

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Or an Eider Duck?--TDFU KDHV NDB CHICKADEE BCE
NXOR CIDXK OFSL DY EDUF ECPHDA. BDXHV
NF NCZF YFHK HFEE VDBO PO KNF UDXKN
NCV PK IFFO C SNPSLCVFF?

CRYPTOX

Williamsport, Pa.

2. Says Milton.--FROG ELI OMA XAGAMSHPAN FROG
ELI XL OPX FROG ELI XL XAGAMSHPAN
ELIM DOBIA, RAMA OPX RAMAOJGAM.
Chicago, Ill.

SUE DE NYMME

3. In Revenge?--IPWGT L ZTJWGICEB, ZSEEGI XJTF,
TGLPSEXCEB LVJAF IGJWGL VJTF; EGNUNGX
LGTWGL VGJI, OSLHJEX LCAF TJN XGJI.
Detroit, Mich.

BILLY BEE

4. Smart Kid.--COYRIGHTS BGADR YRACUIM BUDZIG
DGFMLA. AFTWL LUGS HFTWM BSTI, GODUMSA
KGFVI FKYBTGI BFMI.

HOODWINK

Bastrop, Texas.

5. Tough Selection.--FJCPGT VBHDW, KWJSAX WNGJM
GDPTMVR WFMJXN, XEJMHD RFJZ, GVLST
TMHZK, ENLSC AJSPCW; AWMTNH ZNFJX ASM
RWK ZSFGCB LMSA.

B. NATURAL

Greenfield, Mass.

6. Rough and Tumble.--ZQGXFB IYBEZ, VKPGYJCWU YQX-
IVCUWP, TXWBAGJ ECKYJPPFRXQU -- XIQBGKWL
EPQMWZG BGVLUZRF.

SUE DOE

CHAT

Dorse talked puzzles to 158 women at Northampton (Mass.) Women's Club. We hope some of her hearers will take up our puzzles as a result.

A mystic writes: "And when, Arty, are you going to confess your identity with the delightful and charming Sue Doe?" The answer is "Never!" I am NOT Sue Doe, altho I paraded as Quondam, back in the early twenties. Perhaps Sue Doe will oblige.

On Oct. 11, there was a small convention at the home of Sol, in L.A., with Evergreen, Alouette, Quirk, Pacifico, Zordo, Modoc, Sol Jr., and

Sol attending. There was a period of solving, and Quirk explained her way of attacking crypts. So successful was the affair that the near future will see another.

Right after the July 4 convention, Aristotle was carted off to the hospital for two operations. He still feels wobbly.

Interested by the suggestion that the League advertise in Sat. Rev. of Lit., Pacifico generously sent \$10 to help along the good work.

M.E. and I celebrated our Golden Wedding anniversary Oct. 14, and we were surprised and pleased to receive cards from so many of the Krewe.

THE ENIGMA

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DIASKEUAST'S DESIDERATA

By B. NATURAL

'Tis 1954,
Ye Ed has changed his spots,
His trousers, coat and vest.
Attest!

But still the sanctum door,
In Greenfield stands ajar,
As Centre Hall, for you,
The Krewe.

So, come ye one and all,
A flat, a form, a crypt:
A header: worth the while,
Compile.

The bins, inherited,
Wouldst welcome fodder fresh
From dormant pen and brain,
Again!

Too few are noms on file,
Who Theodom represent.
Please heed, fill in the blanks,
And.....THANKS!

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

Now and again some member of the Krewe writes "I notice that the membership is falling off; let's do something about it"; and there they leave it, without any suggestion on their part how to counterchallenge this vital threat to the League's future security. That is, until:

Brookline, Mass.

There is a distinct technological development which has furthered the inroads of the anti-intellectuals in helping people who might otherwise profitably employ their time in puzzling - TV! With the advent of TV, it is no longer the written word or the spoken word (as in radio), that is the cultural unit. We have erected an electronically graven image in

our homes. Another symptom of changing times is the break-up of the family as a recreational unit by diverse influences, too numerous to list. It does seem as if all the economic and social forces which have been dominating this country are acting in concert against us. Does this make us downhearted? Positively not!

