

CRYPTOGRAMS
1. Underworld.--VIC T ORYAOTX MUTXD IV XAVN
*X IYBVNXXIH DABZS HCASN: OCIIPU XNTQN
ZNNXMCAYSU IY SZN UTYJU IV OCADN.

ARCHIE TECH
Waltham, Mass.
2. High Finance.---FB CR DFGG HCL KMWDRUH LU
HAR TRBTfZRTMHLT, CR'YY AMOR RULXZA BLT
M ELCU KMWDRUH LU M HRYROFGFLU GRH.
FUBINE
New York, N.Y.

3. Influential.---CLASS="B" MANDATE ZTB VNA ZNO
ULN MITOSB CARTGC; HIOIO ISVC CUN="Z"
JITHHANNE. CSJLGFJNINA HNLU UTH *LSGAO
*FXCL.
OEDIPUS
Whitestone, N. Y.

4. Cruelty.---GSVN SPVXO YXWON PXAON QSLVN, G-
SLVN YSLVN JSLVN SV HSLVN AV KSVN, PS-
LVNXXN GOSH KSLVNAV C PAMY QMSVXQ.
SUE DE NYMME
Chicago, Ill.

5. Promenade.---ANLHTVZ SDBFCHATVDL XPTAKH DO-
TAL MTDPOADKQ, GLPZDHTLDMKZ XFDLCDHVD-
JTJS GPJNLJ HGBF DBC.
6. Thievery.---MIBOSTRIP ACDOFBIOKBY YINKFAO
OCTYIN, MKFRIYIGKUDUCDEG PHA CYOWEH MYQ-
UBH, ACERSKFBI PDBQM GYC.
NUMERO
Madison, Wis.

7. Crash!---MBOI KBAR PRVNE FZQDVEA NRBAV
RCVNWKEA; PSZFLE LKOI. TKEABNV XKAV KE-
BQVN, SZCVEARPI EANKH. TKANRSFVO, PSR-
EVLH, KCVNA FKMRN ANKXVQH.
BEE WILDER
Whitehall, Ill.

8. Harmony.---ZBCDX EBFTHOX kinsgh THOACY, NT-
FP LFAOP HFEKX; MAXIB HROX, KABCX KOXP-
AYR: TACYNIBO ENTASBI HOAX.
HOODWINK
Bastrop, Tex.

JULY SOLVERS
EVERYTHING. 41 flats. 9 forms. 8
crypts: Billy Goat, Daft, Lady Lila,
Sue Doe*. Pacifico's Swingtree-west-
ering took honors.
Allez 40-0-0; Alouette 11-0-2; A-
mor 15-0-1; Anti Que 24-3-5; Arcanus
12-4-0; Arty Ess 27-9-0; Atlas 20-6-
0; Bee Wilder 23-0-6; Bick 33-7-5;
Blackstone 40-0-0; Bon Gay 16-0-0;
Boo-Jee-Kay 26-0-2; Captain To 39-6-
2; Coleth 0-0-7; Cuprite* 14-7-5;
Dameh 25-3-0; Dhumb Bhele 37-0-4;
Dunroven 25-3-0; Easy 28-7-3; Emmo W.
31-0-3; Fiddle 32-7-4-4; Genesian 25

THE ENIGMA

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JUST FEELING FINE
By MIDURNDIST
I wonder when my doorbell rings,
Of what of good or bad it brings.
Just now it rang again,
And in the chilly rain
There dripped a poor old peddler man,
He was so thin and looked so wan
I grinned a friendly grin
And told him to come in.
I filled him up with steaming food,
Which wrought in him a brighter mood
And brought some color in
His pallid cheeks so thin.
And as he leaned low'er his plate,
The blowing rain it did abate,
As if it understood
That what I did was good.
When he had shown me all his wares
And I, not needing, took two pairs
Of this, and some of that,
And we had had our chat.
It was indeed another mortal
That passed back through my portal
With firmer, stronger stride
And self-respecting pride.
With steady hand he closed the gate
And gladder went to meet his fate;
So little does it need
A heart with courage to seed.
Although the chilly springlike rain
With wind was slanting down again,
The sun for him did shine
And he was feeling fine.

Now, if you ask, "Why did you do it?"
I'll merely say, "I'll never rue it."
And yet the reason why
My soul was geared on high --
Our dear Enigma came that morn,
And boy! boy! the header on
Page one. Oh, it was mine
And I WAS FEELING FINE!

