

## CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Misfit. Jackson Heights, N. Y. - OEDIPUS  
 FS' XYEFZFKVE KVSZ, VS YMMFKBAYEOBC  
 HAY AVG MVFEBO YM CB = BEBKZFYS VSO  
 KVSSYZ FSZBCBGZ AFGBEM FS SBH H-  
 YCN FG V "EVPB OTKN".

2. Sea-going. Caledonia, Mo. - THE GINK  
 RGN NSMAL HSMEIDK GRPIDO GPSMX S-  
 EDA EBSRDAGOD ODHZ GPSGBO SMXFGBO  
 PSMAO HBMCKD KJCE.

3. Childish prank. Bastrop, Tex. - HOODWINK  
 ABCD DCEF FGHIJ IJABK KCAL LHMMNO  
 NOIG IGZ ZCO OBCA ACOYB. BCXJ XJN-  
 DW WHZDNXCIBW VIHOI. HOIGDW WNVIH-  
 AQCOXB BOVHBW.

4. Illumination. Jackson Heights, N. Y. - OEDIPUS  
 CHEATER LHOWBD FHCW GBTIITHEO JB-  
 TDFHOTA CTDJIHK LMWE DMNLE NE PH-  
 TBRBNQECD HSQHOTA WUMTGTO.

5. Help! Help! Greenfield, Mass. - B. NATURAL  
 FGOKR AMTGRI AUDLGPSIR BTLPEMCR.  
 MAPRUG KNMTAC CIGMDA BMLRTN NTHUG.  
 ETGM CJPBKO. EUGMFTCR: HMAGUFJ LP-  
 SI.

6. Fatality. Indianapolis, Ind. - BAFUL  
 ZPAYG WYVAGKJ CAJKVGE PAGE BYEAG.  
 WXVPJAG PAYG HGAPJ. EPJAGV AVGPX.  
 YVAGJX WYVACLFP EKCAJAW UVKJA. ECW-  
 LTPVAG? IKVAYG.

7. Regatta. Greenfield, Mass. - B. NATURAL  
 DSRM VBLLXU LZHV D CZVDHU UFYBH N-  
 SJC. NBYMW PZTJB NGJVFU UYRDH. KM-  
 TDCB GYWHU PMGJVYHC. RZKMBU GZSX  
 PYVHJB.

## THE ENIGMA



MAY 1968

GREENFIELD, MASS.

NO. 770

## FORMS NOT FLAT

By BAM

Forms have ever been a mystery quite out of my line, in their construction or wreckage I never did shine, Though now with the changing years I'm beginning to care For a not "too far out" seven by seven Square.

Or a Pyramid, be it an invert or somewhat absurd, With a double compound or a three-in-a-row letter word, Long as there's an upper case "Def." as a free-as-air clue, My odd lot crumbling reference will three-quarters do.

A Sherlock "Truncate" is a Herculean task for me, With tags of Full., Lemp, and Lipp. when all I have is Std.

An evening with a Baful Lozenge sometimes I like to spend, A brilliant Diamond "turns me on"---just as a girl's best friend.

## ADVENTURE IN PUZZLELAND

By BILLY BEE

In my boyhood, I admired the big, strong, muscular blacksmith in my little town in the mining district of the Upper Peninsula

of Michigan pounding out with his heavy sledge-hammered hot irons into shape on his anvil. Why did he have such mighty muscles? Why were his arms like iron bands?

You have observed how people keep physically fit. No boxer would enter the ring without preliminary training. All athletes, circus performers, etc., take exercise in order to become proficient. To remain in good physical condition, fitness is needed.

However, how many of us stop to think that mental fitness can only be maintained with mental exercises and what better exercise is there than solving "The Enigma" puzzles each month? By doing so one develops skill, and reaps wholesome recreation as well as enjoys satisfying relaxation. An alert mind when confronted with real life problems can view them in all their varying aspects and in the end, come to the most practical solution.

Keep mentally fit!

