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THE 1958 CONVENTION

Lift an ear to me, kind friend,
Turn this way your cornea.
Give attention to a scene
Out in California.

The 1958 convention was held in sunny California, attended solely by sunny Californians, and in weather typically sunny Californian. Clear skies, warm temperatures, and complete absence of smog combined to make out-door excursions wholly pleasant. Several members residing in states to the eastward who had planned to attend the gathering were forced by threat of illness to forgo the trip. The other forty-eight states being thus unrepresented, the convention, staged in the far west for the first time in NPL history, was an all-California one.

Non-attendants missed a lot of gay doings. For one thing, they missed the Saturday dinner in the lovely Padua Hills dining-room in the hilly country near the college city of Claremont. Puzzlers converged on the spot from literally all directions. The Los Angeles County group rolled in from the west and south, Mrs. Ev and Evergreen Dodged their way 60 miles from the east, Alouette Bunched a roundabout course of some 75 miles from the north, while Gordian Knotted, the best traveler of them all, railroaded his way from distant Oakland, far to the north-west. But exploring the shady paths at Padua, and the dinner itself, proved ample recompense for all our travel exertions. Particularly intriguing were the beautiful, dark-eyed, black-haired Mexican waitresses, who followed their serving duties with a number of fast dances

and songs, for the delectation of all diners. It was noted that Modoc, Alouette, and Gordian Knotted used their optics to especially good advantage on that occasion!

The sojourner from Oakland almost failed to nail down his room reservation at the Green, previously arranged for him. On arriving at the hotel he inquired about the room reserved for Mr. Ben Miller (that's his name!). When informed no room had been reserved for him, did his face fall! Subsequent investigation revealed that the room had been reserved in the name of Mr. Gordian Knotted (that's his nom!), upon which assurance Gordian regained his feeling of safety, and all hands got back on an even keel.

This tragedy being narrowly averted, the group gathered in the linnard room of the Hotel Green in Pasadena for an evening of contesting. Here Quirk and Alouette, faced with the keenest possible brand of competition, quickly demonstrated their superiority by copping first prizes. The others just didn't have what it took.

Sunday afternoon saw the official business meeting, in the same room of the Green, the outstanding characteristic being the ease and composure with which vice-president Pacifico conducted the various parliamentary maneuvers. Detailed minutes of the meeting are presented in a separate report.

The banquet later in the evening was certainly a humdinger, in the truest meaning of that term. Fried chicken, scrambled menu dishes, and everything, topped with a wonderful

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CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Pedantic Porker.--HB MAIFHLMA JNC EHG KMMB
ODIBA DB LEM *PNGGNGGNJJN. H RMHSBMA
GEDHL DB H GEDT KDHL.

Waltham, Mass.

2. Pause to reflect.--EZM'R YO XAWO RTO QSM NTZ
BSN SM VPXL GSKO AM S QAHHZH, SME, AM-
BROSE ZG AQDHZFAMP RTO GSKO, YHZWO R-
TO QAHHZH, AMRZ DAOKOB.

ARCHIE TECH

New York, N. Y.

3. Staged.--ABE, EBCPSYLBVODH BC ULBHYVOBD
ZFIORYLPSCXG TLFUYCUC KFFC, CAFJC ES-
IA VOCIFEROUSLY.

FUBINE

State College, Pa.

4. Down to scratch.--FROFWY ZTRHTW INGP LNYRU
MBPHVNW. EYMHP VFDTFJ. TMJDYWFA PUTM
VBNCK, RVNPHG. PRYDG. THRKG RBMATHTBM
JVTCKHJND.

CRYPTOX

Corinth, Miss.

5. Fatal dose.--NJTIPOMLBOQ NQHWT TWTGHNFC-
LF JBAAF RCIE; RHXAMQ MHHYM; AHLATP T-
IYMBWCPC, AMTLEBI; NXYXGRTG.

FRED DOMINO

Elmhurst, N. Y.

6. Check!--ABACDEFBHBGEZI JKLH, MNHLKFIBDP-
ZQER, PESMQ FLKWB UKLPEHZVGB JMBI QN-
LK QLEBA MZVEQDZG WKJBG RKPZFLEAKI.

OEDIPUS

Bastrop, Tex.

