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# ENIGMA



GREENFIELD, MASS.

BY THEIR NAMES YE SHALL KNOW THEM Once there was a gal to whom an RWI "R" didn't mean "this is oystermonth". Nay, it meant to her that this letter was the opening wedge New York, N. Y. - ELMO in a cryptogram, and how she looked

Who is this unique person? None other than Bam of Stillwater, N. Y. Alexandria, Va. - WORTGAUKH structors of eight weighty cryptograms in The Enigma, and mailed in her sols five days after the magaits and fertile brain cells. And she's been hitting the high road Bastrop, Tex. - HOODWI ever since. Her system - if she has S I B any - defies explanation beyond a woman's intuition; but my how it pays dividends!

Maybe that's because she was born in Missouri where a lot of our top Dallas, Tex. - MAI solvers came from. A little town of Monett was responsible for Bam then.

When she was two, she moved to Ronkonkoma, N. Y. - VAL EM Leadville, Colorado and left behind were no schools nearby, her mother taught her the three R's using the Greenfield, Mass. - B. NATI coal stove for a blackboard. Is it ment at such a tender age, doubtless abilities --- if, when and as they

Somewhere inbetween the years that followed she finished high school, and feeling that pearls lay in better places than the inside of an oyster, packed her vanity case and hopped to New York. There, in that mysterious metropolis lurked an engaging villain and she soon found herself engaged to Jack Loidl, eventually accepting his name in exchange for her own.

The two of them opened up a grocery store in Norwood, N.J. and for the next twenty-five years or so, Thedom heard little of Bam, which seems like the end of the picture. But not so. Let her tell the rest in her own words:

"And then one day I saw a crossword puzzle! ... I wish I could say that I built forms and flat way back in the 90's, but that wouldn't be the truth. After a year or so of chasing emus and gnus over a spotted diagram, I lost interest in all X-words. Up until 1926, I thought a crypt was some sort of a recess. The first one I tried fell apart, to my amazement - and right then and there I became a crypt addict. Was just interested enough in them to finally become a puzzler. Today, I admit I haven't looked at an X-word - not even in secret.

"My pet aversions are bumpkins, yclepts and daft nchegas, and my greatest hope is to stump some of the experts. (Ed. Note. She may do just that in the .... Enigma).

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the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, where they may be consulted.

sales came in, and answering numerous phone calls - I had no time for flats and crypts - so business came

first.

"And then came the War and those endless Government forms to unravel - each and every one having hidden traps and red-herrings. They were concocted by Agents of the Devil who spent years weaving the maze-work. All my spare time was spent counting ration stamps that were more valuable than our 'Fool's Gold' at that time. In the end it all amounted to near insolvency from the tight squeeze of the octopus-like Chainstores that are now reaching out for each other. So, we closed shop and hied ourselves to Greener Pastures and a Life of Retirement and TIME for my PASTIME.

"I now have plenty of time for my puzzles when I am not out chasing the birds away from freshly planted vegetables. or scooting the neighborhood canines from the back porch where they like to nose around. I manage to send in a fairly good sol list each month and have struck up a new set of 'Letter Friends' - all of the old ones have passed on one by one - during the lapse. The only stamps in my life are the Postage type and I don't have to ration them. No more Hank, Hector, C. Saw or Poly, Him Bill, and the Arts: Arty Ess, Arty Fishel and Arty Meyer (Jack Point), Pearlie Glen. H. S. Law and Skylight. I wonder where they are?

"But the Enigma keeps on with the new Master-Minds replacing the old. and it will, until every word in Webster has been used as a key-word or part of a puzzle. When they are all used up we can start from the beginning again: AAI and AARDVARK.

ending with ZYMURGY."

