

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Bare facts.

"ORD LEBANON DZ *BDYXW VXA LK TEWT-
SX QSS DYXW, RXWX PELMJXB VI Q MDR
RJXL PANOQHXL GDW MSDYXW. *DKBXL
*LQNJ.

2. To the rescue.

HOSE RUNS ANBCS BDF DEUGSNIUFL I-
JOBKMN I PDUJCKL WBUESQ OBIS JBTV-
MEL PDSEJOUEX JMTVDI MRKMTS.

3. "Penny wise . . ."

ARC SEFOCDH BCDEJHAKLH ROAP GDOAK
HOQMNK MCNKH TSATP QCLK IOHP APSE
RKSNA PB HMCLAHQKE ROAP KFMKEHOYK
KGDOMQKEA.

4. Asylum.

USNAV NYCORU KOREN GBCHL IOUCXAB-
CV MOCEN HZXRL HBSCNL HBFL XCBS-
RE CBHQV YBORA UOFLN ZXCMB C ALIY-
BCXCOJV.

5. Marital.

DQCJYAH RQXO KNHRX ANG DYCLTG VI-
TRX KYX LQGH CY DCTAVY. FQTX NJYCRO
NRX. VQHWIG ITL SNC FYRS. WQR WNG
WQGY, LQ KNA LQGY.

6. Artistic.

QGRDABC ABFRIHF GDECJ = KLABCH FEG-
ARL PREV FGMB CQ HLCEV DRIVE, FGRE-
JQDB NLC FOGDMELC.

7. Inhibition.

WPRCA = ZJNB VOKMBF XUDO; HKDUQ VZKN
SRX PRLCZ. XDO, VDXRF, NURWBLK PBUN
WRUO HCUQ CONRWZ.

Kasupe, Malawi - AZUNGU

Jackson Heights, N. Y. - OEDIPUS

Hull, Mass. - BILLY GOAT

Annapolis, Md. - X. CANTUCK

Indianapolis, Ind. - BAFUL

Annapolis, Md. - SIBYL

Dallas, Tex. - MAXIM

THE ENIGMA



OCTOBER 1968

GREENFIELD, MASS.

NO. 775

30. DELETION-ACCRETION (6, 5, 4, A (SIX) 3; 4, 5, 6)

(After solving SIX through THREE by Letter Deletion, answers to parenthesized (FOUR), (FIVE and (SIX) may be found by inserting a letter each time).

The shepherd boy halted to SIX at the sun,

And sullenly hurtled his staff to the ground.

He sniffed with disdain at the reek of the FIVE

From sweat-matted fleece as the sheep milled around.

His eyes scanned the harbor, where, sails, trimly furled, A ship rode at anchor. "She looks mighty fine;

A trip 'round the seas would just FOUR me," he mused; "Why THREE here forever? The world could be mine."

A low-lying (FOUR) of white sand formed a cove

Where the yacht rode at ease, like a graceful, sleek bird.

Her spars and her (FIVE)s, and her gleaming white lines Enchanted, like Circe, and suddenly stirred

A yearning within him, a longing for change,

of adventure, of bold derring-do. "I'll do it!" he shouted, and straightway forsook His home and his flock for a life on the blue.

Oden, Mich.

SAGITTARIUS

JUST WONDERIN'

By HOODWINK

I remember reading, many years ago, a diatribe against Rebuses in general, and specifically Phonetic Rebuses, in which the writer - long ago forgotten - said that Phonetic Rebuses were inexcusable atrocities that as flats would soon be extinct---and even alleged by prophesying that such flats were "dying out" for want of material. He suggested, if he did not assert, that puzzlers had just about exhausted available bases from Webster's N.I. 2nd Ed. Dictionary. Wouldn't that prophet be surprised if he should review the 1967 Enigma files? Approximately 60 Rebuses appeared in those 12 issues in regular Penetration; plus a dozen or more of them appearing in special articles. Obviously, the Rebus is not "nearly extinct" when more than 15% of the flats published in a given years are of this type.

