

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Sage Advice.--ULD'A FRIENDLY PA LU ESDOYDS
YTOL ULD'A PLBUSNOYPUL; YTOL PA HTK PY
PA DAADLYPOW YU XLUH HTU PA AZDOXPLE
OA HDWW OA HTUY TD PA AOKPLE.

Detroit, Mich.

2. Rebellious.--A BCDEAVWCDWEXYZ FGVHCD IZ HJA-
CYEDWCDUCDV LUY BVRVSXFGZ FVDWCHW; AJ-
AEBH TCWVCU JDLXEY WXFWEFH.

Philadelphia, Pa.

3. Sham Battle.--FROWZTYHYNG PFGP *LYFROWZYTBP
NLRBP VYROFERP *TEHOXYJR AFR. RLJPTFTL-
ZP ERPEPO WYFK, WBACBN, QZEVQ, IZFBX.

Corinth, Miss.

4. No Picnic.--KULRZ KISEQW, AURWQEHLK VFHCW
USVLWX HMWS HLQEIV MERQLUBK NGBKQ GL-
FVSX UFQK UQW GWUSQEBZ. IUES RGVSEFWX.

Rochester, N.Y.

5. Unscholarly.--XGPD TJLO GFSUNJI FUMWHJEX ZW-
HIPNFS XGPKSHW; XPWDZESB EDUHWIX, ZPJS-
XI FUWJOPI THDXIWK FLNKSEX EKGWJLDX.
Philadelphia, Pa.

6. Jailbait.--ABCDE FGHEBIJ HEKLMN OJLEP CEJQ
IOAJFC. QCEKJSFCD QLE TLFUJ KJLAPDGMN
BDEJ ACJS=UJLDZ XCAJD.

Bastrop, Texas

7. Eyesore.--ABGFIPQXZ BZGKKOF NBZCJVDA VIBFG
ZKXPJ SQXZ GBZPLF PVXZ; XDVFEYBP ZKLR-
YIQDG BOIDVLA QXZKD.

Alexandria, Va.

JANUARY SOLVERS

EVERYTHING: 35 Flats; 5 Forms; 6
Crypts: Anti Que, Arty Ess, Daft,
Lady Lila, Sol, Sol Jr.

Allez 34-0-0; Amor 17-0-2; Arcanus
7-0-0; Atlas 21-3-2; Billy Goat 30-5-
4; Bon Gay 31-0-6; Boo-Jee-Kay 24-
0-2; Blackstone 31-4-0; Captain To
25-1-2; Cassandra 10-0-2; Chet 35-0-
0; Coleth 0-0-6; Cuprite* 12-5-3;
Dhumb Bhele* 27-0-3; Dunroven 22-3-
3; Easy 13-2-2; Emmo W. 34-0-3; Ex-
cel C. Orr 5-0-0; Fiddle 22-4-3; Ge-
nesian 22-3-3; Grulla 11-0-0; H. Ell
Tee 30-2-5; Hoodwink 34-4-4; Ifandor
20-0-2; I.N. Joyum 34-0-6; I. See 0-0-
6; Jack 16-0-0; Jake 28-0-3; Jemad
25-0-2; Jemanda 25-0-2; Johnnie 25-
3-6; Kapry Korn 23-0-3; Larry 10-0-0;
Lu 30-4-0; Macropod 27-0-0; Maine-
Iac 6-0-2; Midurndist 23-0-0; M.U.

Later 30-0-2; Nollid 34-5-4; Orion*
32-0-0; Osaple 19-0-0; Oslo 20-4-2;
Pacifico 34-5-6; Patristocrat 4-0-0;
Penny 25-3-6; Profit 25-0-3; Rayle
Rhoder 30-0-0; Reynard* 0-0-6; Sa-
lome 35-0-6; Sherlock Holmes 6-5-4;
Spud 0-0-6; Sue de Nymme 14-0-2; Sue
Doe* 33-5-6; The Gopher 11-0-0; The
Griffin 1-5-1; Viking* 20-0-0; X.
Specked 34-5-4; Zordo 32-0-0.
Total Solvers, 64. Solutions to
this issue must be IN Greenfield, by
June 1, 1954.

CHAT

The Calikrewe were entertained by
Evergreen over the February 22nd
weekend, a sort of Western extension
of the Scranton convention, competing
with Ike at Palm Springs.