I see the future Enigmawith an expanded circulation, and not one Editor, but one for each department. I see a curious juxtaposition of NPL classical puzzles and the newer and more popular ones, and the interesting phenomenon of neophytes starting out doing crossword puzzles and ending up doing and constructing charades, rebuses, transposals as well. I see the membership expand, and only death and taxes cause members to drop out, because in addition to Enigma, they will receive a separate mimeographed "Chat" every time they send in a con. "Chat" will contain everything that is now in Enigma except the puzzle material, which will leave room for more and more puzzles. There will be special instructions to puzzlers, informing them to submit puzzles on papers of uniform size, written on one side only, and each puzzler will give his every puzzle his own serial number.

Each puzzler will get an acknowledgment of his cons, and an acceptance or rejection of each number, or perhaps asking for an extension of time to make up the Editor's mind. Rejected puzzles will be made the subject of a study, and a sheet prepared numbering the reasons for rejection. The rejector will fill out the sheet, assigning the number of the reason for rejection, and perhaps, if possible, giving helpful advice in rewriting.

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Future Enigma will be based on the principle that members who write want answers, and will react happily if they get them. All this will be possible without in any way making it necessary to take up so much of any one Editor's time as to make it advisory to put him on a salary. If, however, the affairs of NPL flourish too well by this method, that alternative is not without possibility.

We will get more members, more answers, more editors, more pages devoted to puzzles, and nowhere will be heard the scraping of bin bottoms, or the echoing of a few voices in a large convention hall. I am more than ever convinced the world is just as puzzle conscious as it ever was.

HOHO

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Detroit, Mich.

I feel that the Enigma is entirely too conversative. It reminds me of a parallel situation in my high school where I taught. Teachers were kept on year after year without change and finally ended up with a group of aged (and some decrepit) instructors trying to teach a group of youngsters with whom they had lost that contact so necessary to satisfy youth in this age of startling change.

Enigma is filled with the work of experts who challenge each other in their mental grasp of solving and constructing puzzles that may be intriguing to the experienced individuals but leaves the beginner at a tremendous disadvantage, and so he does the next best thing, he either tries to keeppace and continues groping or he severshis connection with The Krewe. This has been the experience of several I have learned about.

What is necessary to revitalize the Enigma? It needs another section to that now in use, a part Two for the younger generation, filled with an assortment of different types of puzzles, such as you find in any magazine of note, but more of them, so that the casual reader can find at least a few of his own type and in this way get some recreation from it. Not to be omitted are numerical puzzles, anagram-crosswords, riddles, Sum-Fun puzzles and a host of others too numerous to mention. I have personally made a large number for a syndicated feature agency who bought them of me for its readers. Contests would not be amiss through which the subscription list could be added to.

In order to get more revenue, advertising should be included. All magazines depend largely on advertising, and the Enigma should not be an exception. Though I am not too familiar with the printing business, I do know that now it is possible to reproduce anything that can be photographed. Remember the Chinese proverb, "A picture is worth a thousand words."

I am merely giving you my views on this matter which must be settled, before "we're sunk".

BILLY BEE

Here are the expression of two members of the League, living in unrelated portions of the area which comprises Thedom, but who have the future of the League uppermost in their minds.

What say YOU?

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CALIFORNIA EVER SHINES

Heigh-o and a doodle-e-do!
Now here comes the CALIKREWE!

The Southern California members of NPL, have recently had three get-togethers. First in Banning, with Evergreen; second in Burbank, with Sol and Sol Jr.; third in Pearblossom, with Alouette.

Some live long distances from each other, but distance means nothing to the CALIKREWE.

At the last meeting, the members began the construction of a charade; each member will contribute a line, the product of all these brains will be sent to Ye Ed for publication.

Alouette and Evergreen, Pacifico and Quirk, Sol, Sol Jr.; and Zordo, all have settled down to work.

Best wishes to you from the CALIKREWE!

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CHAT

Unfortunately in November, the homonym of Ixaxar's was credited to Cassandra. Apologies, most humble.

With the exception of the lead-off rebuses, all puzzle material will appear alphabetically in the future.

Can a Spoonergram have a Mutation complex? If so, watch out for Captain To's #23.

In November, the TWO of Alouette's #16, was in 1st Ed. only; so you 2nd Ed. owners don't be alarmed: account was taken with the solutions.

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.