7. Cure-all.--PIXCAP CROWD OWQPCNAYI MUCDE.
NYLPUPIT NYIXE UBIWN SNUOE BUCKL ORW-
IL QUIDE, WIZUM YNPL XKPQW.

HOODWINK

Madison, Wis.

8. Bird Watcher?--RTKHZ LBHZ PXJWBGC GPZJ, AX-
TQDJS HTJQ, CJGFXQ TFXBHZBP NXGXG GM-
TKH YXGHQXGD, YXTWJ TLC, RXGWMTK. WXJ-
QBP VJGH!

NUMERO

Altadena, Cal.

FLUKE

Division.
CFWYSN divided by AST equals FFY;
minus CORA equals CTWS; minus CORA
equals RFCN; minus RCFC equals OAY.

Piecemeal Square by Hoodwink
EG ET GE LE NE OM RA RM RY SS TE

Anaquote. (2, 4, 2, 3, 6, 6, 2, 4,
4, 4, 2, 3, 4, --19)

DRA EDH EIN ELP EWI HAT HET HYF IST
LLH NDE NDI NEE RIE RNF THE THY IE LD

This issue was held up until the last minute, in hopes of bringing the report on the 1958 convention in California. So, now the information will appear in the November, 1958, issue instead, along with the minutes.

floral centerpiece of stock and other blooms arranged by that grand hostess, Quirk! Surely, no partaker of that gustatory event will ever forget a single detail!

A special contest, introduced by Sol and extending over a 3-day period, involved the placing of the letters in NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT in a 5x5 square, making as many words of 3, 4, and 5 letters as possible, across and down. The words were given values of 3, 4 and 10 respectively, and if you cannot beat a score of 80 you'll have to admit the ingenuity of Zordo who won the event with just that score.

The scene on Labor Day afternoon was the lovely swimming pool at the Ustrich home in North Hollywood, where fourteen fortunates gathered to be hosted by the talented and genial Sol and Mrs. Ustrich. Water play, comfortable lounging, and special stunts composed the entertainment features. The hosts amused and mystified with a clever telephone number identification, but refused to divulge their secrets system--the meanies! Cinti Jr. gave an intriguing and almost unbelievable demonstration of memory ability. Being the Roth of the famous Roth Memory Courses, he displayed a marvelous store of almost magical tricks that was greatly appreciated. Fluke (alias Ananias) claimed to hypnotize Quirk into naming chosen cards--another delightful offering. An attractively prepared and most appetizing al fresco supper served on tables near the pool was the finale to a most happy occasion, as well as to the 1958 convention.

Advice to members of the Krewe--
Make this your fixed intention:
"By train, or plane, or boat, or car
I'll make the next convention!"

MINUTES OF THE 136TH CONVENTION NATIONAL PUZZLERS' LEAGUE

The 136th Convention of the National Puzzlers' League, Inc., was called to order at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, August 31, 1958 in the Linard Room of the Hotel Green in Pasadena, California. In the absence of the President and 1st Vice-President, PACIFICO, 2nd Vice-President

The following members were present: PACIFICO, ALOUETTE, EVERGREEN,

MRS. EV. FLUKE, GORDIAN KNOTTER, MODOC, SOL, SOL JR., QUIRK and ZORDO.

The members of this convention assembled stood for a period of respectful silence in memory of those departed from our ranks during the past year: M. E., EASY, N. JINEER, YANKEE, BOO-JEE-KAY, I SEE, SHYRENE DHUMBB RHELLE and NEOTERIC.

Telegrams and letters of greeting were read from DAFT and B. NATURAL, NOLI ID and PSI, MARTELIA, PAT and PATSY, ARTY ESS, OEDIPUS, REX, MOL-EMI, H. ELL TEE, DAMAC, THE GINK, and ARCANUS.

Minutes of the 1957 convention held in Wilmington, Del., as printed in the November 1957 issue of The Enigma were read. There being no corrections, they were approved as printed.

Reports of the Treasurer as printed in The Enigma throughout the year, were duly accepted.

New members as listed in all issues of The Enigma since the last convention were unanimously accepted to membership.

According to custom, the sum of fifty dollars was allocated from NPL funds to cover convention costs.