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NATIONAL PUZZLERS' LEAGUE CONVENTION
GREENFIELD - SEPTEMBER 4-5-6, 1954
The 132nd meeting of the National
Puzzlers' League Inc., was called by
President Ambrose at 2 P.M. on Sept.
5th at the Hotel Weldon, Greenfield,
Mass.
Present were: Alpha, Ambrose, Arty
Ess, B. Natural, Boo-Jee-Kay, Cappi,
Cassandra, CaptainTo, Cuprite, Daft,
Dunroven, Evergreen, Fubine, Genes-
ian, H. Ell Tee, Lady Lila, M.E. N.
Jineer, Oedipus, Pat, Patsy, P. Awl,
Sylph, Toots. Ajax and Cathy arrived
Sunday; while guests included Gizel-
la, Mrs. H. W. Wright, and Bert New-
hall, so that twenty-nine sat down
to the banquet.
Minutes of the previous convention
and the Treasurer's Report as printed
in The Enigma were accepted and the
new members declared elected.
The slate of officers for the com-
ing year, as prepared at the last
convention was presented for consid-
eration, and nominations from the
floor called for. Evergreen proposed
Fubine for President. Fubine, respec-
tfully, but promptly, declined.
The proxy vote, which, for the first
time in history of the N.P.L., out-
numbered those present, and all had
voted for the proposed slate. Fubine
moved the acceptance of the list; the
Secretary cast one vote for the as-
sembly and the slate was accepted
unanimously:
President: Evergreen
1st V.P.: Boo-Jee-Kay
2nd V.P.: M. U. Later
Secretary: Ifandor
Treasurer: Daft
Off. Ed.: B. Natural
Ohio Trustee: Blackstone

B. Natural read communications from Nollid, Psi, Atlas, Allez, Neoteric, Hoodwink, Larry, Emmo W., Jack and Fiddle.

Fifteen seconds of silent standing were called for in the memory of X. Specked, who passed away since the last convention.

Oedipus submitted a list of changes in several articles of the Constitution, which aroused considerable discussion, pro and con. It was finally decided to print his proposed amendments in The Enigma not later than 60 days before the next convention, when they could be discussed and voted on.

Much attention was given to the question of increasing membership in the N.P.L. Various ideas were presented, including cross-word puzzles, double acrostics and a juvenile supplement to The Enigma. Advertising in suitable media, and penetration of schools by talks, as well as puzzle competition for prizes by mail were recommended. It was decided that the President appoint a committee of three to take charge of the matter.

Salome, who has changed her nom to Toots, moved to increase the \$35.00 allotted for expenses to \$50.00: carried unanimously.

Sylph moved a letter of appreciation be written to the Hotel Weldon, for their excellent convention arrangements and care for the comfort of the N.P.L. members. Motion was carried.

Our new President, Evergreen, was escorted to the official table by Cappi and N. Jineer, where he duly assumed the gavel from the retiring President, Ambrose.

There were no formal bids for the next convention. H. Ell Tee proposed to leave the choice of location to the officers. The motion was passed unanimously.

Arty Ess made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was dissolved immediately.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASSANDRA, Secretary

"I'm playing a little private game that is getting to be fun", says Ifandor. "As I hear from various folks I make a list of those who were surely at the convention, from their remarks; and the list keeps growing!" In similar mood, Rayle Rhodernow can count no less than 47 puzzlers who have sought her out; the latest being Pat and Patsy enroute home from Greenfield.

COMPETITION FLAT!!!

In keeping with the suggestion offered at the Greenfield convention, that "contests within the pages of The Enigma, might lead to 'better things'", Midurndist sends in this one and accompanies it with a five-dollar bill for the Treasury, plus "a handsome prize" to the first solver of his brainchild. (Postmarked dates on entries will be weighed in determining the winnah!)

Like most contests, this is no push-over, as he has injected a variation: two identical letters which appear in FINE, are substituted for two other identical letters in the PRIME transposition. Here it is:

TRANSPOSAL (8)

Lee does not rate a Valentine,
For he's not handsome, as was *FINE,
To whom from heaven Venus came
And gave a Trojan son to fame.
Tho he was born in old Peking
And answers to the name of Sing,
Lee is not really a Chinese;
So just forget about that, please.
His parents full allegiance owe
To Malay Archipelago.
And they (each is a faithful Sikh)
An Austronesian language speak.
So underneath his rags and grime,
Lee Sing, the homely one, is *PRIME.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts in September were: \$5-Pat, Patsy, N. Jineer, Me Too, Aristotle, \$3.50-Hoodwink, \$3-Excel C. Orr, Dunroven, Genesian, Toots, Cappi, Alpha, Larry, S.V.B., Ifandor. Neoteric, Fiddle, Phyllis, Scan Daw, Madcap, Shyrene, Oedipus, Sylph, W.H. Wegner.