To aid in this respect, here is one of the tests which I was given while in attendance at college to develop imagination. Without using paper or pencil, discover the answer to the following, as quickly as possible:

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a 3-inch cube is painted red on all sides; then it is cut into 1-inch cubes. How many cubes have paint on three sides? two sides? one side? and how many have no paint on them at all? The total number of cubes may be computed easily.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts in March: \$5-Hoodwink, Wortgauler, Kapry Korn, Patsy, Midrindist. \$4-Al Gebra, Bon Gay, Loretta Brady, Big Daddy, Nutmeg. Azungu.

Balance March 1	823.01
Receipts as above	49.00
Total	872.01
March Mailing	6.50
April mailing	6.50
Postage	7.00
Off. supplies	5.00
Total	25.00
Balance April 1	847.01

#### FEBRUARY SOLVERS' LIST

Everything: 35 flats, 4 forms, 8 crypts, 1 extra: Baful, My My, Ann Dhow, Hoodwink.

Amor 27-0-1-0; Azungu (January) 19-0-0-2; Bam \*-0-\*-\*; Bee Wilder 22-0-\*0; Big Daddy 21-0-\*1; Billy Goat\* 26-3-1-1; Blackstone \*-0-\*-\*; Demijohn \*-7-\*-\*; Dunroven 10-0-0-0; Elmore 27-0-1\*; Fiddle 25-\*6-\*; HoHo 25-0-0-0; Ifandor 33-\*-\*0; Jake 32-0-50; M. U. Later 31-1-4-\*; Oedipus 30-0-0-\*; Paul and Virginia 33-0-0-0; Sherlock Holmes 6-\*0-0-0; Sibyl 0-0-\*-\*; Viking \*-0-0-0; X. Canuck 25-0-\*-\*.

There were 20 special Literary Anagrams for January and February. And the tally there, is:

Amore 6; Baful 20; Demijohn 20; Elmore 5; Fiddle 3; Dorothy Gray

13; HoHo 8; Hoodwink 20; Molemi 20; Paul and Virginia 20.

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT

Oedipus, an NPL member in good standing (now and for some 40 odd years) recently brought up the following:

1. That an 8-page limit in the size of each Enigma would reduce the printing cost and slow the depletion of NPL funds.
2. That an annual or semi-annual special contest page, supported by \$1 contributions by those interested, with cash prizes, might stimulate interest.
3. That free subscription of The Enigma for libraries, particularly to such as Columbia University, New York University, Hunter College, Princeton, Cornell, etc. for a few months might bring several new subscribers.
4. That he wished to be relieved of his volunteer duty in keeping the League's history up-to-date.

After due consideration, a majority of the Board of Trustees of the National Puzzlers' League are generally agreed in the following:

1. The Editor of The Enigma must be free to arrange the available material as he sees fit.
2. A puzzle contest page would not be of sufficient interest to enough of the members to make it an appropriate section.
3. Unless a member can personally take a copy of The Enigma to an individual working in a library who has the authority

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#### MARCH SOLUTIONS

1. Earnest. 2. Anaconda. 3. Truncated. 4. Atrophy, a trophy. 5. Right away. 6. Awry, away. 7. Incumbent. 8. Moth-eaten. 9. Sister, resist. 10. Roadster. 11. Pithy, pity. 12. Parakeet, care o' Pete. 13. Withered. 14. Sines and cosines. 15. Ma-cab-re. 16. Celebration, cerebation. 17. Co-atta-ils. 18. M-Easter lily. 19. Wined and dined. 20. Sachem. 21. Around in circles. 22. Symptomatology. 23. Dance, AC-cent, Tyrant, LOLling, Open, GY-ration; dactylology. 24. The big Lincoln automobiles. 25. A silhouetting. 26. Police brutality. 27. The cold winter season. 28. Absence makes the heart grow fonder.