A resolution was unanimously accepted that a letter of thanks be sent to the Hotel Green for the many courtesies extended to the members of this convention; also, that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Independent Star-News, the local daily newspaper, for the excellent coverage given this convention with special commendation for the reporter-photographer, Mr. Jack Birkenshaw.

The following resolutions were proposed and unanimously adopted:

That a vote of thanks be extended to SOL for entertaining the Krewe at his home on Monday, September 1st.

That a vote of thanks and appreciation be extended to FLUKE for the prodigality of his efforts in carrying through so thoroughly on all convention details.

Motion was made and carried that a Committee of three be appointed to consult on the arrangement of order of puzzles as printed in The Enigma so that the easier type of puzzle be placed first in the magazine. The following Committee was appointed by PACIFICO: Chairman, B. NATURAL, EVERGREEN and FLUKE.

The following slate of officers (Concluded on Page 7)

1. Asthenia. 2. Melongena. 3. At-
tent. 4. One before the other. 5.
One after another. 6. One-pounder.
7. NOCent, Tibia, VAGabondage, ANT-
rum; noctivagant. 8. Caprice. 9. Up-
set. 10. Quadrupled, quadruped. 11.
Intuit. 12. Enriched. 13. Slap-dab
setup, mistress asserts, imputes bad
pals. 14. A new order began, a more
Roman age bred Rowena. 15. Sjamboks.
16. Toenails, no tails. 17. Rose
Bowl, beau's role. 18. Shower, whose,
hose/shoe. 19. Migrate, ragtime. 20.
Satirical, rascality. 21. Toenail,
elation. 22. Jaunter, unearth. 23.
Locust, clouts. 24. Sw-itchy-ard.
25. H-are-m. 26. Be-wilder-ing. 27.
An-chore-tic. 28. B-Jarfly. 29. R-
Designation. 30. M-filch. 31. One
for the road. 32. A general hospi-
tal. 33. The G.I. Psychiatric Hospi-
tal. 34. A thunderstorm. 35. Tan-
gible assets. 36. Silent prayer. 37.
Verbiage. 38. Union. 39. The strip
tease dancer.

1. Instead of sighing today for mo
2. Kleptomaniacs may merit consid
3. "I eat my peas with honey: I've
4. Faience made into large modern
5. Curious quidnunc bruits chitcha
6. Plumb vexatious gamin filched c
7. High walk bright crowd watch fl
8. Foreign pair, fatigued midst fj
Pitchforks. Hypertonic. Subtrahend
Happiness makes up in height for
what it lacks in strength. Robert
Frost.

CL AV IC LE
AY IS
MO UR
RE CO IL ED

1. By B. NATURAL

V
T AD
SH RED
S ER IF IC
TH RE E E CH O
V A R I E G A T I N G
D E F E A T U R E
D I C T I O N S
C H I R S
O N E
G

Both Chet and Arty Ess turned in
PRESOCIAL-CAPRIOLES for the trans-
posal of The Gink's in September,
and it was allowed.

There is still a dearth of head-
ers and articles for the future.

2. By ARCANUS

M
G AD
S AR AB
N O N E N E S
M A L E C I T E S
S U P E R H E A T E D
M A R I S A B L L A S I O
B O O K S T A L L K E E P E R
3, 4, 5. By SHERLOCK HOLMES
B
H A C
H O R R A
S U N D A R I
R E N N E M A N N
P O R T O N A C C I O
A L A P A R I S I E N N E
E V A P O R A T I O N T A N K
O L I V E W E T Z E L D E N N I S
V
H E Z
C O L O O
C O U L O I R
H A N S E L L E S
H O R S E B I T T E N
F E B R I C I T A T I O N
E L A B O R A T E N E S S E S
E L I Z A B E T H S K R E U T E R
B
I M
E R B
B I E N S E A N C E
M R S S T R O H M
B E T H A R A M
A R A S T R A
N O R T H I S H
C H A R I S T I A
E M M A S T R O H M
H I O
A H
M

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Edward J. Martin, Notary Public. My
commission expires February 17,
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PENETRALIA

1. REBUS (6, 3'1, 5)

P CA
ES

A lawyer REBUS for a fee
No matter what the charge may be.
Sometimes the most astute will
fail

To keep his client out of jail.