Reserve	800.00
Balance Sept. 1..	509.11
Receipts as above.	82.50
Total	1391.61
October Enigma....	30.00
Add. ev. (oct.)...	3.00
Postage.....	2.60
Bk serv. ch.....	.27
Cleaning banner...	1.00
Convention.....	50.00
Stationery.....	4.50
Total	91.37
Balance October 1	1300.24

"I especially like the Arithmetics now appearing in The Enigma", says Quirk. "Hope you'll continue with them. At the last session of the Calikrew, much interest in this form of puzzle was evident." Have YOU endeavored to solve any yet?

PENETRALIA

(*) in the forms, means a variant; in flats and cryptograms, indicates a capitalized word; in the Solvers' List, a solo-solver. Words in small letters in the cryptograms show simplified spelling. Solutions to this issue must be in Greenfield by January 1, 1955.

SEPTEMBER SOLUTIONS

1. Mist on a ski store. 2. The Seven against Thebes. 3. Bending the pines. 4. High and low everywhere. 5. SUPine, ERNest, ACUmEn, LUMper, SUPernaculum. 6. B-r-ambles. 7. B-ramble. 8. A-1-one-ness. 9. Conclusive. 10. Gobbled. 11. Bronzes, bonzes, bones, boes, bes, be, B. 12. Match. 13. Pilot, Pilate. 14. Sinciput. 15. Palingenesian. 16. On "G", Nita do, moccasin is accommodating, no? 17. Subcutaneous. 18. Done away, one a day. 19. Parking space, sparking pace. 20. Neglectful, genuflect. 21. Parasite, traipse, sprite, trips, tips, sit, is, I. 22. Intemperate, intemperate, terminate, martinet, tainter, retain, trine, rein, ire, I.E., I. 23. Subpoena, bean soup. 24:

1. By THE GRIFFIN

L
R I R
S E V E R
R E L E V E R
L I V E D E V I L
R E V E L E R
R E V E S
R I R
L

5. By OSLO
B A B A S S U
A L A M A T H
B A R B L E T
A M B I E N S
S A L E R I O
S T E N I O N
U H T S O N G

2. By ANTI QUE

W
V I S
V I N C A
W I N S O M E
S C O U T
A M E

6. By SHERLOCK HOLMES

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

3. By SUE DOE

B
T U M
C O M O T
C A R B O Y S
T O R M E N T O R
B U M B E R S H O O T
M O O N S H I N E
T Y T H I N G
S O O N G
R O E
T

Convers-at-ion. 25. Seren-dip-ity. 26. S-1-r-b-d-c-tough. 27. M-b-k-h-f-wind. 28. Comal, cowl. 29. Nonsegregation. 30. Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned. 31. Burgeoned. 32. Flagitious. 33. A curmudgeonish fellow. 34. Private secretary. 35. Everlasting punishment. 36. The morning after. 37. Requiescat in pace. 38. Three dimensional pictures. 39. The physically handicapped. 40. A picture of health.

Header: Saw tie, Di. Snide bra-belt-bustle from Amor felt subtle--barbed inside it was!

1. How much happier people would be. 2. On a dizzy tower in puzzlement... 3. Courage is resistance to fear... 4. Chiquapin, dwarf chestnut, now... 5. Evolve rotor engine for kayak?... 6. Pseudomorphical sansi suaviloquent 7. Inapt, unfit clod upset milk pail 8. Backswept upstroke untwirly workb

Arithmetics: 1. Monkeytails. 2. Perigynous. 3. Adjunctive. 4. Resumption.

4. By AL GERBA

R
M A C
N I T E D
N O S T R I L
M I S T L E T O U S E
R A T T L E M O U S
C E R E M E N T S
D I T O N E S
L O U T S
E S S
E

7. By ARTY ESS

C A R B O N A T E
A D E A D E N E D
R E C R E A T E D
B A R E T T I T E
O D E T R I V E R
N E A T I M E R I
T E E T I V E R I N
T E E T E R I N G
E D D E R I N G S

Ixaxar's "D-is-consonant", in August, upset many a completer in the flat section.

Madcap, Maurice A. Druet, returns to the League from the Rear of 45 Richardson St., Malden 48, Mass.

The bin is getting low on forms except from Sherlock Holmes and Al Gerba.

NEW PUZZLES

- 1, 2. DOUBLE REBUS (8; 12)

BLE

If you're quite sure you've solved the thing,
After you're done
(Whatever answer thought may bring)
Be sure it's ONE.