NOVEMBER SOLUTIONS

1. Coupon bonds. 2. Open and shut case. 3. Bread and butter. 4. Inch-oatness. 5. Comeliness. 6. Boosting. 7. Caveat, cavate, vacate. 8. Chop sticks; stop chicks. 9. Tuners, unrest. 10. Management. 11. Bird watcher, word butcher. 12. Slay belles, sleigh bells. 13. Spoonergram; Gruner: "Spam!" 14. Beer mug, mere bug.

1. 2. By AL GEBRA

CAPATAZ	NODULAR
ARACARI	ORINOCO
PANARAB	DIPLOIC
ACALICE	UNLANDS
TARIQAT	LOONGEE
ARACAJU	ACIDEGG
ZIBETUM	ROCSEGG

3. By B. NATURAL

B	T
YOU	HOP
SOUND	CASED
SAURIAN	COMMAED
YOUNGSTAR	HAMMERCAP
BOURGEOIS	IE TOSMELLARAT
UNISONOUS	PEARL EYES
DATIONS	DECA YED
NASUS	DARED
RIS	PA S
E	T

4. By SUE DOE

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts in November were: \$1-Hood-wink, \$3-Ben Ami, Bill Bell, Sol Jr., The Griffin, Swan, S V B, Mary Tice, Bob, \$4-Arcanus, \$20-Vesalius, \$105-Artaxerxes, \$500-Roving Vic bequest.

Balance, Nov. 1....	\$822.62
Receipts as above....	654.00
Total.....	\$1476.62
Shipping charges....	5.72
Editorial sec'y....	3.00
Postage.....	4.00
Addressograph.....	.90
Total.....	13.62
Balance, Dec. 1....	\$1463.00

CHAT

Note with interest that Sue Doe has been finally tracked to his lair, apprehended and unmasked, so that from now on the Livedevil of yore will live again in his present role. Time alters cases, as well as noms, and the youngster of the 20's and 30's is now a married man, who, with his wife Jeanne, and daughter, Trina, make their home in Alexandria, Virginia.

Welcome to Mary Tice, of 140 South Ozark St., San Diego 13, Calif., and thanks to Zordo and Solar for adding a new member to the League.

15. Gateman sees name, garage-man sees name-tag. 16. Singular, cingular. 17. Any peach, penny each. 18. H-ombre. 19. Operation. 20. Nature. 21. Gondola, dongola. 22. Grading, niggard. 23. Soviet. 24. Plinth. 25. Piquant, quaint. 26. Wrath, rat. 27. Sympathetic listeners. 28. Fundamental doctrines. 29. An old-fashioned petticoat. 30. A triumphant procession. 31. The absent-minded professor. 32. Faint-hearted. 33. Minnows. 34. An old-time saloon. 35. The scandalmongers. 1. A dizzy doll dazzles the didactic 2. Porpoises and tortoises have at.. 3. Rude riffraff crowd guest athwart 4. Frail pyromaniac faced trial.... 5. Buxom truckmen, somewhat stupid.. 6. Wryneck twyhynde, swoln hogward..

5. 6. By SHERLOCK HOLMES

MATIGARA	BABAMAMA
IDIRIVER	UDARIVER
LATERING	NORISING
THIVILLE	TENTMATE
SAVILLES	INSTOREN
CRILLEST	NATIVIST
HILLERSE	GRONESSE
ASSESES	SANGSTAR

7. By ARTY ESS 8. By SAKR-EL-BAHR

ROSEBREASTED	R
OUTQUESTION	PO
STRUMPETRY	CUS
EQUIPARES	PATE
BUMPERED	COURB
REPARTS	MERLER
ESERED	MORTESE
ATTED	CERVASCA
SIRS	PORTANCES
TOY	CAULESCENT
EN	PUTRESCENCE
D	ROSEBREASTED

NEW PUZZLES

1. REBUS (5, 4, 4, 5)

YH VS

Two-fisted Amby Dexter
Is a double-action pug;
He's twice-prepared, or REBUS
To shadow-box, or slug.

Meredith, N.H.

MACROPOD

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

ffh

"I keep my ties in a bureau drawer,
My shoes sit under the bed,
My trousers hang on a chair-back,"
The G.I. shook his head.
"This place was enough for a bachelor
One REBUS served me fine
But my wife has taken it all over,
And there's room for nothing of mine."
Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y.