Bastrop, Tex.

HOODWINK

2. REBUS (*8)

ITE

The cannibals danced 'round the
fire

While steam from the pot billowed
higher.

Then the *REBUS inside
Stuck his head out and cried:
"You shouldn't boil me! I'm a
friar!"

Middleville, Mich.

M. U. LATER

3. REBUS (6)

HY

I do not live in REBUS ease,
No shaggy dogs, no shaggy trees,
No REBUS rugs upon my floor,
Nor REBUS chairs inside my door,
No REBUS grass around my plot;
I am resigned to my poor lot.

Sherman Oaks, Cal.

PACIFICO

4. REBUS (10)

M
DDE

Niece Fan, altho o' pore estate
Went down t' Worshin'ton
T' ketch a husbant, she'd call
great

And make her NUMBER ONE.
Frawncees is now her name, ye see
But Fan she'll allus be to me.

Washington, D.C.

RAYLE RHODER

5. REBUS (12)

NESS

REBUS is an attribute
That's fine in family life
An admirable unity twixt
Children, husband and wife.

Ferndale, Mich.

ALLEZ

6. REBUS (7, 2, 7)

D:RT::H:RY

With mathematical aid
It certainly can be said:
We cannot REBUS confirms,
East and West will ne'er come to
terms.

Elmhurst, N.Y.

OEDIPUS

7. REBUS (6)

KT

On tournament fields
Each ALL has his day;
Quaint weapons he wields,
Ferocious his play.

Altadena, Cal.

FLUXE

8. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (10)

1-A bleak outlook, sir. You bought,
so you claim

A pig in a poke - 'twas just a
skin game.

2-I restored the cash - the amount
was small -

Only a coin or two, that was all.

3-Television set needs swivelling
a bit -

Viewing angle's not quite right
from the corner where I sit.

4-Age rarely seeks adventure,
prefers to stay at home,

No camping in S. Africa, or
traipsing off to Rome.

5-A sure thing, so the tipster
stated;

That guy should be obliterated.

Cut down on sweets and starch
and such,

But dieters, my appeal
Is start out every morning

with a good-
Well-balanced meal.

Norfolk, Va.

A. CHEM

9. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (9)

1-Grim statistics clearly indicate
That all must share this
melancholy fate.

2-unfamiliar weight in China found;
'Twould surely take a lot to make
a pound.

3-I assure you may read this
rhyme,

Perhaps occurred, but at another
time.

"4-unto us a Child is born"--
research

Will show a throng all going
in to church.

Though TOTAL is a mess, a line
expresses

Just how it may be used in making
dresses.

St. Louis, Mo.

MOLEMI

10. CHARADE (7)

As amplifying factor, high or low,
ONE is employed in all electron
tubes.

It's also known in China-land altho
It's Greek to me, most ignorant of
boobs.

In far-off India these hunters
track

And give the fiercest of its
tigers chase.

Alone one might the needed courage
lack,

Together TWOs the mightiest
will face.

While other wayfarers do speed
me by

With looks of hauteur only
scarce disguised

Some friendly succor I await for I
Am in a big COMPLETE
immobilized.

Los Angeles, Cal.

SOL

11. CHARADE (7; ONE is phonetic)

Women gather when they FIRST,
If in sewing they are versed.

When they take a sweetened juice,
Milk and egg-white introduce,

Freeze until it turns to ice,
You can LAST the WHOLE is nice.

Centre Hall, Pa.

ARTY ESS

12. DELETION (9, 8)

With FINAL hand he swore he would
Uphold the law just as he should.

When he passed on, sad to relate
Unloved and PRIMAL was his state.

Bastrop, Tex.

HOODWINK

13. HETERONYM (2, 3; 5)

PRIMAL the greater part
Is six, as all agree.

SECOND is frequently,
As any fool can see.

St. Petersburg, Fla.

FIDDLE

14. HETERONYM (5)

Silas Brown was very ONE;

He worked hard from sun to sun.
So ONE was old Silas Brown

He spent little cash in town.

At the end of every day

He fed the pigs and "hit the hay".
He refused to sit up late;

He would TWO his eyes at eight.

Banning, Cal.