But if you've merely tried it out
This you should do --
If of your answer you have doubt
Just make it TWO.

Swansea, Mass.

THE GRIFFIN

3. REBUS (11)

pr E

Ye, who in Thedom, REBUS be.
I prithee, gently, censure me.
Mayhap mine is a faulty flat,
But here it is for all o' that.

Bastrop, Texas

HOODWINK

4. REBUS (13)

M

Each creature's unique.
Though rarely a freak --
E'en a worm that is glebous
May manifest REBUS.

Wilmington, Del.

BOO-JEE-KAY

5. REBUS (6)

TT *tattoo*

A WHOLE upon
A sailor's arm
Detracts, I think,
From his smug charm.

Easton, Pa.

OSAPLE

6. REBUS (7, 3, 8)

DINGHESBUUS

He who orders you to wear
This or that;
To forego all lean meat
And eke fat;
To read his favored book
(For your good),
Is insolent, not WHOLE,
As he should.

Iowa City, Iowa

ARCANUS

7. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (13)

ONE-sip, I doubt, would quench your
thirst.
'Twould surely need some flavor
first.

TWO-pelicans flew through my door.
"Away! Vamoose! Get out!" I roar.
THREE-the rest I threw away
For most unlike this one were they.

FOUR-natives of the fens and bogs
Hobnob with divers toads and frogs.
FIVE-let the wandering Gypsy stay.
His bunk, a pile of new mown hay.
SIX-o'er the sea she swam one day,
Quite bossy she became, they say.
SEVEN-Roman cynics here one sees,
Divining, after sniffing cheese.

Stubborn, inflexible, we judge them.
Even praying will not budge them.

Lansing, Mich.

EMMO W.

8. ALTERNADE (7)

LEARNED

Columbus' voyage wasn't fun.
He scanned the ocean day and night
For many moons, TWO spying ONE;
But then COMPLETE that he was right!

Highland Park, Ill.

K. G.

9. BEHEADMENT

Joe Gump is falling in the drink,
What an (8) man to leave him thus!
Joe (7) and twisted, I should think,
And made an awful lot of fuss.
The man who left him there in space,
Should have Joe's fear (6) on his
face.

Canaseraga, N. Y.

NAT PAL

10. CHARADE (8)

Papa is a big baboon,
Papa is a vulture;
In either case evincing no
Evidence of culture.

Papa lives at times in ALL,
Papa's home is SECOND;
In neither case a domicile
For likes of me, I reckoned.

Father I am called by son,
Father by my daughter;
FIRST they call the very same --
As I guess they oughter.

Los Angeles, Calif.

SOL

11. CHARADE (10; ONE is phonetic)

Cassandra was a TOTAL whose
Dire messages of deepest gloom
Belle the daisies and the TWOs
Which no doubt bloom upon her tomb.

To Pollyanna, girlish, glad,
Each new day seemed the merrier.
I wish I had the dough her dad
ONED over just to bury her!

St. Louis, Mo.

MOLEMI

12. CHARADE (9)

Oh, rudely spoke the parson's wife:
"Come leave the WHOLE", she said to
him,
"To make that hymn takes half your
life!"

"Your brow is furrowed, eyes are dim.
Start up the PRIMAL, let us hie
To market and a SECOND buy!"

13. LINKADE (9)

Oh, crudely spoke the teacher's wife
"Come leave the WHOLE", she said to
him,
"To make that hymn takes half your
life!"

"Your brow is furrowed, eyes are dim.
Leave parsing PRIMAL, let us hie
To market and a SECOND buy."

- APOLOGIA (0)

Fond puzzler, prithee don't disdain
These noble words to chase and claim.
One has less honor, down below;
The other one, main part doth show.
Both words the same fine hymn
proclaim.

And both end fruitfully their name.

St. Petersburg, Fla.

FIDDLE

14. CHARADE (9)

The lynx-like PRIME
Is FINE of foot and deft
To stalk or climb
The jungle trail or cleft.
This puss nowhere
A footprint leaves behind.
No boots he wears,
Or ALL of any kind.

Baldwin, N. Y.

IXAXAR

15. HETERONYM (7)

My best friend at the front is ONE,
While TWO supports my rear.
The ALL can't walk, but it can run,
And leads a fast life here.
Most of the time my master's will
I know and don't forget it;
And then my best friend I will kill --
And never once regret it.

Bolivar, West Va.

RAYLE RHODER

16. HOMONYM (8; 3,5)

High above Virginia's coastline
In a field of rugged PRIMAL,
(Rocks of round, cemented pebbles),
Stood the gray-coat soldiers,
watching,

Watching in dismay a FINAL
But upon the windswept waters;
Saw the Monitor defeating
Their own Merrimac all-powerful.