1. Stupid student studying trig
2. Heavy snow predicted airport
3. Travel broadens mind verily a
4. New fancy title laundrylogis
5. New philharmonic orchestra pl
6. Mature merchant memorized mel
7. Old dictum avers with mighty
8. Swamp wench bought crisp chin

1, 2. By SAKR-EL-BAHR

BAG WORM	R U D E R A L
A Q U A R I A	U R E D E M A
G U A R A N D	D E C U M A N
W A R E N C E	E D U C I N G
O R A N G E R	R E M I M I C
R I N C E A U	A M A N I T A
M A D E R U G	L A N G C A S

3, 4. By BAFUL

A B U S I N G	D A S H I N G
B E N A M E E	A U T O N O E
U N F L A G S	S T R O N D S
S A L A M A T	H O O F O U T
I M A M A T E	I N N O B L E
N E G A T O R	N O D U L A R
G E S T E R S	G E S T E R S

#### "LITERARY ANAGRAMS":

1. Death comes for the Archbishop.
2. The story of an African Farm--a novel.
3. The story of Gosta Berling--a novel.
4. The novel, A Study in Scarlet
5. The novel, Treasure Island.
6. The novel, A Tree Grows In Brooklyn.
7. The Dynasts - a dramatic poem
8. Anthony Adverse by Allen.
9. The Grapes of Wrath by Steinbeck.
10. The Lost Weekend, by Charles Jackson.
11. The Sound and the Fury, by William Faulkner
12. The Mayor of Casterbridge
13. The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym
14. The Adventures of Gil Blas of Santillane
15. Travels with a Donkey in the Cevennes
16. The Admirable Crichton
17. The Cloister and the Hearth
18. A Sentimental Journey
19. The Swiss Family Robinson
20. The Courtship of Miles Standish

TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued): to display The Enigma in the reading room so that it may be easily seen, no advantage can be secured from free subscriptions to libraries. If any member wishes to talk to the librarian in his city and finds lively interest and a promise of display space, if he will send the Editor the name of the library AND THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL who has promised to display The Enigma advantageously in the reading room, then a

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## P E N E T R A L I A

1. BEHEADMENT (4, 3)  
She served her PRIME,  
A juicy steak;  
He FINE with pride  
What she did make.  
Detroit, Mich. BILLY BEE
2. REBUS ANAGRAM (8)  
A M A  
"His name is REBUS", so folks  
say,  
When they HATE A MAN, that way.  
Bastrop, Tex. HOODWINK
3. THIRD LETTER CHANGE (5)  
"How did you get that handsome  
man?",  
The attractive widow was  
queried,  
"Oh, what was your successful  
plan,  
That soon you will be remarried?  
Tell me, did you sit on the ONE,  
Getting tanned in our Pinellas'  
sun?" --  
"No! that's not the thing for  
you to do,  
Don't sit on the ONE, sit on the  
green TWO."  
St. Petersburg, Fla. FIDDLE
4. WORD DELETION (10; 4, 6)  
It was on a SECOND, a dangerous  
trip,  
The sky grew dark after the  
airship's start;  
When the wind with fury would  
FIRST the ship;  
Then the pilot used his ALL to  
read his chart.  
Jackson Heights, N. Y. OEDIPUS
5. LINKADE (6)  
The chef was FINE of serving  
cheese  
With milk and eggs and bread to  
please;  
"Twas PRIME each Friday patrons  
knew,

- They like his ALL, and so will  
you.  
Detroit, Mich. BILLY BEE
6. REBUS (5)  
WSA  
In ancient times,  
A servant, this.  
But now 'tis one who  
Courts a miss.  
Bastrop, Tex. HOODWINK
7. NUMERICAL (PRIME: 9-4-1-7;  
FINE: 2-6-8-3-5)  
Farm experts PRIME a lot  
On how we farmers must FINE  
To keep our granaries on a level  
So everyone will be sure to  
dine.  
They all claim to be TOTAL,  
But facts they claim to be true  
Might be used to fool the  
farmers,  
Plain folks like me and you.  
For how can we be certain  
Who the TOTAL ones can be,  
When some say "go left" and  
some "go right".  
Should be "haw" or should we  
"gee"?
- So when we PRIME among ourselves  
Whenever we chance to meet,  
We wonder what we ought to do  
To profit by raising wheat.  
Mason, Mich. HAZY
8. REBUS (7 4)  
XEX HE  
Many a city a big riot faces,  
Due to ENTIRE between the two  
races.  
Norfolk, Va. VIKING
- Two new addresses: Al Gebra has  
moved to 2630 Mc Crady Road in  
Pittsburgh, Pa.; and DeeGee will  
now be found at 263-A Kingston  
Court, Lakewood, N. J. 08701.