EEK

15. NUMERICAL (8)

1 to 8

The trapper said that he must ALL
His work real fast before nightfall.

1-2-3-6

His dogs would ONE and follow him
Although he often scolded them.

4-8-5-7

Though rain and sleet would TWO
away,

The trapper made his rounds each
day.

Corinth, Miss.

FRED DOMINO

16. PALINDROME

Mother says, - "Father, - I don't
know what'll -

I do, if you don't let up on the
throttle!"

There are cops up ahead; - if you
don't stop speedin'

You can spend ten days - in jail
a-readin'!"

Daughter says, - "Father it's so
much better

To see you observin' the law to
the letter."

Father says, - "Next time you can
do the drivin'.

For peace and quiet, I'm only
contrivin'!"

*I*E** *E*A**E*; *A*E *E*A**E*;
*A*E** *E*I*.

Sherman Oaks, Cal.

PACIFICO

17. PHONETIC CHARADE (4-6)

So modest am I (it must be
confessed),

I never rank high on a standard
ALL test.

If you've produce to FIRST and are
SECOND a ship,

You might just as well go along
for the trip.

Whittier, Cal.

MOLEMI

18. PHONETIC CHARADE (6)

ONE
This may be found beneath a shell;
But which, is what you'll have to
tell.

TWO

A friendly group, just you and I,
Besides the lamp-post standing nigh.

ALL

A little bird that wings the skies
And dines diurnally on flies;

Related closely to the phoebes,
It gives small insects heebie-
jeebies.

Centre Hall, Pa.

ARTY ESS

19. TERMINAL ELISION (5, 3)

ONE
A little bird I give to you.
Cut off its head, curtail it too.

TWO

When you have done that you will find
The animal I have in mind.
ONE catches flies and insects, too,
And TWO will give its coat to you.
Bastrop, Tex. HOODWINK
20. TRANSPOSAL (9)
Some girls wear lustrous satin,
Or crepe de Chine or TWO;
So rich and soft in slinky folds
To stress a figure true.
My gal cannot afford such joys,
So flour bags she sews.
From ONE in unbleached cotton, how
She itches! Goodness knows!
Greenfield, Mass. B. NATURAL
21. TRANSPOSAL (6)
When the ceremony was over,
The reception a thing of the past;
The bridal couple departed
For a trip before the mast.
They were FIRST to take a boat
trip.
All the final arrangements were
made
To sail down the Mississippi.
They were fearless and unafraid.
What though the ice-box failed them
And the meats not FIFTH should be
spoiled,
Bread FOURTH and butter molded!
Their joy would never be roiled.
The voyage THIRD a fortnight,
And fondly they stepped onto shore,
Ere arriving at one of the largest
Of SECOND the whole wide world o'er.
Philadelphia, Pa. H. ELL TEE
22. TRANSPOSAL (9)
The tyrant made edicts
And laws all his own;
Assumed greater power
Than king on a throne.
His rule was so harsh
Many subjects rebelled;
But he ONE the big risk,
TWO his laws, riot quelled.
Caledonia, Mo. THE GINK
23. WORD DELETION (9; 3, 6)
It was a lovely wedding, and
everyone was there;
The bride wore TOTAL satin and
fair flowers for her hair.
The bridal veil was SECOND and
very, very old.
A blue kerchief was borrowed, the
ring was yellow gold.

The bridesmaid was a beauty and
trimly svelte and chic.
The best man too, was handsome,
with marvelous physique.
A sad end, though, I bring you,
my sorrow knows no bounds,
The groom who was a lisper, had
trouble with FIRST sounds.
The preacher popped the question,
and here I must confess,
The fellow strained and stammered,
but he could not utter yes!
Sherman Oaks, Cal. PACIFICO
24. WORD DELETION (8; 3, 5)
Two famous sleuths with TOTAL ways
Were on a case, and in a daze.
Said Sherlock to Lestrade: "Please
note
This ONE upon the victim's coat.
It TWOs there lightly, telling me
What type tobacco it must be.
It's montebela panatela,
Showing he was quite a fella.
He must be Eisenhower's brother!"
"No," said Lestrade, "he's
Whistler's mother!"
Pearblossom, Cal. ALOUETTE
25. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (6)
Each small boy has perquisites,
Such as showing opposites;
Future talents are still PRIMAL;
Though his appetite's most FINAL!
Altadena, Cal. FLUKE
ANAGRAMS
26. OVERT CHARM I, I'M N.S., P.E.I.,
ETC. (3, 9, 9)
27. AM A SIRE, FIT PAL
Caledonia, Mo. THE GINK
28. O, USED HOME REDEAL (1,9,5)
29. SOLO SENSE, MEN
(Deceased) DHUMBB BHELLE
30. HEAT: THEIR MESS
Arlington, Va. IFANDOR
33. POLICE RUN IT AS IF AIR IS A
PART APART (10, 11, 9)
Banning, Cal. EEK
ANTIGRAM
32. O CURB THIS FIAT (4, 2, 3, 4)
Greenfield, Mass. B. NATURAL