Pearblossom, Calif.

ALOUETTE

17. LINKADE (10)

Oh, Lord, now FIRST our thanks
To Thee for each thing good;
At this o'erflowing LAST,
We pray Thee, bless our food.

May what we do be ALL

To praise Thy Fatherhood.
Arlington, Va. *acceptable* IFANDOR

18. HYBRID (8)

(LINKADE) (3,5) *history*
When the writer wrote ONE TWO
Of this land of yours and mine,
It proved to be a TOTAL
Of our land so good and fine.

(CHARADE) (3)(*4)
Our George, ONE work was clever,
And on TOTAL I rely,
Knew how to handle people,
Either loyal TWO, or spy.

(TWO WORDS) (4)(*4)
Today all folks should listen.
ONE! Hear this warning word --
Our TOTAL is progressive;
A stand-pat TWO's absurd.

Corinth, Miss.

FRED DOMINO

19. PALINDROME

While Patrick O'Bluff goes for wine
when he's snoozy,
He's inclined at that stage to be
just a bit choosy.
Tho he likes a wee nip just
preceding a nap.
A *0 *A* *0 *0**A* *0* *A*!

Banning, Calif.

EVERGREEN

20. PHONETIC CHARADE (6)

ONE *swaher*
A sticky, uninviting mess.
TWO (Phonetic)
Betrays the Scot as surely as his
dress.

ALL
The peanut that the baseball addict
knows,
So called in southern regions
where it grows.

Centre Hall, Pa.

ARTY ESS

21. SPOONERGRAM

bee flight
The tired entomologist and his weary
mangy dog
Sat by a blooming clover field upon
an ancient log.
The man a (3)(6) watched intent,
some liquid gold to sack.
The dog gave full attention to a
(4)(4) on his back.

Pasadena, Calif.

QUIRK

22. SPOONERGRAM (9; 4,1,*4)

My uncle's getting old and grey,
Just sits and rocks the livelong day.
He has a PRIME, his name is Pete;
His company just can't be beat.
He talks and talks all the day long,
And even lirts a bit o' song.
My uncle really takes good FINE,

Of that precocious gift of mine.

Madistrop, Wiscas.

NUHO'NK

23. SPOONERGRAM

Our janitor was a real (7).
But otherwise a gift from Heaven.
Upon his birthday we presented
Him with a (4)(3) which he resented;
He saw at once that we were joshing.
How could he, he said go a-sloshing
About with a thing so silly,
Even if he was a "weak Willie"?

Waldorf, Md. MIDURNDIST

24. TRANSDLETION (8,7,6)

At 5 o'clock yesterday, that pesky
rat,
Was at work on our cheese, so I
summoned the cat.
Anon it was ONE, the TOTAL light
was enough
To enable our smart TWO to make
with her stuff.

Attleboro, Mass. CAPTAIN TO

25. TRANSPOSAL (7)

No signs of boorishness nor enmity
nor gall;
Instead my humble character with
FIRST abounds.
But SECOND that you find I'm
"off the beam",
Pray tell me so, lest rumor,
me astounds.

Greenfield, Mass. B. NATURAL

26. TRANSPOSAL (5) (Nine words)

(1) This kingly group of letters
proved to be
(2-3) Both wide and blinding as
the sun at sea.

(4) It names the Cup for which King
Arthur's knights
Pursued their search, foregoing
all delights.

(5) Potential energy, it names
precisely;

(6) And beer long stored before we
sip it nicely.

(7) The druggist this from Africa
receives,
Adulterating senna with its
leaves.

(8) It names two men: one, British
bard involved

(9) And two, a local yokel - but no
bumpkin -

Whose special stuff lay hidden
in a pumpkin.

Jackson Heights, N. Y. DORSE

27. WORD DELETION (8; 4,4)

The old selectman takes his stance

Where he's oft TWO before;
Target of re-election chance,
There on the town-house floor;
Leather suspenders ONE his pants,
Same ones his Father wore.

"Good people, here I stand or fall,
I've nary wealth nor fame;
But I'm at no one's beck and call,
I owe no man or dame;
In short, to nobody am I ALL
And there I rest my claim".

Meredith, N.H.

MACROPOD

28. WORD DELETION (6; 3,3)

A COMPLETE fair with golden hair,
The TWO, a few, did flatter;
'Twas just the ONE that did persuade,
So now she's Mrs. Chatter!

Detroit, Mich.