9. DELETION (8, 7)  
The Sage of Odin recently said  
That the carriage maker employed  
Many a TWO; but now most are  
dead,  
Who such craftsmen's skills  
enjoyed.  
The daughter of one such  
Became a "Go-Go Girl",  
A ONE, also; and much pleasure  
She gave by her whirl.  
St. Petersburg, Fla. FIDDLE
10. CHARADE (7)  
"You have TWO this long enough,"  
The merchant to John said,  
"I have ENTIRE you ample time  
To get out of 'the red'.  
"Now you must 'cough up', my  
friend;  
Your credit has come to an end.  
No partial payment will suffice,  
But ONE will really pay the  
price."  
Bastrop, Tex. HOODWINK
11. REBUS (4-6)  
H  
Oh, flattery will close your  
eyes  
And ears, and worst of all,  
your mind;  
Reflecting now, his flowery  
praise  
Was REBUS, double-edged, I find.  
Houston, Tex. PAUL AND VIRGINIA
12. SPOONERGRAM (Both 4 7)  
May loves our little feathered  
friends  
And feeds them daily with much  
glee.  
A happy gal, a serious ONE.  
Can anyone do more than she?  
She talks about them, days on  
end  
In language a la Malaprop,
- A very well-known local TWO.  
One wonders if she'll ever stop.  
Verona, N. J. DEMIJOHN
13. CHARADE (11; THREE is  
phonetic)  
My voice is raised up loud and  
THREE each morn,  
So that the sun will rise, the  
world adorn.  
Without my ONE, the dark would  
linger on,  
So TWO work hard each day to  
bring the dawn.  
You recognize this trait among  
your friends,  
Who spout advice that serve no  
useful ends.  
They volunteer, and they hold  
all the keys,  
They think. But these are just  
the simple ABC's  
Of life. Their egos do not let  
them see  
Perhaps you do not need advice  
so free.  
Brookline, Mass. HOHO
14. LINKADE (7)  
What sort of spur can make me  
stir,  
What kind of ONE or spear  
Can scare me loose from books,  
confer  
On me the urge to leave from  
here?  
Not just the TWO of striking  
clock  
From crypts and puzzles drive  
To go to Health Club, many a  
block  
And with my TOTAL strive?  
Oh, not a hundred, that's for  
youth,  
But seventy-five, for me, is  
hefty, 'struth.  
St. Petersburg, Fla. FIDDLE