1, 2. Diamonds
1. C. 2. To essay by choice. 3. A
low chirping sound. 4. Gang labor-
ers, as at a dock. 5. Country, SW
Arabia. 6. Decade. 7. N.
Chicago, Ill. SUE DE NYMME
(With thanks to Arty Ess)
1. S. 2. Small (Scot.) 3. March-

7

April (Hindu calendar; p. 1180) 4.
CHELSEY (Map of France) 5. Orna-
mental Malayan shrub; family Arali-
aceae. 6. A minuscule. 7. Seat next
to an aisle. 8. Like a teeter (Wr.
Dial.) 9. YATAY (Hnk. Am. Ind.) 10.
To fetch*. 11. R.
Greenfield, Mass. B. NATURAL
3, 4. Pyramids
Across. 1. D. 2. HEC# (Oxf.) 3.
White sweet clover. 4. A seditious
disturber of the government (ironi-
cal, especially in England, in the
18th century). 5. Baptizees (var.)
6. One of several varieties of bag-
atelle (A game). 7. Persistences.
8. A small North American merganser.
Down. 1. H. 2. River of Italy. 3.
One of an agricultural caste numer-
ous in Punjab and the United Pro-
vinces. 4. Specifically among sports-
men, a game bird. 5. An Indian of
an Arawakan tribe of northwestern
Brazil. 6. Pertaining to the Capsi-
dae. 7. HATTISM (Oxf. Supp.) 8. DE-
BRISTE (Stieler) 9. CUISSER (Wr.
Dial.) 10. Loving (var. Sc.) 11.
TEPCA (Andrees) 13. To whirl (as a
top). 13. Mats or baskets made of
this Pacific Island screw pine. 14.
So#. 15. R.
Iowa City, Ia. ARCANUS
Across. 1. M. 2. Encountered. 3.
PASOP (Pettman). 4. Missel# (Oxf.).
5. Pazarees#. 6. LASCALINATA (Imp.
Gaz.) 7. Making masculine. 8. A
thread used in making gathers (Oxf.)
9. Igneous rocks consisting of ne-
phelite and orthoclase.
Down. 1. N. 2. Tapuyan. 3. A pic-
ture. 4. To cover with lath. 5.
Pash# (Oxf.) 6. MASCEL (Wr. D.) 7.
PISCURI (Lemp). 8. MASSALIT (E.B.)
9. Finished like messaline. 10.
Rings worn on the toes. 11. Pleni-
tude#. 12. Leash# (Oxf.) 13. STIRN
(Fost.) 14. ANEI (E.B.) 15. A re-
volver. 16. From. 17. S.
Centre Hall, Pa. ARTY ESS
5, 6. Squares
1. APOCHOLIC. 2. The same as ES-
MARKITE (E. D.) 3. OPHILITES (Soud)
4. A thessalian poetess (Lemp). 5.
HOLAHLAR (Cram). 6. A manganiferous
variety of siderite. 7. LITOLISIA
(Nat. Med. Dict.) 8. Repetition. 9.
Var. of CAESAREANS.
1. PASSEANOR (Map Ind.) 2. ALEPU
CAPE (Scr. Bl. At.) 3. SEPILITED,
(Oxf.) 4. Forming into a spiral. 5.
EULA RIVER (E. B.) 6. ACILIGENA (Web.
Proper Names). 7. NATIVE TIN (Ches-
ter). 8. Opening* (E. D.) 9. The

"Galloping Ghost", star pupil of
Bob Zuppke (Assoc. Press.)
Worthing, S.D. SHERLOCK HOLMES

CONVENTION MINUTES (Concluded)

was elected for the new year by vote
of the members present and including
44 proxies:

President: HOODWINK. 1st Vice-
President, PACIFICO; 2nd Vice-Presi-
dent, CHET; Secretary, IFANDOR;
Treasurer, DAPT; Official Editor, B.
NATURAL Publisher, B. NATURAL; Ohio
Trustee, BLACKSTONE.