That's Bam in a nutshell, or I might have said she in living in a nuts-hell, but she manages to evade the complexities of others in their posers and presents some mighty good teasers of her own. And, better yet. she has the sense of humor which is all too scarce nowadays so that her letters to Ye Ed are a joy to read. personality and show the fun she gets out of everything, come what \_\_\_\_\_

JANUARY SOLUTIONS 1. Autopsy. 2. T-rave-1. 3. Chale-t. 4. Beset, best. 5. Guidance. 6. Sphere. 7. Endanger. 8. Weep daughter, deep water. 9. Cosmetics. 10. M-sinister. 11. Ascent, stance. 12. Lambaste. 13. Why, otherwise. missives which reflect her jovial 14. Artist, strait, traits. 15. Apple-y. 16. D-reviling. 17. Split personality. 18. Brandies. 19. Sponsor-n. 20. Improper. 21. Sings with abandon. 22. Canoeists, cessation. 23. Echoic, choice. 24. The superb cuisine. 25. Lambrequin. 26. Strategic, tiger cat, citrate, attire. titre, rite, tie, it, I. 27. Reascending, grandnieces. 28. Gloome. glume. 29. A little forethought. 30. F-utilitarian. 31. Whetstone. 32. Interposal, rantipoles. 33. Misrepresentation. 34. The Russian Bal-

> 1. Cross gorilla with mink get fur 2. Pillula pylle pille an early pil 3. Lovers traveling tunnel dark res 4. Wife trumps ace led by husband i 5. Unlikely miracles Old Faithful s 6. Hiemal winds blow brisk blast dr 7. Joyful disc jockeys abhor modern 8. Zealous swain damsel enjoy cowsh

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The great advantage of a hotel is that it's a refuge from home life. G. Bernard Shaw

Truth is mitey and will prevail. So iz cider mitey but yu hav got tew tap the barrell before it will prevale. Henry Wheeler Shaw

PENETRALIA 1. REBUS (4 5 6) **ҮРРАНҮРРАНҮРРАНУРРАНУРРАН** Mary was born twenty years ago. Her friends gave her a party so gay, With candle-lit cake and lots of

gifts, As each wished her "REBUS of the day."

Hull, Mass.

BILLY GOAT

2. HOMONYM (8) The ward was fully occupied; Bedridden ONE, in chorus, cried: "Oh, nursie, dear attend me first. Some water, please, to quench my thirst.

Oh, pretty please, put down my head.

I'd like my knees cranked up instead." "All must have TWO with me until Each need, in turn, I can fulfill." JEN AND B. P. New York, N. Y.

3. LINKADE (7) If you use them, but don't abuse them. For punctuation neat.

The ONE, colon, TWO semicolons will

Be at your COMPLETE. PUZZER00 Grosse Pointe, Mich.

4. TRANSPOSAL (6) I bought my auto from a ONE, Truly, my faithful friend; A TWO, not a leaner, On whom you could depend. BILLY BEE Detroit, Mich.

5. REBUS (5) B

"A good rebus is hard to make", To me a puzzler wrote. TOTAL is always hard to take By one who is "the goat". HOODWINK Bastrop, Tex.

6. BEHEADMENT (5, 4) It is no ONE to lose a pound, At least, not with those sweets around.

To shrink your hips that TWO or so, Those extra calories must go. With exercise of common sense,

You'll surely get your recompense. (ONE is slang) JEN AND B. P. New York, N. Y.

7. TERMINAL ELISION (7, 5) Just had a PRIME of him that day: But if he always walks that way, Then I can say without a doubt. That he FINE with knee turned out. PUZZER00 Grosse Pointe, Mich.

8. REBUS (8: two answers) URN

T Some "smarties" will (8) the proverbial applecart; If they would (4 4) a new leaf the would be more smart. Jackson Heights, N. Y.

9. WORD DELETION (7; 2. 5) Is golf your TWO? Or tennis? Maybe basketball you name. Whate'er you like, ENTIRE it: Step ONE, buy tickets for a game St. Petersburg, Fla.

10. PARTLY PHONETIC REBUS (5)

You must believe in these, and such. Or they won't have that magic

touch. JEN AND B. 1 New York, N. Y.

11. DELETION (7, 6) In certain FINAL of politics Rhetoric is king And flowery PRIMAL offer The best of everything. Portland, Me.

12. DELETION (7, 6) She bowed her head like a little FINAL

She hadn't meant to gain acclaim

But when she saw such PRIMAL acts A message clear for the good at She couldn't help but interfere. She never thought of her own sell It bids one slapped to turn the But only saw her duty clear. Ferndale, Mich.

13. TERMINAL ELISION (6. 4) When the Queen left with the Royal Lords.

Fair Ophelia FINAL upon the boards. Then Hamlet PRIMAL across the stage.

"Get thee to a nunnery", he cried with rage. Jackson Heights, N. Y.