THE ENIGMA

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HOMO TRIUM LITTERARUM

By HOMO

Ostrich-like, sticking his nose into
The now-cold areas of finer-than
dust cosmic particles
Which pursue their elliptic path
about the sun
Concentrated, but not limited to
the orbit
Formerly occupied by the planet
Earth,
A saucy flyer from outer space
remarked,
"Where IS everybody?"

GONE FISSION?"

(N.P.L.)

Waiting, patient-like, (as in a
doctor's office,
For a Geiger counter test,
Atmosphere redolent of old magazines
and iodoform)
Without, the weather warms and sun
shines bright,
The postman cometh, but his load
is light;
I notice the List of Sols is
dwindling,
Maybe everyone has

GONE FISHIN'.

CONVENTIONALLY SPEAKING

Now that the Calikrewe are so firm-
ly established, and holding regular
monthly meetings, why not offer them
some League responsibilities? An idea
has been suggested to elect as Pres-
ident a West-Coaster every other
year, and to assign a regular conven-
tion to that territory, where offic-
ial business will be handled as is
now being done by the Eastern Krewe.
This case would not restrict those
February or September conventions
which are now being held in the East
but would merely mean that two such
gatherings would be in sessions simul-
taneously, giving the League better
representation throughout the country.

Inasmuch as February, in the East,
can be a nasty month for traveling,
it has also been suggested that the
February meeting be automatically
switched to the West Coast, thereby

encouraging more League interest by
those semi-isolated puzzlers, who, up
to this time, have been unable to
participate in the regular meetings.
What is your pleasure?

HELLO!

From one convention to another:

Nineteen hundred fifty-four,
Spirits over puzzling soar;
February twenty-one,
Meeting's purpose? Mostly fun!

Pursuing solutions to various
questions

With warmth and a gusto approaching
to frenzy,
In Southern Cal's mountains are
puzzlers foregathered,
Assembled today, just as you are
in Pennsy.

Though not too enchanting the
distance between us

How quickly this message all
distance is spanning!

Warm greetings it brings to con-
ventioners meeting
In snowycold Scranton, from
sunnywarm Banning.

Just a little friendly word,
By two distant meetings spurred;
Just a little billet-doux -
Hi, folks, from

THE CALIKREWE

HOW TO FIX FLATS

PART II

Some contributed flats might be im-
proved with a little more thought and
time in construction; and, as a sug-
gestion or two to authors, the arti-
cle which began in April, 1954, is
continued, with Exhibit B:

Charade (6) Paused.

ONE TWO a shovel, on the snow,
He cleared the sidewalk best
Then ALL. He said, "I'll do no more.
Let Old Sol melt the rest."

At first glance, the sages agree:
a running-together of key-words is
not fair to the solver; there seems
to be confusion about the meaning of

ALL, (perhaps onemore failure to use the dictionary) since the author appears to think the word may stand for a "complete or permanent" instead of a "temporary" cessation. It cannot remain thus, and not to alter this false impression would result in a dishonest flat. The word "best" is bad, for in order for it to have any meaning, the steps, or the driveway would have to be shoveled, too, to know which is "best". The period in the third line, makes the verse jerky. And so:

TWO to the aid of sturdy sons,
Their ONE, in short, grew soft;
He's pitching hay, full many tons,
Up in the spacious loft.

He ALL to lean upon his fork,
Opened his pocket-flask
And, having then replaced the cork,
Resumed his heavy task.

My ONE, who stands five feet or so,
Was never TWO to shoveling snow.
He ALL, and groaned, "My aching
back!"

And rubbed his sacroiliac.
"I'm through," said he, "and that's
no
rest."
I'll let Old Sol melt off the rest."

NATIONAL PUZZLERS' LEAGUE CONVENTION
SCRANTON, PA. - FEBRUARY 20-22, '54.

President Ambrose called the meeting to order in the council room at the Hotel Casey and appointed Dorsey, as secretary pro tem, Cassandra being absent.

There were present the following NPL members: Arty Ess, Girl Friday, Ambrose, Aristotle, Dorsey, Emmo W., Fubine, L. Wood, M.U. Later, Mithras, Osaple and Ralph.

Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's report were accepted as printed in The Enigma.

Girl Friday reported a charge for addressing envelopes for the Convention invitations of \$.85, paid in hand to Dorsey for transmittal to the Treasurer, Daft.

No old business pending, communications were read from Port Sumter, N. Jineer, Boo-Jee-Kay, Fred Domino (entirely in rhyme), and a rhymed greeting from Evergreen for the Calikrewe, who met at this same time in California.