Invitation to hold the next con-
vention in New York, as offered by
OEDIPUS, was accepted.

There being no further business,
the 1958 Convention was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

QUIRK, Sec. Pro-tem.

AUGUST SOLVERS' LIST

Everything: 36 flats, 6 forms, 8
crypts: Hoodwink, Fiddle, The Gink*,
Ifandor A. Chem. Daft, H. Ell Tee.
Amor 16-0-3; Anti Que 27-0-4;
Arcanus 15-5-0; Artaxerxes 5-2-2;
Arty Ess 28-0-0; Bee Wilder 18-0-0;
Billy Goat 34-4-3; Blackstone
34-0-1; Bon Gay 12-0-7; Captain
To 24-0-3; Chet 34-0-0; Coleth 0-0-0;
Damesh 20-0-0; Dunroven 30-3-2;
Fflake 0-0-2; Genesian 30-2-3-2;
I. N. Joyum 25-0-0; Jemand 12-0-0;
Jemanda 12-0-0; Kapry Korn 31-2-5-2;
Molemi 35-0-2; Nollid *-7; Oed-
ipus 35-0-2; Oslol6-3; Patris-
tocrat 4-0-0; Paul and Virginia 11-
0-0; Psi *-7; Reynard 0-0-0; Sol
*-0; Spud 33-0-0; X. Trax 25-3-0;
*. Sherlock Holmes 3-6-2; Buttorkup
32-4-5.

Piecemeal Square by H. Ell Tee
DI ET GE GI NI OT RA SA SU TA TE UM

Piecemeal Square by Billy Goat
CE CO EN ER GA ID MM NS NT RO TO UM

Anaquote by Molemi
BAN CKB CLO COU DGE EFA ELA EOF HAR
HEM HEP HUS ING LEA NCH NGT NOR NTI
OHT OLY ORG RQU SUR YAS. (2, 3, 8,
2, 8, 3, 10, 5, 2, 1, 7, 7!-8, *8)

Division by The Griffin
RDYKMM divided by DOR, equals DMWO;
minus YW equals DMWK; minus DYKD
equals IRRM; minus INWR equals DDIM;
minus IMEW equals DON.

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Crash!--AGU CATAPULTED ZTEC ZTATBFHARK
TNTPLCA RTZI UAIRE OD AEFZS ORZTXR B-
RZFHPTE PLCFETLZR ERBUEA.

State College, Pa.

CRYPTOX

2. Maternal.--ASCKBJMEBYSN HSKBUN ISEHUX AM-
XG AYKOUEN, LMSNBXT ZMEBYSN AMCMHBUN
DOBLO NYAUKBAUN HUJG HBMTXYNNB.

Banning, Cal.

EEK

3. Apparel.--SOLVE TRICK VSHWO PHOL JPEHW;
TOAR'K SIDOW KICO; JSOPV UIFRK KFOL
VH; UHVRCLK KZHCW "LRT KIJF."

Elmhurst, N.Y.

OEDIPUS

4. Chipped.--ABVDEF, GHIEJDKL HMLNBG OMLPEB
EIOJ, QBRG LKISQ GEMP TUDK PBMIDTVIE
VKLO. MLD JMDLKUG BUDQIGB MPKID JLKA-
IHD.

Bastrop, Tex.

HOODWINK

5. Talent Scouts.--IZFQ VPZXBC WBZGR QSRZHJP
WSCZR; XCJYVFR IJC RVJCHKZGM VDBXZH
VDXCJ, CBQJGXZH MZCF, YJFZP KVCB.

Philadelphia, Pa.