OEDI PUS 14. WORD DELETION (9; 3, \*6) Way up North near the \*SECOND

Strait It's fun ALL with the Eskimos. Because they take my hooks and

bait For FIRST objects and bearskin clothes.

OEDIPU Grosse Pointe, Mich. PUZZER00

> 15. CHARADE (7) While FIRST young athlete wins One SECOND after another. Lying asleep at home Is his good-for-nothing brother.

His poor parents declare That such indolence is sin, And pray that he will change Else ENTIRE will surely set in! East Lansing, Mich. WORTGAUKLER

16. FIFTH-LETTER CHANGE (6) Most of us must love our sins Although we claim to rue them: No sooner do we ONE our sins We turn around and TWO them. Strafford, Pa. UNCLE REBUS

17. HOMONYM (5: 3 3) MISSILI Now Scripture says: "For an eye, an

eye"; Do you suppose that's the reason

why I dourly shoved as hard as I durst When many praises rained upon her The clumsy guy who knocked my hat

And never thought of winning hom Well, Scripture gives, in another

cheek twice; All I SECOND true: "was I very nice?" Houston, Tex. PAUL AND VIRGINIA 18. CHARADE (8; 2, 3, phonetic) With line and pole And a bit of luck, I TWO out a living (Plus in season, duck).

So please. THREE share my meal; I'll ALL a mess of fish. The ONE has been removed. It's quite a tasty dish. St. Petersburg, Fla. IFANDOR

19. FIFTH-LETTER CHANGE (7) ONE is known as a form of Art, By putting together here and there a part.

But if in a TWO you want to get smart.

A more serious subject would be a better start. Jackson Heights, N. Y. OEDI PUS

20. TRANSDELETION (7) I didn't think my friend Moore Would take SEVEN at what I said, But he flew into a FOUR And completely lost his head.

You know how most people FIVE. When they THREE in such a state; No matter how hard you strive, You just cannot set them straight.

I bear him no SIX, no ill will. TWO this unfortunate matter, But to be piqued at so little, I think he's mad as a hatter. (SIX is obsolete) East Lansing, Mich. WORTGAUKLER

21. HOMONYM (4 2 5; 4 1 6) To prove my love she'd have me swim A PRIMAL (more or less); If I took FINAL, I could swim The Hellespont (I guess). Houston, Tex. PAUL AND VIRGINIA

22. TRANSPOSAL (6)

An East Indian sailor known as a lascar. Landed near the ONE of Madagascar;

While there he spied a TWO running around

(One of the animals which on that island abound. OEDI PUS

Jackson Heights, N. Y.

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23. PHONETIC REBUS (5) least F His talent is not musical Nor is it in the Arts. He's not a bit dramatic, But oh, his apple tarts! And when he has a REBUS His guests are so contented. They gobble up his pastries, And friendships are cemented. MISSILE C Portland, Me.

(24) WORD DELETION (9; 5, 4) My friend was on the ONE of tears; She did not tell me why. divilrali By TWO of my persuasion, though, She had herself a cry. She said, then, that her spouse and she

Did differ in their views; Quite ALL, their views on money

To save, she did refuse. JEN AND B. P. New York, N. Y.

25. DELETION (6, 5, 4) On ONE paper I write This flat for all the Krewe. I'd like to stump you all. But to be fair, I TWO The meaning just for you. And now I'm at a THREE

To make my wish come true. ZER-0 Philadelphia, Pa.

26. CHARADE (11) Come let us drink each others' health, and we'll Be TOTAL; imbibe some more and

then we'll feel What's called togetherness. The prefix "ONE-"

Is mostly used this way in work and fun.

The TWO's a lowly vegetable that's found In restaurants, in salads, and in

ground. A THREE in metaphor, described as

The ABC's of learning, you'll agree.

ноно Brookline, Mass.

27. SPOONERGRAM For problems which perplex the soul We need His grace to aid us; Let us (3 4) to reach our goal: Petition Him who made us.

One problem that confronts us all No matter which our nation, Unscientifically we call: "Exploding Population".