Motion by Arty that all new members who have sent in their subscriptions since the last convention be elected to membership. Carried. These were:

Bon Gay, Holly Day, H. Ell Tee, Kapry Korn, Maine-Iac, John F. Rooney, Albert Slinkard, The Gopher.

Fifteen seconds of silence were observed in memory of those we have lost since the last convention: Evero and Mazy Masker.

An invitation from Daft and B. Natural was read for the September convention to be held in Greenfield, Mass., Sept. 4-5-6, 1954. Motion to accept was carried.

Motions of appreciation to Girl Friday, for staging so splendid a convention, for obtaining so many nice souvenirs, prizes, etc.; to the Hotel Casey for delightful hospitality, superior treatment, excellent food; to Messrs. Russell Garlin and Ted Keller for the illustrated talk on Iran and Iraq at the banquet, were carried; and the secretary was instructed to write these letters.

On a motion carried, a telegram of greeting was composed by Arty Ess and sent to the convention of the Calikrewe, meeting today.

A motion was carried to suggest a slate of officers for consideration in the election of next September, by way of obviating scattered - and hence, lost - votes by the widely scattered Krewe. Suggestion of candidates in no way to interfere with right of members to nominate and vote for any others on proxy ballots or at the Fall Convention. The suggested slate:

President: Evergreen; First V.P.: Boo-Jee-Kay; 2nd V.P.: M.U. Later; Secretary: Ifandor; Treasurer: Daft; Off. Ed.: B. Natural; Ohio Trustee: Blackstone.

Meeting adjourned on motion.
Respectfully submitted,
Dorsey

Secretary pro tem.

CHAT

From Cryptox, a protest on a refusal to use words in general use, but not in standard references. "Such a theory should be abolished," sezee, offering EPISCOPAL---PEPSICOLA, as "great stuff"; why rule it out, just because it is a trade name?" Along similar lines, Sol Jr., in riding along Hollywood Boulevard via bus, he spotted CINERAMA on a theater marquee. Mulling it over in his mind, he came up with AMERICAN, and now wonders when New Int. will recognize the former?

Directory changes: Ambrose to 49 Mackay Place, Apt. 4-C, Brooklyn 9, N.Y.; F.I. Nance, to 1822 Hillcrest Drive, Lima, Ohio.

PENETRALIA

Standard authorities: New International, 2nd Ed.; Century Atlas; and Phillips' Dict. of Biog. Reference. Words from other references must be tagged; use the mark (#) to indicate an obsolete word and the page number to denote an out-of-place word. (*) in forms means a variant; in flats and cryptograms, a capitalized word; in the Solvers' List, a solo-solver.

MARCH SOLUTIONS

1. One arm behind his back. 2. Left-overs. 3. Within named. 4. Exhibitionist. 5. Misinform. 6. Well-defined. 7. Laundry. 8. Llanos; Tithes; Oner; Lallation. 9. N-a-s-c-e-n-t. 10. Cotton. 11. Resign, reign, rein. 12. B. Natural. 13. Close up. 14. Illiterate. 15. Loath. 16. "Warden in a cap", Mac's pup "Scamp", a

Compound Form by SHERLOCK HOLMES

R	A	S	S	A	R	S	A	K	T	I	S	M
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S	K	A	R	E	S	T	R	E	S	T	E	R
S	E	L	I	N	T	E	A	T	I	N	G	
A	V	I	A	D	O	R	O	T	A	N	G	
C	A	N	T	A	R	I	L	I	N	G	E	N
A	N	G	E	L	I	C	A	N	S	E	R	S
T	R	E	A	S	O	N	A	W	A	I	R	E
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M	A	D	A	R	I	P	A	N	D	I	S	H
A	S	K	E	R	A	N	A	R	C	I	S	S
E	N	T	E	R	I	C	O	M	M	O	N	S
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L	A	N	G	A	T	E	N	G	E	N	E	S

ALOHA

By FRED DOMINO

My friend has gone
Away from the 'Dom. For the Krewe
Zealous was his love for many
Years, and we who knew, and
Mingled with him in our Puzzleland
All feel so lonely and forlorn
Since he has left our band.
Kind-hearted, honest and with heart
so true.
Ever had a kindly word for ev'ry one.
Rest old friend, in peace. Farewell
to you!

CHAT

This month's puzzles: Midurndist, instead of showing his rebus letters at the head of the stanza, inserts them where they belong. In Rayle Rhoder's #9, FIRST-LAST are parts of a Charade, each of which has the Syllabic Beheadment.

