

1. The back of a man. 2. Standards
of Roman legions. 3. Any nutlike gall.
4. Pert. to bigamy. 5. A term of un-
certain meaning (title of Psalm xlv).
6. Town, West Avellino, Italy. 7. In
Scottish tribal law, a payment that a
homicide had to make, in addition to
the cro and gaires.

Princeton, N.J.

AL GEBRA

5, 6. DIAMONDS

1. W. 2. Twice. 3. Whales. 4. Rol-
licking French dances. 5. A reel on
the pirn of which sailmakers wind
their yarn. 6. Among Africans, a ma-
gician. 7. Plant of the genus Cakile.
8. Latched, as a door. 9. Seated #.
10. A great deal. 11. R.

SUE DOE

1. L. 2. A score of ten points in
pinch. 3. Pause (Bib.) 4. Satan.
5. Discovering. 6. Metallic-green hum-
mingbird of Eastern U.S. 7. Same as
NISAN (Bib.) 8. Act of cutting hair.
9. Lower end of a glacier. 10. Adul-
terated liquor (Slang). 11. T.

Falls Church, Va.

B. NATURAL

9. Lower end of a glacier. 10. Adul-
terated liquor (Slang). 11. T.
Falls Church, Va.

B. NATURAL

7, 8. SQUARES

1. Mackallows#. 2. Reconciliation.
3. Contrast# (Oxf.) 4. ANTHEURURA (Fost.)
5. R., Tarn-et-Garonne dept., France.
6. One of the Georgian or Kartvelian
people. 7. To burst forth in intense
heat. 8. Entreats# (Oxf.) 9. Sternest#.

Worthing, S. Dak. SHERLOCK HOLMES

1. T.G. of Pterasteridae (N. Std.)
2. Any of several beds of shale. 3. A
measure of the difficulty with which
an electric displacement can be pro-
duced in a condenser. 4. Persons who
restate (Oxf.) 5. Startless# (Oxf.)
6. STATTLEST (Wr. D.) 7. TONLESEE (Enc.
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Palm City, Fla.

PAT

JULY SOLVERS

EVERYTHING: Hoodwink, Sol Jr., Sue
Doe, B. Natural, Sol, X. Specked,
Nollid, Evero.

FLATS: Complete, 35-Allez, Salome,
Alpha, Lady Lila, Zordo 34-Daft, 33-
Ifandor, Chet 32-Dunroven, Genesian,
31-Orion, * Rayle Rhoder I. N. Joyum.
29-Midurnidist, Fiddle 28-Blackstone,
Larry, Penny, Johnnie, Evergreen.
27-Boo-Jee Kay, 26-Oedipus, 25-Easy,
Emmo W., Captain To, 24-Atlas, 22-
Grulla, Jake, 21-Oslo, 19-Amor, 11-
Cuprite, 10 or less-Rogor, Numero,
Jemand, Patristocrat, Arcanus, Sher-
lock Holmes, Shylene.

FORMS: Complete, 8-Lady Lila Daft,
Dunroven, Genesian, Fiddle, Johnnie,
Penny, Easy, Oslo, Cuprite, Numero,
Sherlock Holmes, 7-Captain To 6-Zor-
do, 5 or less-Atlas, Rogor, Arcanus.

CRYPTS: Complete 6-Reynard, * Daft,
I. N. Joyum, Numero. 4-Zordo. 3-Lady
Lila, Fiddle 2-Salome, Alpha, Penny,
Johnnie, Ifandor, Oedipus, Captain
To, Easy, Jake, Amor, Cuprite 1-Dun-
roven, Genesian, Boo-Jee Kay, Rogor,
Emmo W.

Total solvers, 47. Sol's ASQUIRM
charade was voted best flat.

Doggone! I had finished typing the
July solvers when I discovered sev-
eral lists. Here they are: Excel C.
Orr, * 3-1-0; Cassandra, 15; Dhumbb
Bhelle, * 33-0-2; and Billy Goat, 34-
8-2. That makes 51 solvers.

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Highfaluting.--A B C D B F U U M B C J K W L F M K W K H F K W Y -
C E F B F W H E C J C D F W F K H R H C P X B L U L F M K W K H F,
Y C E F B F W H E F H F B C D F W F K H R Y C W U H K H O H F U Y K -
N K I K Q X H K C W .