FRINKUS

3. REBUS (8, 13)

ABDEFGHIJKLMNOPORSUVWXYZ
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

"The daring young man on the flying
trapeze"

At the Hippodrome, never slipped once,
As he thrilled his vast audience,
Both young and old,
Through a REBUS of
Breath-taking stunts.

Greenfield, Mass.

B. NATURAL

4. REBUS (3, 2, 1, 8)

DID

An exception I'm sure you'll find it.
A rarity too in its way,
And if you are feeling
That I'm double dealing
O.K. So what do you say?

Baltimore, Md.

ORION

5. PHONETIC REBUS (8)

T

Mark Antony wooed Cleopatra,
And Romeo was ga-ga over Juliet;
John Alden was the same about
Priscilla...

All these ALL couples we won't forget.
Corinth, Miss.

FRED DOMINO

6. DOUBLE ACROSTIC. (6-letter words)
(Inspired by the splendid "Primer")

1. Like Sir Alfred's "Brook",
They forever flow.

2. This might be last month,
You know.

3. "Persuasive" reformers
Spell it so.

4. "Teddy" in Africa,
Would game-hunting go.

5. To "rouse" the rabble,

"May bid" for woe.

6. If she says "Yes",
She'll ALL her beau.

PRIMALS:

Behind the Iron Curtain,
Lurks treachery, for certain.

FINALS:

Even mention PRIMAL or FINAL
Gives freedom-lovers a quiver,
spinal!

Iowa City, Ia.

ARCANUS

7. ALTERNATE (6)

TOTAL in the gutter TWO
A ONE of beauty rare;
Sparkling like a drop of dew,
No one saw it there. No one knew
The fortune lying there.

Pearblossom, Calif.

ALOUETTE

8. BEHEADMENT (5)

In golden Persia, while the world
was young,

Nizam and Hassan, Omar, found their
tongue:

They learned the letters of This
Life to spell--
But School is out -- and they are
long unsung.

Nizam became Vizier, the Henchman
proud

Of Alp Arslan to whom the PRIMAL
bowed;

While Hassan, with hasheesh, sent
forth the Knife --

And Omar dreamed and drank,
and shunned the crowd.

Who knows how Man should live or die?
What is the secret of this Life --
and why?

As Omar wrote: "... a single FINAL
were the clue";

Yet letters tell the truth, yet
letters lie.

Baldwin, N.Y.

IXAXAR

9. REVERSED CHARADE (6)

Backward three short syllables I
have found,

An Article, a Pronoun, a Hesitative
Sound;

Look carefully with the TOTAL in
your eye,

Then you can find the same words
as I.

Whitstone, L.I.

OEDIPUS

10. CHARADE (4)

By the garden boundary Jim watched
an ALL.

Home from school came his son,
"Dad, I'm learning Latin -- "Murus"

means "wall",
And "TWO", you know, means "ONE".

London, England ROGER M' GREGOR

11. CHARADE (8)

As once at Scranton, ONE may THREE
At pleasant Centre Hall arrive

COMPLETE, the Strohm's new home
to see;

To welcome FOUR mayhap they'll
strive.

It was in Scranton that we TWO,
And at Pass-a-Grille we said
"Adieu".

St. Petersburg, Fla.

FIDDLE

12. CHARADE (8)

The FIRST of the story was finished
in guile,

He threw things in SECOND, the table
did pound;

His wife spoke up, "Don't TOTAL
the child,

Our baby is playing around."

Detroit, Mich.

BILLY BEE

13. PHONETIC CHARADE (6)

(Re. #12 Sept. 1953)

Joe Bumpit loved to jitterbug,
His Ella was not able.

So when they tried to cut a rug,
They fell against the table.

'Twas thus he wrecked that leg and oh!
The FINAL, her patella.

So shed a tear for the whole of Joe,
And for the PRIME of Ella.

Los Angeles, Calif.

SOL

14. CURTAILMENT (8)

The tropic sun casts FINAL rays
On shallows, deeps, the river's bight,
Where PRIMALS feed in sedgy bays,
Ere winging off in rosy flight.

New York, N.Y.

CASSANDRA

15. DELETION (8, 7)

Miz Peters' gals, they both be twins,
Not gives me lots o' trouble.

They look alike as peas an' pins--
An' bubble looks like bubble.

An' when I go t' see one gal,
I'd like t' take fer lifetime pal,

I allus see her double!