BILLY BEE

29. 1st LETTER CHANGE (5)

A sprightly young blade from Przemyśl,
Went courting his girl in a drizzle.
In spite of the PRIMAL,
His wooing was FINAL,

And his ardor left her in a twizzle.

Burbank, Calif.

PACIFICO

30. 2nd LETTER CHANGE (6)

When he was cast upon a desert shore,
His shipmates gone, he salvaged
what he could;

Then Crusoe soon did build him a
canoe.

The seacoast of his FINAL to
explore,

The PRIMAL waters of his new home,
too,
To seek supplies to help his need
so sore.

Philadelphia, Pa.

H. ELL TEE

31. 6th LETTER CHANGE (9)

Oh, wash your dirty linen in public,
With our ENTIRE T, I, N, K.

It's good for frocks and it's good
for socks,

It's unexcelled for diapers,
mothers say.

If you've worn your underwear day
after day,

Try a little T, I, N, K.
You'll be very much surprised when

the wash in analysed,
You'll find that it is very oo-tray.

It's the only washing agent you can
use twice,

They use it on the TV twice a day.
But here they use it cold and they

mix it with ice.

That's the newest kind of T, I, N, K.

It's the latest TWO for scandal

and corruption,
They wash out the red and turn it
gray.

And they use our newest, latest
eruption,

Iced T, I, N, K. Iced T, I, N, K.
Iced T, I, N, K.

Brookline, Mass.

HOHO

ANAGRAMS

32. WERE REAL CHINA POTS,
OR WERE CHINA PLATES) (3-9-5)

33. TO CLACK ABSURDLY ON
(1-4-3-4-5)

Canton, Ohio

BLACKSTONE

34. MEET IN FACT A SOUR NOTE 7-12
35. AS I REIGN FAR OFF (7-7)

36. ALL I GET TIME ANEW (4-2-4-5)

37. LEAVE RUT FEAR NOT NOW
(2-4-4-1-3-4)

St. Paul, Minn.

THE GOPHER

38. UGH! CAP YOURS! (1-5-5)

39. SEE LIVE STATION (1-10-3)

40. A DRY DOCK

Los Angeles, Calif.

SOL JR.

COMPOUND PYRAMID

UPPER PYRAMID. Across. 1. M. 2. A
bet. 3. BETTER (Balf). 4. Expressions
of condolence# (1st Ed.) 5. Pyramids
(Oxf.) 6. Sectionaries. 7. Situated
within the trachea. 8. Arteries
derived from the hypogastric artery. 9.

Sassafras officinale (Fost.) Down. 1.

2. Them. 3. Var. of ITEN. 4. To
short (Wr. Pr.) 5. German musician;

1738-1808. 6. Pert. to a yellow,
crystalline monoacid, made by action
of nitric acid on phenol. 7. Italian

poetess; d. 1567. 8. To string (Hughes
Music). 9. T. Pike Co., Pa. 18

5 of Monticello. 10. T. Calabrie
prov. Italy, 10 SW of Cittanova. 11.

Radical edicts (Am. Thes. of Slang).

12. Fine, slushy ices. 13. STER
(Dung.) 14. Safe# (1st Ed.) 15. The

celtic Neptune. 16. Say#. 17. S.

LOWER PYRAMID. Across. 1. S. 2.

Eyed#. 3. T., Spain, 29 W of Malaga
(Lipp.) 4. Gave out. 5. SALAMIDES

(Haack). 6. Thujenes (1st Ed.) 7.

Girls# (1st Ed.) 8. Sclerosis of a
point. 9. Hit on the nose (Am. Thes.

of Slang). Down. 1. S. 2. Swedish
measure, 60 kannor. 3. Cry# (1st Ed.)

4. Var. of TAT. 5. SALHE (Balf.) 6.

ficiesia (Full.) 7. A male figure used
like a caryatid. 8. Excessive use of

the letter "I". 9. Sultan of Egypt,
1279. 10. A lazy, good-for-nothing

person. 11. Jadrensis Regio (Full.)
12. Italian weight, 18.17 gr. 13. SE-

POS (Dung.) 14. Sixth# (1st Ed.) 15.

A respectful title. 16. The tone B.
17. L.

REVERSED RHOMBOID. Across. 1. Cit-
izens of the United States. 2. The

most lofty mountain of Crete (Lipp.)

3. The fruit of the pistachio (Ash)

4. MACERSHIP (Oxf.) 5. AERADATES

(Oxf.) 6. A sect who maintains free-
will (E.D.) 7. Hard. 8. A member of

the Sijame tribe (Am. Ind.) 9. Greek
tragic poet, B.C. 480-407.