Detroit, Mich.

NEOPHYTE

2. Good Charade.--C D O E C Y F H K R Y A Y K Y G A C Y H G U
T A U T O L O G Y N Y L G O P F Y B, K Y G A C Y H G U T A U T
O L O G Y B R I G, I B C D L O B O T A U T O L O G Y C D -
S A I B G Y H V I O A G X .

Williamsport, Pa.

CRYPTOX

3. Silly?--A B H O R M A L I C E V O I D H U I V Y J U C Y G B,
F D N E R I * F W G A D I C Y P F A U O I C E A, W U C E J F A M -
O B O G I P I K G L A D J U R O L P I H ? J W O L V !

Whipple, Ariz.

NUMERO

4. Poor Judgment.--T O P S Y F D C A U E Z U Y O I A K T L E C Z T L M -
C A S I Y X N S H C A E T Y O U L M, K X T P C G S A O D N N T E D O -
Y G S P C L U P F A I Z C L O X N Y I K S A Z U L T O C F A C E T I -
O U S L Y .

Silver Spring, Md.

MEPHISTO

5. Out of the Army.--F N V C K B M G D V B F S C T W P H S L C F W -
D V X, L R M Z F K Z V B X P D R, Q V H G S X N. N D P W R Z T
C X D W Q. W N D S X H Z T F D B Z X Q S G J Q H.

Falls Church, Va.

B. NATURAL

6. Queer Find.--E N G I M A D Z F M L X U M W F, D V O M Z G D M S U
U W I N X W T D O F M X. D V F T G W U E M S D B C, Z N A F D V G -
I U W X Z U D B F T A B M G W I T M Z P Z U P F.

Los Angeles, Calif.

SOL

CHAT

Plantina confesses that, strangely, she has less time for puzzling since she retired than when she had a full-time job.

Bon Gay has enthusiasm! She says magazines lie unread, new books are unopened, letters remain unanswered, the door bell's a nuisance, the telephone is unheard, and all that just to give time for solving in Enigma.

Macropod, battling eye trouble, is active with Operation PIE, or Poison

Ivy Eradication. Imagine looking at all the trefoils to detect the ones that spell trouble for the unwary.

Welcome to John F. Rooney, Sherman Oaks, Calif. It's about time we held a convention in Los Angeles, considering the number of California puzzlers we now have.

Atlas says he found the REAL FUN--FUNERAL puzzle in a book dated 1864. It's quite a repeater.

Romany, visiting in Wilmington in August, spotted Boo-Jee Kay at the Hercules Country Club.

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THE INCOMPLETE COMPLETER

By SUE DOE

When you heeded the mystical call
Little dreamt you of what was in
store.

How could puzzlework possibly pall,
Or could solving become such a bore?
There you sit at a quarter of four--
Have you got that last flat on
the run?

So you go thru N. I. just once more
When you've all of the answers
but one.

In your days on this rotating ball
You've had woes and vexations galore.
You have tasted of wormwood and gall
And been buffeted weary and sore.
But misfortune has still something
more--

It's the worst feeling under the sun--
The frustration that hurts to the
core

When you've all of the answers
but one.

No doubt pride doth precede a great
fall.

The constructors wage well their
grim war--

They will cause you to stumble
and sprawl

And you'll take the long count on
the floor.

Over Webster in vain you will pore,
But give up, for the truth is,

you're done;
You poor swimmer, you'll never
reach shore

When you've all of the answers
but one.

Sphinx, allow me to tot up the score:
The art loses its joy and its fun--
It becomes just a frustrating bore
When you've all of the answers
but one.

SQUARED PALINDROMES

By ROGER M'GREGOR

The construction of this type of
puzzle should appeal to many of the
Krewe, as it is a link between the
Form and the Flat, and can be made
to fit either class as desired.

As I said before, the 25-square is
the easiest to make. Novelty is pro-
duced by the necessity for starting
with the middle line. Difficulties
are compensated for to some extent
by two factors: the need for short,
simple words, and the fact that no
time is wasted on dubious links, as a
word is seen to be useful or useless
the moment it is written in.

Let me illustrate with examples.
Here are two likely pivots: NOT ONE
and NEVER EVEN. You already have 13
and 15 letters respectively.

N E	V E
O E	E N E
N O T O N	V E R E V
E O	E N E
E N	E V

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