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Of all flats I like the Homonym the least. Such flats are hybrids, neither Antonym nor Homonym, but mongrels. Good examples such as Larry's RYES (rise) CINQUE (sink) in the January 1968 Enigma are extremely rare. I admired that flat, enjoyed it very much, and found it rather difficult to solve. It was A-1, in its class.

Good Charades, Word Deletions, and Transposals please me equally as well; but I probably experience more difficulty solving Transposals with more than seven letters. Four-letter Transposals are a "dime a dozen". Choose any four-letter word at random, and you will probably be able to find a transposal of its letters in jig time. Hence, too frequently, a flat of this nature, offers various answers, many of which are as good as the one the author intended.

I enjoy good Anagrams with apposition, but it is disappointing to struggle with such a flat and finally deduce a solution of some sort that is merely a Mutation, bearing no apposition to the puzzle. I certainly do not agree with that puzzler who said, "an Antigram is just an Anagram turned sour". Some Antigrams are excellent puzzles, whether discovered in an attempt to construct an Anagram, or otherwise.

Disappointment when in solving a flat, and discovering that the base has been used before, does not upset me. On the contrary, if the text of the flat is well-written and worthy of praise, I want to promptly congratulate the author, especially if he/she is a comparatively newcomer.

Deletions can be quite a challenge, if the constructor exercises care in the choice of keywords, and constructs a good flat as a vehicle of the resultant keywords.

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Preparation for the November '68 Enigma is delayed owing to the paucity of puzzles in Penetration. There are, at present:

4 Beheadments; 5 Charades; 1 Deletion; 1 Heteronym; 2 Linkades; 1 Spoonergram; 1 Terminal Elision; 3 Transposals; 9 Word Deletions and 9 various Letter Changes. In the Rebus section are 52 all told, but 43 of them are by one member. As to Anagrams, there are 50 in all, 32 of which are by one member. The Cryptograms are in somewhat better condition with 108 in all, 79 being by one member.

Articles for Pages 1 and 2 are sorely needed, again, in order to carry through the rest of this year and into 1969.

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AUGUST SOLUTIONS

1. Earth, heart. 2. Panfish. 3. Thought. 4. Poet-m. 5. G-amble. 6. G-lad. 7. Highbrow and low-brow. 8. Saint, stain. 9. Panama. 10. Misinform. 11. Patriots. 12. Biggonnet. 13. A-node. 14. Cant-er, nectar, trance. 15. Bayonet. 16. Miniskirt, skinny Myrt. 17. Bastrop, Astro. 18. A new kind. 19. R-evolution. 20. P-gulp. 21. Icicle. 22. F-in-ancier. 23. Lough. 24. Mister. 25. Budget. 26. Hebetude. 27. Satchmo, stomach. 28. Calculation. 29. Old Age Insurance Payments. 30. Tentatiousness.

1. Cocks of sun-dried hay dotted
2. In Malawi Christian catechist
3. Nippy whisky worst hated stuff
4. Hair dye plastic surgery change
5. Cantankerous duo just puts pl
6. Proverbial wisdom shrewd folk
7. Obituary columns cite whilom
8. Climb peak four rods from this

All by SHADOWY RAVEN

A D D A D D	Z A Q Q U M
D R A W E E	A H U U L A
D A G A M E	Q U E E S T
A W A K E D	Q U E T T A
D E M E L E	U L S T E R
D E E D E D	M A T A R O

A B A C U S	A S H U R A
B A S A L T	T H A N E S
A S C U L A	A R R E T S
C A U S A L	M A R A R A
U L L A G E	A V A T A R
S T A L E D	N E S H L Y

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts in July and August:
\$105-Birthday Party Donations.
\$13.10-Fiddle. \$8.65-Bank Interest.
\$8-Enrique. \$6-The Gink. \$5-Guim. \$4-Billy Goat, Kalmar (Mrs. Cora Williams), Shadowy Raven, Damac, Freddie, Hokus, Spokus,

Nollid, Psi, Winona, Miss Rene Tomkins, 1575 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, Fla. 33139 (Miss Knomer), Ann Dhow.