Will wonders never cease? Evergreen admits solving his FIRST crypt, in February. (And solo, too).

Add to your directories, DAMEH, Earl Nickerson, 13 Spring St., Somerville 43, Mass., and thanks to Billy Goat for this new member.

NEW PUZZLES

1. REBUS (2,2,8,4,7)

EH??

His message delivered, the lecturer asked:

"Any questions?" but Jim remained mute.

Altho there was something he wanted to know,

REBUS always, the silly old coot.

London, England ROGER G. M'GREGOR

2. REBUS (1,6,2,4,3,1,6,2,5)

A

AA

Up at bat twice in the seventh,
On perfect performance intent,
He exploded 2 hits: namely, REBUS --
For the inning, 1000%.

Meredith, N.H.

MACROPOD

3. REBUS (7)

N

ALL physics seems so evident
To those of scientific bent.
Its principles they plainly see.
I fear it is but Greek to me.

Baldwin, N.Y.

DXAXAR

4. REBUS (4,6)

Chives are true members of the
onion family,As you can learn from any gardening
Sam or Lee."How far apart should they be
planted in a garden?"Oh, CHIVES or less, My Dear, if
you'll my guessin' pard'n.

Waldorf, Md.

MIDURNDIST

5. ENIGMATIC REBUS (4,4)

That reckless driver
Speeds down the street;
This wreck-less driver
Heeds every COMPLETE.

Middleville, Mich.

M. U. LATER

6. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (8)

Head the list with a dancing dame,
Next the Maid of Venus.
Never part from the Comic Art,
Nor let History come between us.
Thy Fate is writ in the Stars above.
Grim Tragedy tells the scales,
The worship of Gods is a labor of love.And the last the Singer of Tales.
Set them down in the order shown,
Nor veer from the proper line,
The missing maiden will then appear
Thus completing the MUSES NINE.

Philadelphia, Pa.

SHERLAC

7. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (16)

1-lager beer is great to drink --
The cask is less than full, I think.
2-he approaches close to death
And needs it most to draw a breath.
3-as termites the wood will rot --
The groaning board annoys us not.
4-leisure hours has in plenty,
Strictly dolce far niente.
5-star chamber trials, I fear,
Produce this critic, so severe.
6-the maestro conducts the suite
And brings the crowd up to its feet.
Presumptuous cobbler, you leave me
aghast;Get out of my "province" -- stick
to your last!

Alexandria, Va.

SUE DOE

8. ALTERNADE (8)

"Well versed in entertaining arts,
And WHOLE at dancing with soft ONE.
Tho cast for tried and proven parts,
You're TWO" the critics said,
"You're done."

Burbank, Calif.

PACIFICO

9. SYLLABIC BEHEADMENT (9; 4,5; 3,4)

Great-Grandma's portrait on the wall
Shows her as a lovely bride,
In gown with waist so very small,
And skirt and sleeves so wide;
Her tiny figure quaint to see,
Like the ALL in households used to be
Times changes not, timekeepers do,
Now little Jean, ONE little TWO,
Cavorts in clothes so very few
Shespendo no FIRSTs before the LAST,
As did Great-Grandma in the past.

Bolivar, West Va.

RAYLE RHODER

10. CHARADE (7)

"I'm sorry, too, we tiffed".
"Of course I'll love your gift".
"Let's never, never quarrel again".
"I'm glad you thought to 'phone,
It's been so long, alone."
"To see you now, my dear, I fain."
"So hurry out by TWO,"
A train is surely due."
"I shall await you at the door.
Your ONE bestow the ALL,
I'll unwrap it in the hall."
"Gifts do increase my love the more".

Arlington, Va.

IFANDOR

11. CHARADE (9)

Birthdays seem to come around fast,
What do THREE get but LAST and LAST?
Then on Father's Day in the midst of
Spring,
Why do TWO get the self-same thing?
To keep up TOTAL and ONE pleasant
temper,Is hard, when it happens again in
December.

Whitestone, N.Y.

OEDIPUS

12. ENIGMA (8) *eternity*"It never was, but always isto be".
I told the ticket agent. Then said
he:"Okay by me, but where d'ya wanna
go?"You've had four choices, Ga., La.,
Miss. and O."

Franklin, N.H.

CHET

13. HETERONYM (8) *to reader*Loud cries shook the arena,
Bulls roaring in the ring,
Proud TOTAL of Navarro strain,
All set for hero's fling.
No laurels had he earned yet;
Nay, he was backward, too;
He'd never learned ONE TWO
THREE write,So low was his I.Q.
Despite his education slight,
His mind with tricks was full.
A savage feint, a sudden thrust,
Success! He's slain HIS bull!