E. 2. Chinese measure, 250 li. 3. A
gentleman. 4. ACCI (E.B.) 5. At an

end. 6. MEKEMI (Andrees). 7. Blood
red. 8. Picador (Oxf.) 9. Leases#.

10. MITRARIA (E.B.) 11. Springy. 12.
The red gurnard. 13. The German name

of GIORNICO (Lipp.) 14. Something
given to a superior. 15. Var. of AT.

16. A syllable of bobization. 17. S.

RHOMBOID. Across. 1. A genus of
aromatic trees of the laurel family.

2. Officers who superintend the
dikes (Wr. P.) 3. Arana (Am. Ind.)

4. Reddish minerals occurring in oc-
tahedral crystals. 5. Halves of a

desmid cell. 6. Bristlelike. 7. T.

Tate Co., Miss. 30 SW of Holly
Springs. 8. Without trouble. 9. Lake,

Franklin Co., N.Y. 4 SW of Blooming-
dale. Down. 1. S. 2. An advertisement.

3. SIJ (Balf.) 4. Scad (Wr. D.) 5.

Var. of ERAS. 6. Frayns (Wr. D.) 7.

Names anew. 8. Black hydrated iron
silicates (Std. Supp.) 9. A duct open

on one side. 10. T. NW coast of the
island of Timor (Full.) 11. SELITSK

(E.B.) 12. Sloop# (E.D.) 13. SUBEC

(Hughes Atl.) 14. SIIL (R & McN.) 15.

Awn#. 16. A river. 17. R.

Worthing, S.D. SHERLOCK HOLMES

AUGUST SOLVERS' LIST

EVERYTHING: 40 flats; 6 forms; 8

crypts. Sue Doe*, Arty Ess, Hoodwink,

Daft, Lady Lila, Arty's "ineffable",
was pronounced the "best".

Ajax 25-0-8-4; Allez 36-0-0; Alou-
ette 10-0-1; Alpha 39-0-8; Amor 24-0

-1; Anti Que 25-6-8; Arcanus 18-6-0;

Atlas 17-6-1; Bam* 36-0-0; Bee Wil-
der 22-0-6-4; Bick 33-6-5-4; Billy

Goat 39-6-6-4; Blackstone 39-5-7;

Bon Gay 22-0-7; Boo-Jee-Kay 28-1-2;

Captain To 37-6-2; C. Kerr 25-0-2;

Coleth 0-0-8; Cuprite* 20-6-5; Dumb

Belle* 34-0-2-3; Dunroven 25-5-3-4;

Easy 27-5-2; Evergreen* 34-0-2; Fiddle

34-5-3; Genesias 25-5-3-4; H. Ell

Tee 33-5-5-4; Ifandor 38-0-6; I. N.

Joyum 37-0-8; Ixaxar* 22-2-2; Jack

24-0-0; Jake 35-0-2; Jay Estee* 21-0

-0; Jemand 23-4-0; Jemanda 23-4-0;

Kapry Korn 37-0-4; Kenneth 18-0-2;

Macropod 27-0-0; Midurndist 35-0-0;

Molemi 27-0-0; Nollid 36-6-8; Numero

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Greetings!--V I I TORVSTP PUNG, TY REG SUNKV.
TP PUFYRGN YTVK RU REG SETQFGNGK I TOR-
VPOY: "YEVD TEULYRGN."

Waltham, Mass.

2. Rhythmic.--IAUDSKL, CWA EABLG FA SAO DSO
GRSM, CRFW OIACGQ WLDO DSO HAEOL CRSM
DUASM FWL MILLS ELDBLG DG FWLQ GWDJL
HDI OACS CRFWRS *GAUL GWDOACQ EDJL...*VAL.
SUE DE NYMME
Chicago, Ill.

3. Work and Woe.--*VWXYZ XTUX, "STWRP TZO NPRMW-
SY; RZY LTZ TSKTUX CYN NAPRMCA TSRZY,
WMN VN NTEYX NKR NR WY CSTO."
Philadelphia, Pa.

4. Hat's That!--GRHMFBJ XNLKRFJ VHFOND VNARMX
XVHOF THXBKND, LBHWMRF HXCRG, LHPXKDY
VKOFB VNDYXF XFJMR XBNG LONGA.
BEE WILDER
White Hall, Ill.

5. Ghostly Prank.--O U TFLY ABFC DULP GOHJKHD YLO-
PCFMJGUBP JAG AOP I RLPXM JLDA PKIA XG-
JMLFC; GNBPD UOYHKRGYC UGODDBHFLN.
Madison, Wis.