Balance July 1	
Receipts as above	748.81
Total	193.75
August Enigma	40.00
September Enigma	40.00
Add. env.	3.05
Constitution	13.10
Proxy ballot	6.65
Total	102.80
Balance Sept. 1	835.76

JULY SOLVERS' LIST

Everything: 31 flats, 4 forms, 8 crypts, 5 extras: A. Chem, Viking, Baful, Ifandor, Hoodwink. Amor 19-0-6-1; Ann Dhow 29-3-*; Bam 30-0-*4; Bee Wilder 14-0-*; Big Daddy 27-0-*0; Billy Goat* 17-*1-1; Blackstone 30-*4; Captain To 29-2-*3; Elmore 23-0-4-2; Fiddle 21-*6-*; Kalmar 0-0-7-1; Larry 12-0-0-0; Martelia 18-*0-1; Maxim 0-0-*0; My My 29-3-*; O'Casey 8-0-0-0; Oedipus 26-0-*4; Paul and Virginia 28-0-0-0; Sibyl 0-0-*0; The Gink 19-0-6-0; X. Canuck 28-0-*.*.

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Officers for the 1968-69 term are Baful, President; Wortgauler, 1st Vice-President; HoHo, 2nd Vice-President; Ifandor, Secretary; Blackstone, Treasurer; B. Natural, Editor.

The Constitution was accepted with but two negative votes, by 30% of the membership.

P E N E T R A L I A

1. REBUS (4 3)

TH

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Some rebuses are easy
And some are very tough.
TOTAL should be simple
If studied long enough.
Bastrop, Tex.

HOODWINK

2. BEHEADMENT (7, 6, 5)

Little Leroy in a fit of pique
Tried to FIRST his SECOND, mild
and meek
Because she wouldn't play Hide
'n' Seek,

But had some FINAL things to
do that day.

His silly SECOND was too kind
to say
That little boys shouldn't act
that way.

Kasupe, Malawi

AZUNGU

3. HETERONYM (7; 2 2 3)

A Scotch lad loved a Scotch
lassie
(Lacked words with which to
say it).

Plucking some PRIMAL from the
hill,

Humbly FINAL feet did lay it.
Attleboro, Mass.

CAPTAIN TO

4. TRANSPOSAL (4)

The ONE do not satisfy me,
Twin beds would be better, you
see,

But the TWO is so high
I'm unable to buy
Unless I can get them
THREE-free.

Moorhead, Minn. John C. Pryor

5. TWO-LETTER LINKADE (8)

I said to my paternal ONE today
(He was prying loose a stone):
"I say,

It was TOTAL of you, you know,

To set your TWO in such a way
That the stone fell right on
your toe."

St. Petersburg, Fla.

FIDDLE

6. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (4)

Grow old my ONE with me,
The best is yet to be;
My TWO with you could be so very
nice,

If not for unsolicited advice,
The sun will rise the same, we
both well know,
My chanticleer, but go ahead, I
love to hear you crow.
Brookline, Mass.

HOHO

7. TRANSPOSAL (5)

He was served ONE potatoes, I
think,
And, usually TWO to drink.
But sometimes he THREE
For fried spuds to be,
And for fresh lemonade, cold
and pink.

Moorhead, Minn. John C. Pryor

8. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (5)

When Sir Walter his cloak spread
down

For Elizabeth out in the town.
In ONE they say it was laid,
Of TWO it may have been made.
Kasupe, Malawi

AZUNGU

9. HOMONYM (6)

Is Sally a good little maid?
"She is PRIME", was her mother's
grade.

"You bet she is FINE" her boy
friends said,

"Her come-hither glance is
infra-red."

Attleboro, Mass. CAPTAIN TO

10. TERMINAL ELISION (7, 5)

O! you who ALL mankind, to you I
pray

That you now, in your wisdom,
find a way

To teach man how to live in
harmony.

Please read my little ONE, and
please agree.

Brookline, Mass.

HOHO

11. REBUS (7 5)

(To Viking, #22, April 1968)
TNOH DGO G

Why use so many words

To tell a moocher "No",

When REBUS, which is only two,
Would really tell him so?