Greenfield, Mass.

DAFT

14. HOMONYM (5)

Black clouds darkened half the sky,
Frightened leaves went scurryingby;
I sought shelter in a glade
Where an errant SECOND strayed.
Suddenly a rushing sound,
A FIRST, a crash! While all around
Saplings bent and swayed in fear,
All the branches rustled near.
There, a victim of the wrath,
A quiv'ring treetop blocked my path.

Canaseraga, N.Y.

NAT PAL

15. 16. HOMONYMS

Mrs. Brown's art's called EIGHT;
She's calm -- yes, FOUR ONE FOUR;
She's never flustered; never late;
Good grows her baking, more and more.
No sooner would she lose the
lightnessOf her delicious, flaky (3)(5)
Than ancient warrior, weapon's
brightness,

By letting (4)(4) ere foes arrive!

Iowa City, Ia.

ARCANUS

17. NUMERICAL

The spider has a stunning ALL
When we disturb his work of art;
And cause his geometric threads
To 3-13-4-6 apart.
For 14-2-11-12,
And work, and skill were needed
there

To carefully 3-5-8-9

Such true design, such dainty snare.
Then let us 13-7-10Displace the filmy thread awry;
A shattered web's a 3-4-1

Attraction for a nasty fly.

Pearblossom, Calif.

ALOUETTE

18. PALINDROME

A little maiden sheep was prone
To steal to the farm house, daily
To gaze at a flower in window box.
Said her burly admirer, gaily:
"Why must I always woo in vain,
Though I love you willy-nilly,
While you do nothing but adore
The bloom of a common lily.
"It's nothing of the sort, you oaf,
With some other ewe go sporting,
You *I*Y* *A*, A* A*Y* *I* rates
More than all your courting."

Attleboro, Mass.

CAPTAIN TO

19. PHONETIC CHARADE (9)

In the SECOND, windy springtime
Grandma always got the notion
I should take a cleansing tonic --
A repulsive sort of potion!
Just an ALL, a level spoonful,
Was the dosage that I swallowed,
But a violent convulsion
Of my tummy swiftly followed --
It contorted into wrinkles,
Grew all FIRST and badly puckered.
From the sick, unhappy sucker
I became the wrathful succored.

Centre Hall, Pa.

ARTY ESS

20. SPOONERGRAM

The campfire made a ruddy light
On the faces of the members
Of a Scout Troop. They were cooking
"chow"

Upon the glowing embers.

A skillet held the sizzling meat,
A kettle set there, too;
There was coffee brewing on the coals
And the big black (3)(3) stew.
With a (3)(3) in his hand one took
The supper from the heat;
The hungry scouts then gathered round
A feast that's hard to beat.

Ferndale, Mich.

ALLEZ

21. TERMINAL ELISION (6)

Cries of TWO! TWO! were heard on
the air,
As he did ONE! his ill deed with a
prayer.

Detroit, Mich.

BILLY BEE

22. TRANSPOSAL (6)

Here's straight advice
FIRST to you from a CPA --

DIRECT - CREDIT

CALLIOPE (Supplicator, Erato,
Thalia, Cleio, Melpomene,
Polyhymnia, Terpsichore)

When installments contemplating,
Don't ask for time to pay
Without a SECOND rating!

Wilmington, Del. BOO-JEE-KAY

23. TRANSPOSAL (8)

With apologies to I don't know
Who, October one two. (Sue Doe)

Mr. Mumble with FIRST was afflicted;
A bad list and a stammer he had,
His cute steno was badly restricted -
His dictation would drive the gal mad.
But his steno his mistakes corrected;
Helping others she had made her creed.
SECOND was what she reflected,
Unselfish, she filled every need.
But he offered proposed extreme measures;
With THIRD she soon found him accursed.
His radical views were no treasures,
So she promptly resigned on the first.

Baltimore, Md. ORION

24. TRANSPOSAL (10)

One O.B. Dismal was a dope,
A hypochondriac,
Who spent his ever-wakeful days
In bed, flat on his back.
The doctors, all, though mystified,
Prescribed large PRIMAL doses
Of penicillin, cortisone,
To counteract cirrhosis.
But O.B. Dismal never failed
To SECOND bar th' injection
"Sine cura, et R.I.P."
(Let's pause in genuflection).