'Twas fishes fed the many, once: Let's see where that may lead us Fishes ... from the sea. The nonce The cowgirl had caught her man The sea (3 4) to feed us! Houston, Tex. 28, SPOONERGRAM NOOK+ Cranny The gems were gone and Nursie looked In every (FOUR and SIX) Cresh TN Policemen checked out every clue But they were in a fix. "It must have been an inside job. The sergeant said to us. "If we can find who helped the

thief 'Twill save a lot of fuss." He searched each room upstairs an down

And finally did arrive At robber's den in the back hall. Carelessly, this SECOND rascal "Come out now, (FIVE and FIVE!" Strafford, Pa.

29. FOUR-LETTER LINKADE (13) On her ONE slipping Sally fell And the pain was somewhat great: But medical science, I'm glad to 33. REBUS (3 2 3 3 3) tell.

Showed she suffered just TWO, in REBUS I have tried to write a state That was TOTAL one of distress This one is a sample, true. For feckless falling, more or les To amuse the keen-eyed Krewe. St. Petersburg, Fla.

30. REBUS (3'1 8) If REBUS is healthy and good, And he eats just that which he

should, He does not need vitamin pills 2-Dentures used by men, below, To ward off nutritional ills. Bastrop, Tex.

31. TRANSPOSAL (6) Have you heard "Don't let the rain come down; There's a hole in the roof and I might drown?" Such a hole was common, said my teacher. In the principal room Of an early Roman home. I guess you could call it a SECOND feature.

(with a THIRD?) LAKIAT PAUL AND VIRGINI After the wedding, a clatter was heard (This was a part that was not rehearsed).

The car with the bride And the groom inside Drove off with a string of cans FIRST. ATRAIL Canton, Ohio BLACKSTONE

32. THIRD-LETTER CHANGE (9) One of the light-fingered gentry, PRIMAL, dishonest, was he. Detected while pulling a job, He made his escape, and did flee.

Made a mistake, unforeseen. UNCLE REE FINAL, he needed a cigarette -Was nabbed at the vending machine. (FINAL is rare) Virginia Beach, Va. A. CHEM

ADY ADY Flats that you would say are right.

FID Bastrop, Tex. HOODWINK

34. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (11) 1-Romantic plays, both comical and tragic.

With witches' brews and other kinds of magic.

above. HOODW Aren't conducive to the warmth of love.

3-Prey is hunted both on land and

sea, By animals, by fish, by birds, all three.

4-Bedraggled you returned from rain and fog, And thought of tieing up your errant dog. 5-Rotundity in tones makes lovely music. But pompous language makes both me and you sick.

Think puzzler dear, you will have had this made,

A style of art employing light and shade.

Brookline, Mass. ANAGRAMS

35. SPEND IT Philadelphia, Pa. ZER-0

36. "HENS" KNIT, GET ON! (3 10) 37. MALES SIGHT TIN ORE (3 13) Norfolk, Va. VIKING

38. EXERTIONS SECURE US (9 8) 39. TOP ACHES LAIR (8 4) Minneapolis, Minn. THE GOPHER ----0-----

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. Squares 1. Douay Bible name (pg. 875) 2. The solid portion of any fat. 3. Composed of ten lines. 4. Lamest. 5. A short aria. 6. A church of a monastery. 7. Consisting of one term (pg. 1702)

1. (Ref. Sp.) Dissolve. 2. (ML.) In court. 3. (Gr. Antiq.) A song often impromptu sung to the lyre. 4. (Ref. Sp.) Sulphone. 5. Birds of the family Oriolidae. 6. Young lions. 7. A genus of butterflies.

1. Pert. to the hip. 2. (Music) With movement. 3. Certain to suffer punishment (pg. 1139--N.I. 3rd Ed.) 4. (It.) Infant cupids. 5. Split asunder . 6. Roman roads. 7. Marking or indicating an equality in the tides.

1. (Sp.) Road. 2. Was bright. 3. (Scot.) Raged. 4. To evade again. 5. (G.) Proclivities. 6. Damned -a euphemism for "d--d'd". 7. Additions.

1. Sash saw (N.I. 3rd Ed.) 2. (Sp.) (Continued on page 8)

## THE ENIGMA

CRIPIQERAMS - Bastrop, Texas - ALL BY HOODWINK DFGHKL JMK NKFH LKA MBOF A 1. Washingtonian. ABCDBEFG: DBHH \*PQOQR \*HFGOQPF FCBTQLBAQKL AK JK.

GZ VKG AMF UKOFGLTFLA.