Bastrop, Tex.

HOODWINK

12. CHARADE (3-6)

O woe is me, what shall I do
About this book; it is no fun
To handle such a TOTAL one?
Not TWO for this job is my
shop,

Though full of tools to cut
and lop

And other ones to hoist and
prop.

St. Petersburg, Fla.

FIDDLE

13. ENIGMATIC REBUS (4 3 2 4)

F E I V

How many people are there that
Dislike a dog but love a cat,
Or vice versa, would you guess?
Just REBUS LETTERS, more or
less.

But what a question here to ask,
Tho quite an easy puzzle task.

St. Petersburg, Fla. MIDURNDIST

14. CHARADE (6)

Though TOTAL change thru SECOND,
We're not concerned, I reckon,
If future years are worst --
What's right today serves FIRST.

St. Petersburg, Fla.

IFANDOR

15. REBUS (2-7; 7 is phonetic)

.....LMNOPPPPPQRST.....

Maribelle Jones, formerly

dressed in tights,

Had at last got her name up in
lights!

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Maribelle Jones, formerly

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Had at last got her name up in
lights!

Fearless no end, and with
courage supreme,

She drew attention -- all eyes
did gleam

As high overhead she swung and
she swung --

Yes, often by her teeth only
she hung!

But all this is past -- in days
agone long,

This REBUS artiste had sung her
"Swan Song"!

Hull, Mass.

BILLY GOAT

16. SPOONERGRAM

Young Benjie Fitch had itched to
pitch a game,

He switched at bat, but each
side just the same.

He lasted several innings, then
was slammed,

And seven runs were in the
inning crammed.

Then from the bleachers, "(4 *3)
off the mound!"

So from the (4 3), a new man
was found.

Brookline, Mass.

HOHO

17. TRANSPOSAL (5)

Tito, I heard, being serious in
mind,

Was not happy, when clubbing one
evening, to find

A native of his country with a
talent refined

Portraying the nation's leader
as a corrupt venal sot.

"The *FIRST", said he, "a clever
SECOND is not.

He really should be taken out
and mercifully shot."

Kasupe, Malawi

AZUNGU

18. SPOONERGRAM (Both 3 6; the 6 in LAST is colloquial and not in Webster)

The youth wanted redeye
to satisfy thirst,
And I was so close
I could overhear FIRST
With maker of moonshine
who owned an old still:

"Two bucks for a quart! --
take this one dollar bill,
And make very sure
you don't sell me some LAST,
Or you will lie dead
ere this evening has past!"
Norfolk, Va. VIKING

19. WORD DELETION (6) (ONE, TWO)
LINKADE (FIRST, SECOND)

Square dancers filled the FIRST;
Oh, TWO the music beat
As ONE the fiddlers led
The many dancing feet.

Alone, I felt so SECOND,
Without a partner tall,
Till bashful swain came by
And shyly mumbled, "ALL".
St. Petersburg, Fla. IFANDOR

20. SPOONERGRAM (3 5 4; 2 6 4)
Some wives doll up to please
their men,
And get a kick from it, I guess;
But not my Sal, who now and
then,
With my okay, looks quite a
mess.

Thus, as for me, PRIME anything
To please herself and my
checkbook.

So FINE if our wives' fancies
bring
Them fun no matter how they
look.

St. Petersburg, Fla. MIDURNDIST

21. CHARADE (11)
Late at night FOUR sometimes
marvel

At the shining things FOUR see:
There a THREE's bright eyes do
From FIVE high the stars watch
me.

If we scan the heavens closely,
We may spot high over TWO
Regulus (called *ONE Leonis)
Or the WHOLE of Vega view.
Cambridge, Mass. WORTGAUKLER

22, 23. HOMONYMIC SPOONERGRAM
(All parts 3 4)

"Someone must go to the store
before dark".
Of course the PRIME was Jim,
For sister said she didn't
feel well -

A line that sure irked him.

Ere FINE down, HOMONYMIC FINE,
After asking, "May I have a
dime?"