Greenfield, Mass. B. NATURAL

25. WORD DELETION (6; 3,3)

I think it is a TWO, don't you? --
To put a harmless marmoset,
Mico, that Nat Pal never knew
(Nor I), a cunning little pet
In awesome misconcavity!
As happened several issues ONE;
Such blamed depravity
Upon a TOTAL never should be done.

St. Petersburg, Fla. FIDDLE

26. WORD DELETION (8; 5,3)

When trudging home from fishing trip,
A rod and reel tucked in my grip,
With creel as empty as can be,
I hear my sweetheart's harsh decree:
"Though angling is your only wish,
You cannot ever TWO a fish!
If you choose the TOTAL perch,
I will leave you in the lurch!"
So through the darksome ONES I go,
That the neighbors shouldn't know,
Homeward off the beaten path
To face my girl friend's TOTAL wrath.

Los Angeles, Calif. SOL JR.

LABOR DAY CONVENTION AT GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS - START PLANNING NOW !!

27. SEVENTH-LETTER CHANGE (9)

Now are ONE in luring style,
This and that for Bargain Day;
Where's my list? Sure, it's TWO, for
In my purse all's disarray.

New York, N.Y. CASSANDRA

ANAGRAMS

28. I'M TO RATE IN END (14)

29. REFER, SPRING'S BLOOMS WHIRL AWAY (5,7,5,3,7)

30. LO, I FORM CUP

Bastrop, Tex. HOODWINK

(Things to read)

31. TRULY A POSSIBLE (9,5)

32. TOLD BEST CHEERY TALE (3,10,5)

33. STAIN ON MIGHTY TALE, CUR! (3,12,5)

34. THAT YARN RUDE, ILL-SET (3,3-7,5)

Whipple, Ariz. NUMERO

35. LARGE "PUGS" ARE TESTED (1,9,8)

(More things to read)

36. IS NO TRITE YARN, GENT (12,5)

37. SO, IT'S NO STALE YARN (11,5)

38. RUNS, YET HAD NO FINIS (2,10,5)

39. SHUN ANY END OF IT, SIR (2,10,5)

Corinth, Miss. FRED DOMINO

39. AN ARIA ON THE MOTIVE (9,2,1,5)

40. A DR.'S STUDY (3,2,4)

41. WORLD CHEAT (3,4,3)

Brookline, Mass. HOHO

1, 2. SQUARES

1. Scummer#. 2. Genus of the carapi. 3. Yellow substance obtained from annatto. 4. T., near Yule R., Australia. 5. Military#. 6. Rooms or vestibules in the rear of the naos. 7. Places for keeping or rearing frogs.

1. A name given by Wm. Habington to Lady Lucy Herbert. 2. M. E. form of appear (p. 129). 3. T., 6 W Berlin, Germany. 4. Having ten cells (p. 2599). 5. A busybody#. 6. In art and literature, fidelity to real life. 7. (Hindu law) Lit., with the hair, that is, in due order.

Princeton, N.J. AL GEBRA

3, 4. DIAMONDS

1. F. 2. The mugger. 3. Courage. 4. Parsed#. 5. Having eyes of glass. 6. European milkwort. 7. Contributing. 8. Tonic of a key when sounded. 9. Dear#. 10. Shrewd. 11. S.

1. F. 2. Triangular earmark for cattle. 3. Paving stone. 4. Mental. 5. To make speeches in small towns or in the country. 6. Whorled loose-strife. 7. Shows given in tents. 8.

Unrestrained. 9. Details of men. 10. Title form of Mistress. 11. S.

Greenfield, Mass. B. NATURAL

5, 6. HALF-SQUARES

1. P. 2. (Sp.) Yes. 3. CEN (Enc. Dict.) 4. Vexed. 5. (R. Sp.) Camped. 6. One who palms. 7. The syllable preceding the accented syllable. 8. Present#. (Oxf.) 9. Imperialism. 10. The rhythmic figure shown on pg. 2207. 11. (R.) Admonition. 12. Adder stone. 13. A silver coinage in Mass., 17th Cent.

1. S. 2. Not any. 3. The kidney bean. 4. Fan# (Oxf.) 5. To burn incense. 6. A pig. 7. Pearmain# (Oxf.) 8. PERREUSE (Map Ind. Fr.) 9. Perpend# (Oxf.) 10. Tending to correct. 11. Leavens#. 12. Auditors of banks (pg. 214). 13. A verse featuring nonsense (N. Std.) 14. Female sonneteers.