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15. REBUS (5 2)  
16. REBUS (5 2 2)  
R  
D E  
If you can't agree with another,  
Do you get your own TOTAL, dear brother?  
Do you yield, or are you a resister,  
Or do you have your TOTAL, dear sister?  
As to those who don't WISH to agree,  
My OTHER at those diehards.  
Don't you see?  
Brookline, Mass. HOHO
17. BEHEADMENT (8, 7, 6)  
There once was a SEVEN named Flo,  
Who danced in a traveling show.  
An EIGHT (and a SIX),  
She knew all the tricks,  
Her bra to the fans she would throw!  
Norfolk, Va. VIKING
18. REBUS (6 3 7)  
R  
S  
The home team won,  
The fans went wild!  
They REBUS, son,  
Each man and child!  
Indianapolis, Ind. BAFUL
19. TERMINAL ELISION (8)  
"MINI-SKIRTS AT MINI-PRICES" -  
The letters huge and shocking,  
Did what they were meant to do -  
They brought the ladies flocking.  
The owner watched the TOTAL,  
And at the sight he beamed,  
Lit FINE tobacco in his pipe,  
And of high profits dreamed.  
Virginia Beach, Va. A. CHEM
20. REBUS (5)  
:-:-:-:-:-  
O puzzler, perhaps you do not know this word,  
Because of "corrupt passage" you never heard.  
Even so, the answer is in sight.  
Look left, look left; yes, that is right.  
I give you help, help's there in sight.  
St. Petersburg, Fla. FIDDLE
21. ENIGMA (4 4)  
At the far end of all directions  
ONE are there by careful inspections.  
The eagles are flying over the ocean blue,  
Therefore you should see what are TWO.  
(ONE and TWO are the same words)  
Jackson Heights, N. Y. OEDIPUS
22. ANAGRAM  
A world-wide movement it is true:  
I think "I CALM MEN" IS CUE,  
Or the "CUE'S I CLAIM MEN" works too.  
Surely by now it's come to you.  
Berkeley, Cal. SAS
23. O! FOOL! TRY ME  
Our money is long green with future short,  
For spending is the nation's favorite sport.  
It's said, "A fool, his cash are soon aloof."  
My TOTAL is a hoax, another spoof!  
24. ANON, I'M A NOB'S LAIR  
Brookline, Mass. HOHO
25. HIDER NOW. O.K.  
26. DRAM EACH  
Mason, Mich. LARRY

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8. Lechew entrance. Greenfield, Mass. - B. NATURAL  
V K G D Z J C X K M D P G C H D K T G D P W V D H N L W.  
Z F S G D C, K J N L R D G N Z T F C P L S H F R D J G -  
Z T. K F T D H C P P X F D L P M R W C F P T G Z N F Z -  
C P.
27. FOES MET NIGH A NET  
(3 4 2 6)  
ANTIGRAMS  
28. LATE PANTS  
29. THAT'S NO MERE HAT  
(3 3-1'-7)  
Norfolk, Va. VIKING
- 1, 2. RIGHT STARS  
1. K. 2. Suffix, "pertaining to". 3. English writer, b. India 1865, d. 1936. 4. Signer of the Declaration of Independence. 5. Permeate. 6. Neither active nor passive (rare). 7. Welcomed. 8. The tone D. 9. D.
1. T. 2. Exclamation to call attention. 3. Kind of cap used in sewing. 4. Urges forward. 5. Sired (Arch.). 6. So. American beasts of burden. 7. Landed properties. 8. Compass abbreviation. 9. S.  
Bastrop, Tex. HOODWINK
- 3, 4, 5, 6. SQUARES  
1. Furnished with sabots. 2. Obs. var. of AUBURN. 3. Curing (obs.) 4. Outburst. 5. Liturgical books. 6. Bored. 7. (Geol.) To wear down by erosion.  
1. Amethyst (pg. 85). 2. One who manures. 3. To frame. 4. An amorphous reddish-violet pigment containing copper. 5. Irascible. 6. A germ or seed. 7. A circular object, as a wheel.  
1. Degraded. 2. An open-shelved cabinet (Fr.) 3. Bible name (Pg.
- 206). 4. An unmarried person (obs.) 5. Obs. var. of SEIGNIOR. 6. Obliteration. 7. The poplar box (Aust.)  
1. Scot. var. of THIRD. 2. In Holland, a council to assist a local magistrate. 3. Bringing into light again. 4. One who impedes. 5. To dawdle (Scot.) 6. Danish law anciently in force in N. E. part of England. 7. Aftermaths; rowens.  
Indianapolis, Ind. BAFUL
- TRUSTEES' REPORT (Concluded)  
year's free subscription may be tried to that library; the further suggestion being made that the member might well check in three or four months to see if the magazine is openly available.  
4. The present history of the NPL is little more than the recording of the names of the new officers each year; and the Editor has agreed to accept this responsibility; but the Trustees in behalf of the League extend appreciation to Oedipus for his helpfulness over the years in performing this service for the League.  
IFANDOR, Secretary  
National Puzzlers' League  
February 1, 1968
- The missing letters in Rebus #1 for April are DAI.  
In #6 the clues are reversed



## CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Moral viewpoint.

ABCD \*EFGHBEGFIGI: "FJ KIL MDDG AN  
DOQDCFDGHD JKIJ SBETL UKB KIXD GB  
XFHDL KIXD XDCN SDU XFCJZDL."