Now Amy's mild an' sweet an' PRIME,
And Amy's mild an' sweet an' FINE,

In phiz an' figger jis' th' same,
But one more letter in one's name.

Not differs FINE from PRIME?

Wal, sence no Brigham Young I be,
Then gals, b'gosh, they ain't fer me!

Bolívar, W. Va.

RAYLE RHODER

16. ENIGMA (7) (Dedicated to SOL)

Your "Miconcave" was pretty tough,
And solving it was rather rough,
Now, let's see, what you can do
With this charade that's aimed
at YOU!

Seven letters compose the word,
An adjective you've seldom heard.

In the middle you'll find me,
While you upon my left you'll see.

My third part is the foot you'll find
(Keep up with me, don't lag behind)

My WHOLE pertains to mule, or ass.
Solve this and goto head of class.

Rastrop, Tex.

HOODWINK

17. HOMONYM and DELETION (6,5)

If "a PRIME and a FINE are not one
and the same thing,"

As Webster explain -- quoting Lowes,
And FINE is a wild thing, and PRIME

is a tame thing,

One evil, one sweet as a rose;

To judge of their merits, although
they're both spirits,

Is a "prime" and "fine" job,
goodness knows!

Lansing, Mich.

EMMO W.

18. HOMONYM (6)

The Women's Club was holding a ONE,
All sorts of things for sale,

And lots of fun.

Domestic articles in view,
And also costumes very TWO.

Norwalk, Conn.

EXCEL C. ORR

19. LINKADE (5)

It hath no bottom, the ONE before
thee;

Watch TWO step, lest worse befall
thee.

Not garrulous, verbose, clearcut
phrase a rarity,

But terse, concise, COMPLETE, with
emphasis on clarity.

Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J.

PLANTINA

20. NUMERICAL (10)

(*4-6-7-2-8-9)

A villain, by all disdained,
Lived when good King Arthur reigned.

(5-3-10)

Truck farmers vote these are pests,
Eternal vigilance is stressed.

(ALL)

Some are obliged to woo it,
While others overdo it.

Canaseraga, N.Y.

NAT PAL

21. PALINDROME

We were rowed downstream, just Diana
and I,
With the revelers sending their
shouts to the sky.
From the boat we were watching
rockets cascade --
"I, A ** *0*E I* *I*E*0***
AI*."

Banning, Calif.

EVERGREEN

22. SPOONERGRAM

Susanna was a (4, 4) for
She'd won her race that day:
She'd crossed the wire, the runner-up,
Mike S., two lengths away.

Her jockey, though, was red with rage,
For he didn't want to win;
He'd got a grand to throw the race,
But he couldn't hold her in.

So, when time came to bed her down,
With luscious oats and hay,
With stormy brow and a (3, 5)
He turned and stalked away.

Ennis, Tex.

Y. KNOTT

23. SPOONERGRAM

"Ah, (2) the (4)" enthused the bard,
"On the rose the sweet dew melts."
"Forget the rose!" exclaimed
his wife,

"You (3) the (4),.....or else!"

Attleboro, Mass.

CAPTAIN TO

24. TRANSDLETION (8)

When Johnny slips the FOUR on my SIX,
ONE will FIVE TWO our home as queen;
To the drinking of THREE I'll say,
"Nix!"

TWO our church we'll usually be seen.
And when it's Missionary Sunday sunny
We'll give a-plenty of money,
Inasmuch as the EIGHT we understand,
Is sent to mission TWO a SEVEN land.

Baltimore, Md.

BOO JEE KAY

25. TRANSPOSAL (7)

She dressed in all her finery,
Her hair in pretty puffs.
She wore a fancy blouse with FIRST
Around the collar and cuffs.
For he was the man most popular,
The SECOND of the game,
And she was there to catch his eye,
Perhaps to win his name.

Ferndale, Mich.

ALLEZ

26. TRANSPOSAL (6)

Is your face to FIRST beginning?
Does your hair each day grow SECOND?
Do you THIRD with fear (well-grounded)

That Old Age at last has beckoned?
Hold your horses--keep your shirt on--
For these things you dread to see
Long ago occurred to Adam, Cato,
Arty Ess, and M.E.

St. Louis, Mo.

MOLEMI

27. TRANSPOSAL (14)

Ivan Ivanov, Soviet biologist,
PRIMAL the party line on genes,
And erroneously tried to insist
That heredity is the natural means
By which development is determined.