Ma said, "You've had your
allowance,
Not HOMONYMIC PRIME!"
Virginia Beach, Va. A. CHEM

24. PHONETIC REBUS
(4 4 5 5'1 3 4 *4)
TWFRRII

S
A hotrod, Peter, used to race
his car.

He was wellknown to the cops,
both near and far.

One day, a motorcycle cop
yelled out,

Put on his brake, and turned his
bike about,

Caught up with Peter, got him
off the lane,

And yelled, "It's you, and you
give me a pain!"

Cried Peter, "What was that,
back there, you said?"

The cop said, "REBUS! Up with
you, I'm fed!"

Wisecracked the speedster, not a
bit non-plussed,

8. "Just So".
ALTHOUGH BCDGH, DEJKOH HIC, GUFOP
SHOCMUKLP JUCOS RESQKO ZQK ECONHV
MQUGV RCMQEVHIF DE RIKDKPMUP.

"Right in your eyes," and he was
roundly cussed.
Brookline, Mass. HOHO

25. DELETION (9, 8)
I spoke to the man
who applied for the job.
His last name was Smith
and his first name was Bob.
I asked him some questions;
he gave me some lip,

Yet asked me to cash
100 on a slip.
He gave me the names
of some parties to call.

Advice that I got
was the same from them all:
"Don't hire this man!"

He's ONE and too TWO,
He never has money
and he'll steal from you."
Norfolk, Va. VIKING

26. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (*11)
1-Gyraton of the newer dances,
By short fat gals hardly
entrances.

2-Ugly weather, be it snow or
sleet,
Finds me cozy, with logs for
heat.

3-Easeful words sooth the debate,
Persuade, disarm, conciliate.
4-Other lands require toil;
In India, cultivator of soil.

Some wear smugness like a shawl;
Self-satisfied pomposity is ALL.
St. Petersburg, Fla. IFANDOR

27. ANAGRAM (3 7 2 9)
POISON ACTS: I.E., FUMY DEATH
When warden gives the signal,
in acid pellets drop.

Condemned man wants to live
but heartbeats soon will stop.

28. HOT MARINER CLASS (8 7)
29. A CLEMENS, THRU TWAIN,
DRAFTED VERY FUNNY BOOKS
HERE (3 10 2 *3 *6 3 *11 4)
Norfolk, Va. VIKING

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1, 2. DIAMONDS
1. M. 2. Fabulous bird. 3. Cap-
ital of No. Vietnam. 4. Nocturnal
animals. 5. Desk locked with one
key. 6. Iceboxes. 7. Torpid. 8.
Sister. 9. D.

1. B. 2. Evil. 3. Fish steak.
4. Fanciful. 5. Russian musical
instrument. 6. Mentally unbal-
ance. 7. Crams. 8. Piece out. 9.
A.

Cambridge, Mass. WORTGAUKLER
3, 4. SQUARES

1. Feigned disengagement fol-
lowed by thrust in fencing. 2.
Closer. 3. Less difficult. 4.
Vacuum tube with anode, cathode,
and control grid. 5. Weeding de-
vice. 6. Planetarium.

1. Figure "1" followed by 100
zeros (N.I. Add.) 2. Tropical Am-
erican nettle. 3. Opera by Verdi.
4. Biblical city east of Jordan.
5. Tribe of the Sioux Indians of
the Teton division. 6. Variant of
LOWDAH.

Detroit, Mich. SHADOWY RAVEN

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CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Each to his own.

DHMWBDV "BZZ SOHHM LOR YH BPC RWH-
H, BPC RWHH B ZXRRZH SOHHM", HJDMH-
VVHV TDXPXTT TG VTYH DHTDZH BLTOR
WTLKXVRV.

2. H. C. of L.

Jackson Heights, N. Y. - OEDIPUS
PRECEP PBDF GHDI FDRJ KDBLEN CHM P-
HNLN FEKOL QHRRBDN FBPO SENEL; TB-
LEFCLN PHITRBEC UELL FDRJ.