Centre Hall, Pa. ARTY ESS

7. COMPOUND DIAMOND

PYRAMID. Across. 1. W. 2. To clatter. 3. Var. of NIATAS. 4. SEGESHA (Andrees). 5. Pistols. 6. Retractions. 7. Very near (p. 18) 8. Within an ace of (pg. 82). Down. 1. W. 2. With. 3. Understanding. 4. Right (1st Ed.) 5. SETHI (Balf.) 6. Mt., Ireland. Co. of Mayo; 6 SSW of Crossmolina (Lipp.) 7. T., Turkey, 50 NNW of Nissa (Morse Gaz.) 8. Hydraulic ram. 9. Cape. Persia. 80 NW of Bushire. 10. Schwas. 11. A Brazilian timber tree. 12. Sleaf (1st Ed.) 13. A milk pail. 14. The Buddha. 16. F.

INVERTED PYRAMID. Across. 1. Within an ace of (pg. 82). 2. Very near (pg. 18). 3. In a fal-lalish manner. 4. NADRENSEE (Andrees). 5. Tenses. 6. Spies out (Chamb). 7. Dry (1st Ed.) 8. T. Down. 1. W. 2. Yew (1st Ed.) 3. (Ref. Sp.) Tiff. 4. T., Siam, 60 W of Bangkok. 5. One of a division of the native population in Persia. 6. Mouldy (Wr. D.) 7. In arms (Oxf.) 8. Malapert (1st Ed.) 9. Polish tactician and author, 1788-1831. 10. Sauces. 11. Longs. 12. Seel. 13. EOY (Gaz. of Scot.) 14. With. 15. F.

Worthing, S. Dak. SHERLOCK HOLMES

FEBRUARY SOLVERS

EVERYTHING: 37 flats, 8 forms, 6 crypts: Arty Ess, Daft, Sol.

A. Chem 30-8-5; A. Chemem 30-8-5; Ajax 34-0-0; Allez 36-0-0; Alouette 12-0-0; Amor 14-0-1; Anti Que 32-8-6; Arcanus 13-2-0; Atlas 23-4-0; Bick 28-7-4; Billy Bee* 35-8-4; Blackstone 25-0-0; Bon Gay 11-0-4; Boo-Jee-Kay 17-1-0; Captain To 27-4-2; Cassandra 14-0-2; C. Kerr 28-3-0; Coleth 0-0-6;

Cuprite* 16-5-3; Dhumb Bhelle* 27-0-3; Dunroven 27-3-4; Easy 15-2-2; Emo W. 36-0-3; Evergreen* 0-0-1; Excel C. Orr 3-2-0; Fiddle 37-6-4; Gesenian 27-3-4; H. Ell Tee 25-8-5; Hoodwink 33-8-6; Ifandor 26-0-0; I. N. Joyum 33-0-6; Jack 17-0-0; Jake 21-0-2; Jemand 9-8-0; Jemanda 9-8-0; Johnnie 35-8-5; Kapry Korn 25-2-3; Lady Lila 35-8-6; Larry 10-0-0; Lu 14-5-3; Macropod 36-0-0; M. U. Later 25-0-2; Nollid 36-8-6; Numero 28-8-6; Nutmeg 34-8-5; O'Casey 12-0-0; Orion* 32-0-0; Oslo 19-7-4; Pacifico 37-0-0; Patristocrat 4-0-0; Penny 35-8-5; Quirk 33-0-6; Rayle Rhoder 32-0-0; Reynard* 0-0-6; Salome 36-0-6; Sherlock Holmes 2-8-4; Sol Jr. 37-0-3; Spud 0-0-6; Sue de Nymme 14-3-2; Sue Doe* 10-2-4; The Gopher 35-0-0; The Griffin 1-1-1; Viking* 14-3-0; X. Specked 36-8-6; Zordo 36-0-0.

Total Solvers, 65
Roger M'Gregor's "Seasons" and Ho-Ho's "Autopsychic" were tied for the best flat, for those of you who were kind enough to vote in February.

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Balance, Mar. 1..... 1322.15

Receipts as above.... 53.00

Total 1375.15

Apr. Enigma..... 30.00

Bank service charge... 1.48

Env. address (May)... 3.00

Typewriter ribbon.... 1.00

Total 35.48

Balance April 1..... 1339.67

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CRYPTOGRAMS.

1. Ah, Men.--FGH'KM OMQSEMJ TRUJJDM QPM AEML
BEM PROD FGH AERNBDM QB BERLIN FGH'OM
AQDIRLP BEM JGP.

New York, N. Y.