But the Kremlin boys boned up on

Marx,

Who claims environment reigns
supreme.So the ukase comes out and Ivanov
harks.This recent LAST abandons that
scheme,And publicly states, "I have
sinned!"

Alexandria, Va.

SUE DOE

28. WORD DELETION (8; 3, 5)

An old friend who lives in the city,
Said he hadn't time, what a pity,
To show me all the sights.

But he knew just the girl he'd call,
She'd be glad to act as my ALL,
By day, and also nights.

It's true that gal knows the city;

In her way, she was even witty.

My ex-friend is a wag.

Solike ONE, she turned me deep blue,
And looked like a TWO, this is true.

Yes, true; just like a hag.

Arlington, Va.

IFANDOR

29. ANAGRAM (*3, *4, *4)

This picture recognize:
NO HAT -- A SMILE.

Waltham, Mass.

PATRISTOCRAT

30. ANAGRAM (1, 6, 2, 5)

A question indiscreet:
"Would you EAT SOFT RAT MEAT?"

Waldorf, Md.

MIDURNDIST

ANAGRAMS

31. CHOLER, THUNDER A LOT (3-5-3-6)

32. HATE STOPS

33. REACH RUIN

Brookline, Mass.

HOHO

34. VIEW CITIZENS ON TRIAL (7-12)

Palm City, Fla.

PAT

ANAGRAM or ANTIGRAM

35. I CHEER NOT HER TAPS (3-13)

Los Angeles, Calif.

SOL JR.

1, 2. SQUARES

1. Lake Aral (N.I. Gaz) 2. American
screech owls in red phase. 3. Charges
solemnly. 4. Becomes loud. 5. A
wrench with an S-shaped handle. 6.
Refutations cast in syllogistic form.
7. State or condition of being an
ass.

1. Town, SW Huelva, Spain. 2. The
penguin (Mex.) 3. In "runrigs" or
rundale (Scot.) 4. Genus consisting
of the tarsier. 5. Family of fishes
comprising the bowfin. 6. A tree
duck (W. Ind.) 7. The abalone.

Princeton, N. J.

AL GEBRA

3. PYGMY HOURGLASS

Across. 1. Same as BRAZIL-NUTS (C.
D. Add.) 2. Mutual debate. 3. A sub-
structure or basement of masonry. 4.
Vaseline (Post.) 5. Raising up (Wr.
P.) 6. Same as ONOFRITE (E.D.) 7. A
long speech (Hall.) 8. Gomuti. 9.
Concerning. 10. Ne has*. 11. Letters
T, 12. Baa* (1st Ed.) 13. To measure
(Wr. D.) 14. Italian feminine name
meaning free (Yonge). 15. Catarrh
(Oxf.) 16. Rut of a cart (Std.) 17.
French feminine name (Yonge). 18.
River of South Arcot dist., Madras
(Thorn. Gaz.) 19. T., Uganda, Central
Africa (Nat. Geog.) 20. WADI TELETIE
(Andrees) 21. Disconsolateness.

Down. 1. H. 2. Var. of WHO*. 3. A
siesta. 4. Pad*. (1st Ed.) 5. Camo-
mile (Std.) 6. Provided with a cere.
7. Those wrongfully condemned. 8.
Caravels* (Std.) 9. Abomasum (Post.)
10. Having two keellike projections.
11. The anterior subarachnoid space
at the base of the brain. (Post.) 12.
Terminations of the anterior eth-
moidal arteries in the nose (Post.)
13. Stereoisomers. 14. Vaseline
(Post.) 15. Stirring up*. 16. NDOL-
ITE (Andrees.) 17. Dolichos olerace-
on (Post.) 18. ABANG (Andrees.) 19.
Frased*. 20. An Indian of a group of
Shoshonean tribes. 21. Var. of THOU.
22. S.

Worthing, S. Dak.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

4, 5. DIAMONDS

1. M. 2. Rack*. 3. Dewy*. 4. Post-
village, Lake Co. Ill. 5. Ex-member
of the N.P.L. 6. Timber trees of ge-
nus Guarea. 7. The king duck. 8.
Parted. 9. Ventilated. 10. The heart.
11. S.

Denver, Colo.