6. No Reward.--ZYBCX XWDF, VTGHDSQ VCYG OCGS
VCYJ, ZWFKL ZYGSP GCWVP JCGN, GWMDVU J-
WVPL, WSBDCYV RCG PDJ, QCP CSKL ZKWON
VOCMK.
Philadelphia, Pa.

7. Overturned.--SRKXEV JFROOCT=NXCJ, TUCMH OR-
EXP, OBYCJ BYRVJ=GCNUJ, AVCPTYVEN GUXX-
CTEV KLRVA KFC SOYIK, RZKUP ICFCLCT.
Bastrop, Texas

8. SRO's? None.--BVSG NXVR XSMN FLIV HSFL NICH;
BPLN TVPB GSN; IABV SWIN MCBI MSBI, DC-
IN WPBI MCYI TBVH LCRN. NXPI MYSA GVRL.
Morristown, N. J.

0-0-8*: Nutmeg 36-5-5; Oedipus 35-0-5; Osaple 20-0-0; Oslo 27-5-3; P. Awl* 13-0-3; Profit 10-0-2; Quirk 36-0-3-4; Reynard* 0-0-8; Rhea Ranger 30-0-0; Sherlock Holmes 5-6-2; Sol 39-6-0; Sol Jr. 39-6-8; Sue de Nymme 26-3-2; The Gopher 17-0-0; Toots 38-0-6; Zordo 39-0-0. Total 62.

The recent visits of both Carol and Edna played havoc with Billy Goat's environs to the point that "nothing is recognizable any more".

Division by Fiddle: RIZEDF divided by ACTO equals AZE; minus TZED equals ADEED; minus FZIRD equals AACDE; minus AFFDO equals FFER.

Division. IOLTELC divided by SNA equals ONNN; minus INAS equals TCE; minus ACE equals TSL; minus ACE equals TIC; minus ACU equals CT.

Multiplication. UTRSLA multiplied by IBS equals EEVVDU plus TTESST plus SURVATI equals TVBSARRU. Square Root. NO'EC'IM. Quotient: IGG; minus NM equals HEC; minus PAI equals OMIM; minus PPNI equals MHCE.

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SUE DE NYMME

ALPHA

BEE WILDER

NUMERO

H. ELL TEE

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THE PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

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The late lamented Nypho, remembered for the humorous and jocular tenor of his conversations and writings, once referred to the presidential message as the "pestilential message". Inasmuch as the Enigma has for the past few years carried no official message whatsoever, it is hoped that the present offering will not be wholly inopportune in its appearance, unwelcome in its reception, nor in any measure "pestilential" in its ultimate effect.

First, by your leave, a personal word. If all attendants at the business meeting of the recent Greenfield convention had voted against the "slate" the slate would still have been elected. The proxies of absentees did it. But those present did it also! The vote being approximately unanimous for all offices, the election appears to have been a precedent shattering one. Your president considers his election to this office a high honor, intensified, perhaps, by this unanimity of expression. His grateful thanks, folks.

In outward appearance, our organization is in a most flourishing condition today. The transition in editorship less than a year ago was accomplished so smoothly, so harmoniously, that the average puzzler was scarcely aware of any change taking place. Only the editors themselves, outgoing and incoming, knew what was going on. B. Natural took over the editorial work, and now with very few changes is managing it substantially as Arty Ess was doing only a short time ago. The few innovations he had instituted in Enigma's format

are to be commended as forward looking and desirable. Flats, forms, and cryptograms are coming out uninterrupted, with no perceptible falling off in either quantity or quality. This is as it should be, with the credit, of course, going to the editor. We are benefitting from his unselfish labor, and are very fortunate therein.

A less rosy picture is that presented by our financial position. B. Natural is authority for the following statements: We are experiencing a net loss in members of three or four annually, and our annual expenses, of late greater than our income, are steadily eating into our reserve funds. Everyone knows this is a bad situation, one that must be improved substantially in the near future! This is a matter we should all give earnest thought to. It was discussed at the recent convention, the preponderance of feeling being that increasing our revenue by securing more new members would be more practicable than by increasing the annual dues. Various suggestions were brot forward as to how this might be brot about, the discussion concluding with a vote authorizing the new president to appoint a League Promotion Committee to seek ways and means to gain new members. This committee is hereby appointed as follows:

SOL, Chairman
FRED DOMINO
N. JINEER
M. U. LATER
MACROPOD

It is felt that these members, representing widely separated sections of the country, all sincere, loyal puzzlers, will gladly combine their ideas and efforts for the good of the puzzle fraternity as a whole, endeavoring to make Enigma the most interesting and profitable of puzzles.

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