I J E K G L D B B C G K M H B N O P D B B J 2. Truancy. AGPENG "DBBC = AETFGH" EJBQR NBSQFETQ OF 37. HOMONYM (6, 2, 4)

HGEN; PESRDF IGHPD, EJOB RENG MTOD.

3. Conquest.

FDEG HIBK JDLMIBDKG MNCE ABCFI"Perfumes of Tucson," was the first ABCDE HDEO MBDPHQNG IJKB HPGLRK FNKE HKEMC

QIFKB EIM CAGKEM SBIH LIESRDLM.

4. River traffic. DEIH FOPH ABCDEF BGFHI AHEJC LEMNH, MBROS AETUOFN GHONASC LTUV PEMNB DEF

DOUHW IBGFWSMHED.

ZYZXWVUTSRP QOZXSP, VPYUNSZM AOVN GWOX, UFWOZWX UOVG QYC, AOXW VDSBP MW Brookline, Mass.

ODOE; FWBP VSFKWT QWGSZX.

ABCDEFG HIAD AJCKL IMGKH MLCKFLEN EL

MKCP JFAQ RBSNMT UMKD;

HTBFMLY CFBK JETC.

ABCDEF GHCIJ JKCILM NAJPDR MJHCL; FPMDCTAI AI JKTEDM UIEKA, JQAIM

CNDJEL IEVXD IAMPHD GICT MXCU.

8. Slave labor.

GREYHO UNDS, UPNTOR HOEL, FRZ SCGU SCJ CEGBT ACD HCLFSRNGY:

EDT, RSTC DCEUO HDCJB RAYPD ANUOY.

Avenue. 3. Texture#. 4. (Med.) Tonic spasm. 5. An Indian of a Yakonan tribe. 6. Wife of Antipholus of Ephesus in Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors". 7. Var. of Woyaway.

1. A gray-headed person. 2. One who resumes. 3. Literally, gift of Isis. 4. Sweat cloths. 5. Devotion 7. Inattentive.

Milford, Ind.

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APRIL - JUNE 1965

GREENFIELD, MASS

NOS. 733 - 736

She had a chain of stores in Arizona. Sold toiletries to women, (this gal Mona).

And "SIX TWO\* FOUR" her next. (Give her the rope end!).

"Colognes of Phoenix" was her third, and "Odors

Of Flagstaff" was her fourth. (And she sold sodas). This Mona had a FIVE TWO FIVE

so sunny. Y K | Her business instinct piled up

heaps of money.

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### BY THEIR NOMS YE SHALL KNOW THEM

JENHK JFALC A: Because he was born on February 14. it is only natural that Fred V. Matthews middle name is and likewise his nom. in the NPL. He VAL ENTINE, was C S born in Brooklyn, and spent the early T p years of his life there. He matriculated in the local schools, and eventually studied Accounting at Night School.

He is employed with the Stern and U Stern Textiles, Inc., of New York, where he has been for over 30 years. At present, he is their Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Director. He is married and has two sons: George and Fred to amorous gallantry. 6. Rises aga V. Jr., both with the N. Y. Life Insurance Company. His marital life extends SAKR-EL-Dver 46 years.

Val Entine saw service in the 1st World War being with the 1st Infantry stationed in Hawaii. During his life he has done much civic work with the Boy and Girl Scouts, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion, and has been active in Masonic bodies. He is the Past Grand Master of Nassau Lodge #536 of Brooklyn and also Past District Master of the 1st Kings District as well as being a Past Monarch of the Grotto.

He joined the League in 1949, and while his more ardent pursuits in puzzling enable him to be a consistent solo-completer, he has contributed some flats and anagrams. But, he has other hobbies besides Thedom: bowling, archery, and he is an enthusiastic boxing and wrestling fan.

(Ed. Note: Val Entine died on May 26, 1965 at the Mather General Hospital, Port Jefferson, L.I., N. Y., following a stroke.)

"The Enigma" will have a new dress until such time when Ye Ed can completely get back in the harness. The magazine is being printed, not offset, with someone else doing the customary typing, but the mailing will be done as usual.

H. Ell Tee Helen L. Thomas died April 22, 1965 at Seaside Park, N. J. (her summer home) of a stroke. She is survived by her sister Dorothy K. Thomas.

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