L. D. R.

1. T. 2. The 21st letter of Greek
alphabet. 3. To work as a tranter.
4. Prentice (Oxf. var.) 5. Seventh-
Day Baptists. 6. Sub-family of Old
World monkeys, such as the langurs.
7. Small ridges or hollows, usually
made diagonally across a road. 8.
Intituled*. 9. Tithymals (Oxf. var.)
10. Assemblies of old men. 11. Sores
(Dial.) 12. Letters M. 13. S.

Centre Hall, Pa.

ARTY ESS

OCTOBER SOLVERS

EVERYTHING, 37 Flats, 8 Forms, 6
Crypts: Daft, Sol, Sol Jr.
A. Chem 34-0-5; A. Chemem 34-0-5;
Allez 37-0-0; Alouette 19-0-0; Alpha
36-0-0; Amor 15-0-1; Anti Que 20-8-6;
Arcanus 14-3-0; Atlas 19-8-1; Bee
Wilder 17-0-4; Bick 28-8-3; Billy
Goat 36-8-2; Blackstone 24-0-0; Boo-
Jee-Kay 25-0-0; Captain To 35-8-0;
Chet 34-0-0; Cuprite* 13-8-2; Dhumb
Bhelle 32-0-2; Dunroven 36-8-2; Easy
18-4-0; EmmoW. 23-0-0; Evero 37-8-5;
Excel C. Orr* 7-3-0; Fiddle 27-8-3;
Genesian 36-8-2; Grulla 26-0-0; Hood-
wink 37-8-5; Ifandor 34-0-2; 1. N.
Joyum 29-0-6; Jack 23-0-0; Jemard 9-
8-0; Jemarda 9-8-0; Johnny 24-8-2;
Lady Lila 37-8-2; L. Wood 17-7-2;
Macropod 35-0-0; Midurndist 27-0-0;
Molemi 5-0-0; Neoteric* 18-8-0; Noil-
lid 37-8-5; O'Casey 10-0-0; Orion*
33-0-0; Osaple 23-0-0; Oslo 18-8-0;
Pacifico 37-0-0; Patristocrat 6-0-0;
Penny 24-8-2; Quirk 32-0-6; Ralph 17-
-7-2; Reynard 0-0-6; Rhea Ranger 23-
0-0; Rogor 1-1-1; Salome 37-0-2;
Sherlock Holmes 2-8-2; Spud 33-8-6;
The Griffin 1-1-1; Zordo 33-0-0.

Total Solvers 60. Molemi's PERISH-
ABLE transdeltion was voted best
flat, with Allez' WAYZGOOSE second.
Swan sent 13 solo for September solvs
too late for credit in November.

Belated solvs for October from Chet
were: 34-0-0.

C H A T

With the resignation of M.E. as
Treasurer, the Trustees have appointed
Daft, of Greenfield, Mass., to be
incumbent for the unexpired term.

From Gouldsboro, Penna., comes the
news of a \$100 bequest from that good
friend and puzzler, Artaxerxes. Our
profuse thanks, Artax, for this gen-
erous gesture toward the League.

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Politics.--T Z Y S M T W O W R Q P M T W O E Q N L E Z W E
W S P R Q L P K Q J N L R Y K Q H Y G F Y O M L Y S E M ' H R Y -
B M S S M S B E Q R Y N M Y D Y M E.

New York, N. Y.

2. Torridity.--M O S E S P U T U D I L A C C H E F V E I N * T M.
* G U L F, P I E S U A S P T G U G S E W E S T T M I U K U F F.
M O S W E S T T B U L C O M I A V H E S, U A W K L E A S W O S -
E S A M H E S: V E I A M G U C S, T G I E N T T S B M H I A, U -
A W U F F.

Whipple, Ariz.

3. Chastisement.--A T M O S P H E R I C B A T F H A J B D M F, G P A T -
D P K I M D H, F A L A T P D A X M H, R E H D A T E F N M F. A I I P -
L A T E D M F K E T D N L A T A H D M T D M Q D E A T M F, D E T D E -
I A U A T J I M J M Q F M L E A T.

Williamsport, Pa.

4. Commercials!--U G P M D N G J H F J G M H G B L R J H M Q R K.
N R T M W C K R N J M F L M W P V Q X U G S V J K S D G Q. X G -
J F, N S G W C, G J Y T, M H N R V K X M Z G W Y V C Z. K S V B!
Greenfield, Mass.