Attleboro, Mass. - CAPTAIN TO

2. Futility.

SUL TYBGXAQ DUBULRBO \*SLABED YCTY-  
WYKUL, \*CRYCR ZUXQD WEXPMQW LAMP-  
REY US \*ARSSAP \*QUFAL RB TXQQA L. W-  
RH=KYZ NUT CAPQW RB WRH CRBXQAW.

3. Hits or errors?

ACDOUCGE MYCIDK CH PHLDO NCGOKH  
LWKGCHBLIP: SLF NCS RBH C RLNK GFI  
LG PHGBOK LFH.

4. Automotive.

Annapolis, Md. - X. CANUCK

USNASVY OXBXCYNHS VCNPHNSYGN OXB-  
HJ OGEXBL UCNYJ, XOUNGESJ LCJ OX-  
ZSCLS, QSZUJ AXLQY CXN UGZZHYXGB.

5. Grim reaper.

Detroit, Mich. - SHADOWY RAVEN

CGF TOGYD UGLG DTWAOYD UTHU HGNI  
HALO, ER DMYIATN, SNOWDRIFT, BFADH  
BTHSU; EMH MNHALTHONR HALO UTHU T-  
NBTRD "HGNNOI" UAL.

6. Cleanliness.

Annapolis, Md. - SIBYL

ENIGMA PMABNTMP QCV DANPX. CIDWEAF  
GAVQNHJCM, JCMITXNWL NWQIWH LIAK-  
MWHP. KVHXMAP IBVNE NARPVKM, MSXI-  
DPHNWL UVAR.

7. Mysticism.

Norfolk, Va. - VIKING

ZFWPX ZBMDJ DSQZF LCKGJ LNXVC DM-  
PGT VQWJC BNLFQ JWVRC XSY PV DFNYG  
XYWPK KBMRG QBWTR SLGTQ DMBRV XF-  
MTC KYSZR PSLNZ KYNTJ.

Mason, Mich. - LARRY

## THE ENIGMA



JUNE 1968

GREENFIELD, MASS.

NO. 771

29, 30. TRANSELECTIONS  
(11; NINE)

A donkey and an elephant  
Portray (11) and NINE,  
Who boast of EIGHT so staunch  
and true;

(3) for votes: yours and mine.

Their campaign platforms THREE  
pronounced,

In (6) and phrase outstanding,  
On (4) obtained from higher-ups  
With full support demanding.

They promise jobs without (9)  
rank,

Vouchsafe no (8) if elected,  
Pass out the fruit (5) with  
ease,

And FIVE as those affected.

They trust both (10) and  
healthy folks

From "splitting" will abstain,  
And carry on relentlessly  
The party to sustain.

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The polls have closed. What  
is to be

We'll FOUR in Fourth Estate:  
Did favorite sonny (7) the  
heights

He held so long, of late?

Although he (SIX) the  
countryside

And talked to (2) with zeal,

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Ideas backfired, often SEVEN,  
His words lost their appeal.

Because this year he nervous was,  
"A-hem", "TWO", "Hurrumph", "Of  
course .....",

Upset his customary speech,  
Brought on a diction hoarse.

L'envoi

The donkey and the elephant  
Have come and gone, for now.  
No matter who was candidate,  
Electee got the bow!

Greenfield, Mass.

B. NATURAL

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STARS

By HOODWINK

I have been a member of the NPL for 36 years, and I have never seen any mention of six-pointed Stars, except mere examples in The Enigma, "Key to Puzzledom" and "Real Puzzles". In 1967 something about those specific forms excited my curiosity--and as a result I have studied them and their construction. There are certain fixed mathematical factors in these forms that would be of value to constructors and solvers.

All 6-point Stars, such as appear in The Enigma, must have an odd number of definitions. The smallest Stars have 9 such, the next size, 13; and the following,