FUBINE

2. Dirty Business.--LQ LE RCILSLOGI OGVRGLAET R-
GBSLOLRGEST NEAGAN LE VDF TILEALEA SC
GOPLNJN JLOSCBZ, SPNZ VDTSECS QCBANS
SPGS SPNZ GBN GII ICTLEA ABCDEF.

Detroit, Mich.

BILLY BEE

3. Theological.--ABC GHC XGVUT SHRZ QSHSQSPSW-
SGHSUQ, UGOT PZD WTXSINR GR MTSHI UZ
XGDITXC HGQTW, ABZ FHZAU; QGC OTDRSEGX
VDZHZYH DTVXGET WTSRC?

Brooklyn, N. Y.

AMBEROSE

4. Gretna Green.--AHFELGB EFCDDHAD ENIG AFEEHPD
SN HANUH KFG OH EFGBHPNRD, OHKFRDH ST-
HLP UFPHGSD CFV GNS DSNU VNR XFDS HGN-
RBT.

Swansea, Mass.

THE GRIFFIN

5. Appeasement.--BCMFJZY YVMRH KZPFJRHY OCQPJ-
QIMF NRPNFCQ; LMFFMNCJZY YRPCH EZRNDFU
XJRNC TMAPU TCGMHT LJP MOYCHQ ACVAMV;
CWJQRN SRPNJH ARXCH GMRTCH.

Montclair, N. J.

COLETH

6. Crime Prevention.--VEDQKFP APDUMSOQ USEQKNOPJ
EOYPABQ TEABYKO STNEQ UNFPDQ SUQKNQ.
SOWDR OPKWM TNDL BDEJPOQZR GSQUM WDNEO-
JL.

Philadelphia, Pa.

H. ELL TEE

7. Black Maria.--MRNCV HOLDUP BTOWYL, GLKKSX
DTAZ RJJNLO, QOWDRG WALM GLHW, MWAOLRC-
SX ZWNR CWNKRTX DSXQZ FWTRDWOX.

Bastrop, Texas.

HOODWINK

8. Conviviality.--NUMROSWITCH SCWOIGNASM UNBEW-
VICQLO MASBEW GACHIUZONMW RAYOIZLMENG,
WOSRQVAYIU: BSCGW FIGAOCNQL FAZQI, TAN-
CLZ MWREN. (One reformed spelling word)

Whipple, Ariz.

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LINES ON A PREHISTORIC MONSTER

(Inspired on finding the name of the fearsome beast in the big book)

By EVERGREEN

Disappointed am I, that I never have
seen a
Fully grown, mythological amphis-
baena ---
The critter whose horrible, ancient
appearance
Changed spectators' converse to
stark incoherence!

Such a horror at large in the city
today
Would drive folks insane---well, at
least, part way.
And if kept in a den, tho but one
head protruded,
All the people would flee---many
puzzlers included.

Now, on a dark night, if this beast
should assail you,
Would all physical, mental and moral
strength fail you?
Well, to bolster all three, just
peruse stanza four---
What strengthened my courage may
help you still more.

For you see, I'm immune to all fear
of the brute---
I could lay my hand boldly upon
either snout!

The reason? I've fondled, right here
in my home,
The bicephalous, Janus-faced
palindrome.

HOW TO FIX FLATS

PART III

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with suggestions to flat writers, on how to perhaps better the contributions which now reach Ye Ed.

EXHIBIT C

Transposal (7) Ctenoid-noticed
"Having a comblake margin",
Is the definition for ONE,
Said of fish scales, I TWO
In searching Webster, for fun.

The comment: the idea is all right, although the use of a rare term, a scientific term, makes a flat less than fair to the average solver. (If a word not ordinarily seen in print by the newspaper or magazine reader, is used in a flat, it ought to be thoroughly clued. The "definition" flat are for "them that likes'em, but the average solver doesn't.

The meter is a bit rough, for example, in lines one and three, the first syllable is accented, while in lines two and four, the third is accented, and in the fourth the second is stressed. This produces uneven, and jerky vocalizing; thus

"Having a comb-like margin"
As fish scales, I might hint.
I ONE this definition
Of TWO in old New Int.

A FIRST fish, so says Webster's
tome,
Has scales whose edges form a comb.
I've LAST a funny blunder there --
A comb, but not a shred of hair.

Said Kelly Fish to Nelly Fish
"Each time you've wiggled by,
I've SECOND you especially;
In fact, you've caught my eye."

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