5. Psychic.--D M E S B O D B Y I P D K B Y X, V N O Y X D C E L L G -
B E Y P D X B C K, F Y V I E L K J A D Y K M C V Q W E G J K F B K -
Y D C B P D Q J I E J O V G E V A.

Bastrop, Tex.

6. Husbandry.--X B Q F V A O X V Q K W B, Q X W J F X J M V W A, W -
X P V J A, B Q V A J B J X V K M Q P X W V M J Q, M F P X O Q V, P -
W A O X W Q V K P. X Q K P J B P O W X O A.

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CHAT

TRANSPOSAL (6)

Why scorn defects, physical,
That mar a good man's face,
Or brand a FIRST upon his neck,
As if 'twere dark disgrace?

Restrain your unkind impulse,
As mariners might check
Wobbly canstan, or a windlass,
NEXT on their captain's deck.

The above was penned some months ago, and.....like many others Arcanus has forgotten the answer to his flat, which has now "got him". He writes now, "I'll give Enigma a fund \$1 for the first correct (sic) answer to reach you, and you may care to address yourself, and so add the infinitesimal prize to Roving Vic's really wonderful bequest."

CHAT

Skip, who dates back to the "Golden Days" era, turns up as still living in Massachusetts. Chet caught a letter of his in a Boston paper, in which he mentioned this early puzzle column. Skip maintains that the present generation doesn't use the dictionary as much as it should. How true!

Now that the transdeletion, with the initial letter of its base word, deleted and the remaining letters arranged to form the second word, has become a Trans-beheadment, what for the perfectly respectable contributions which remain in the file which violate this requirement? How about: 2nd letter-, 4th letter-, or 7th letter transdeletion to indicate which unit of the base word is dropped to form the second half of the answer?

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NODS OF APPROVAL

By JOHNNIE

When Artt Ess retired,
Ye Pres., and Vices and Sec.
All talked and thought and looked
around,
And picked a one, By Heck!
They couldn't have done better
To get us such a catch,
And who'd they choose for Artt's
job?

Why, naturally, B. Natch.

ANAGRAM

By BILLY BEE

In honor of our worthy Editor who
has served us well these many years,
and to his Editor Emeritus status:

STAR? YES.

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WORDS ABOUT WORDS

By B. NATURAL

How authentic a reference is your
copy of the New International Dictio-
nary, which for many years has
been the standard of the League?

The question arises due to an in-
congruous situation which has been
discovered and which vitally effects
all of the members who construct and
solve puzzles in The Enigma.

Less than a year ago, a transposal
by Fiddle, CHANGE-NCHEGA led many a
solver a merry chase trying to track
down the latter term, simply because
it wasn't included in his copy of
the 2nd Ed. (which may have been,
the 1948 printing of this tome); on
the other hand, others who owned an
earlier printing, say of 1944, found

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munications should be addressed

the term with ease. More recently,
Allez used SINGULAR-CINGULAR in an
alphabet, and again some solvers
found themselves in a quandary at
not being able to find a term which
appeared in the 1st Ed., and also in
the edition printed about 1945, BUT
not in the 1939 nor the 1950 one of
the 2nd Ed.

Where, then, are to be the limits
of a standard reference?

Along similar lines comes a query
from a cryptogram constructor, who
asks, "When shall we be permitted to
use the newly-coined words in this
department?" (and they are numerous);
but, due to the inconsistency of the
New Int., it raises the eternal pos-
er, "When?"

He tenders the following examples,
the words with (*) being new ones
which are either in the newest edi-
tions, or in an addenda section of
older ones....(perhaps):

SCRENY SPIV* SPACESHIPMATE*, BUY
PULI* KUVASZ* RURBAN* CABIN; ENJOY
SMORGASBORD, SLIVOVITZ*. MUCH SCAT*
REBOP*.

CARHOP*, HEPCAT*, HUCKSTER SCAN SU-
PERHIGHWAY* DRIVE-IN* FILMSTRIP*: G-
MEN* GRAB ECDYASIAST, VROUW.

Would a Committee appointed to an-
alyze the future prospect for words
to be used in puzzles, clarify this
questionable plight?

REMINISCENCE

(A letter from Kenneth, one of the
few oldtimers left)

October, 1953

Terrible shock about Hercules. I
am perhaps one of the very scant few

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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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