H. ELL TEE

6. Jail Bait.--FRFWORZYT TNGZSRPW LSWGU PNM-
YRBW. PZBL VREVDWJ AWPSZBCWG YGSPYP.
WKPNSDWSL WOUGZDBNLNL ANSKRLJ. RCAS-
RTZGNL.

Corinth, Miss.

FRED DOMINO

7. Horseplay.--BCDEFG BHIK BCELM BCNKGFT BC-
NQHU. BCGR=IHFSM BKLQ BERLHU. BCNKLS
BCMQL BCMIHS BKWEGFLR BCQHTM. BKMR?

Bastrop, Tex.

HOODWINK

8. Wedding date.--LXNBC, VJPZB DJGN LXNMBR HG-
WKJ LXNHBMF LNBWJ. SGWHTF ZGRBXM OXW-
HRK QNX. ZGWM XDBGWH LNBK CXNRJ. CGTL-
FXH QGFR!

FLUKE

Altadena, Cal.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts in September: \$5-Kenneth
Vesalius, Vesalia, Lu, Hoodwink, \$3-
Fiddle, Phyllis, Bunny, SVB, Toots,
The Griffin, I. N. Joyum, Oedipus,
Sylph, Arcanus, Molemi.

Balance September 1 1341.71
Receipts as above 58.00
Total 1399.71
October Enigma 36.00

Add. env. 3.00
Convention 50.00
Total 58.00

Balance October 1 1310.71

October Enigma: #1 Rebus should
have had the "(" directly below the
final "M"; last line should have
read: "They tried to speed it on by
force." #3 Rebus should have had
ten letters.

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ENIGMATIC BALLAD

By FIDDLE

Of all the girls that are in our
League

There's none like Cindy Kate.
She is the darling of my heart,
I love her early and late.
And though she wears no Single Star,
I'd be an Ass T' Risk
An Incomplete, when all I need
Is court her answer brisk.

THE DOM I KNOW

By FRED DOMINO

One of Thedom's most interesting
devotees, and one whom few of us
have met personally is Fluke. He
is one of those rare individuals, a
resident of California, who will ad-
mit the California climate is ever
cold enough to start the furnace,
or hot enough for the air-condition-
er. He has a lot more degrees than
the Police Department, and almost
as many as Mr. Fahrenheit. A retired
navy Captain, he is keeping busy
following a lot of hobbies, such as
singing in a choir, Toastmaster Club
work, leading old-folks singing,
flats, and of late Cryptograms.
Fluke got his start at puzzling
through cross-word puzzles, and
crypts, in the N.Y. Herald Tribune.
He even confesses to having worked
on a country newspaper during his
Freshman year, and to having been a
printer for four years. The biggest
puzzle to me is how he ever got out
of the newspaper game after being
smeared with printer's ink for four,
or five years?

It's pretty hard to get Macropod

to write a letter, in fact, almost
as hard as it is to get an express
company (he used to work for one)
to pay a claim, but when he does
take pen in hand, he always comes
up with something good. Recently,
he was working one of those simple
little "jumble" games which are
syndicated to newspapers throughout
the country. He came across the word
MATCHMAKERS in un-jumbling some
of the letters, which wouldn't work,
so he kept shuffling the anagram
blocks and finally came up with
TACKHAMMERS. Imagine the thrill!
Also, imagine the big let-down when
he couldn't find "tackhammers" in
New Int., or any other standard dic-
tionary. This makes me argue that
Sears Roebuck and Co.'s catalog
should be adopted as one of Thedom's
refs. You can find "tackhammers" in
it, or, for that matter, in any
hardware or Western Auto Store (ad-
vertisement) anywhere in the U.S.A.

Speaking of Macropod brings to
mind a note he wrote me about a flat
of mine that was published in The
Enigma in 1957. I believe, I used
the keywords LUSTER, RESULT, SUTLER
and RUSTLE. Macropod wrote: "About
1925, years before I joined the
League, Mrs. Mac's sister visited
us and brought with her the first
transposal I recall ever seeing
thus -

"A SUTLER sat in his ULSTER gray,
Watching the LUSTER of moonbeams
play
On a jug of rum that near him lay.
Thou LUREST the mighty
Thou RULST the strong
O King, John Barleycorn."

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