3. Perfect 36.

Dallas, Tex. - MAXIM
HVUKZB OZKBU: CMFH MFOOMK PFZM CY-
FLC AKZ VWOHKWM WBU CLFBWRA; PZVTC
DL FBOV XWEVZKU XWCAFBV HVUKM.

4. Seasonal.

Hull, Mass. - BILLY GOAT
ABCDEF EFDGBEIJ KL MOL KPGRER KSE
RTBMUA RSU DGBVR ST RC UGESBI VGL
OCUEMUSI FIB IUJPIRR OLOPI.

5. Unnatural.

Kasupe, Malawi - AZUNGU
CPN CARP CXOEPLKR, CXOOXKXR CAWK-
IH CXOFZAWK, CPAZI CPXZIR, CXZOQR-
IR CXZBIH AW CLLHR, CXSCAWKR, COI-
WR AW CXEI O? CLOZH CXNR XOI CLWHO-
LQR CARI.

6. Despair.

Cambridge, Mass. - WORTGAUKLER
*ZYXWV TSQQ, PSMWYO BDGWDC, AFPWP
*DXWVMXYJ *MVBVXS V *TSMVYS ZFFM: "Y-
TYXZFX YJJ KFAV IV EKF VXWVM KVMV."

7. Education!!

Annapolis, Md. - X. CANUCK
USNAV, YOB NV! BLXUC VAGRMLAV FUMI-
BST, VMSEM BYBRMHSY PGSTRSLXV; RM-
HBLR UGTM YOBLXM; SLVSVA FUMVSRM-
LA UMVSXL.

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RENUNCIATION

By EUREKA

Great tears gushed from her
throbbing heart,
"It cannot be!" he said in
part.

"Your love cannot divert me
from
The lifelong lure of Puzzledom!"

"I care not that you leave me
flat,"
She sobbed. "I could have stood
for that.

What gets me is this arbitrary
Preferment of a dictionary."
(1925)

ORTHOGRAPHICAL ODDITIES

By BALMAR

The orthography of English vo-
cables not only presents many
difficulties to the foreigner but
also frequently puzzles those "to
the manner born". While the many
schoolboys are still struggling
with measles, mumps and marasmus,
they find an early example in
pneumonia; and after they have
conquered these youthful terrors
they have yet to meet catarrh,
phthisis and myrrh; and possibly
erysipelas, and eczema. Their
spelling books are replete with
terms like bdellium, mnemonics,
colonel, psychology, psalm, psy-
chiatry, through, gneiss, and
alms. The old-time spelling bees
(and even those today) were not
complete without eleemosynary,
metempsychosis, proceed, inter-
cede, supersede, seize, siege,

caoutchouc, indelible, guerilla,
unparalleled, moccasin, silhou-
ette, daguerreotype, reveille,
rendezvous, reconnoitre and also
plumb.

Later lexicographical research
introduces the youngster to both
proper and common nouns such as
Ndjezza, a water-loving antelope;
aardvark, a ground-hog; nsunnu,
another antelope; hhirik as well
as hholem, Hebrew vowel-points;
Mjolnir, Thor's terrible hammer;
mkama, a viceroy or sub-king;
mna, an ancient weight; mkungu,
an African chief of the first
rank; djolan, aiaiai, stenoid,
snemial, ptarmigan, dsjerids,
tchibouk, mniun, ngai, ngapi,
nname, ntuple, etc.

He finds the dictionary inter-
spersed with words like hajilij,
maharaj, vidocq, dzizakh, psykter,
hajji.

Essse is an obsolete form of
ashes and it probably holds the
palm for similar successive con-
sonants. Among bilateral and tri-
lateral combinations are ill-
luck, egg-glue, yawweed, jack-
knife, knickknack and bookkeeper.

The field is widened with geo-
graphical and biographical names.
Footootootoa is one of the small
Friendly Islands; Puuhuluhulu is
a mountain in Hawaii; and Ywydda,
is the principal peak of Mount
Snowdon. The Century Atlas lists
Aeoui; while Johnston's gives
Aeae; Cooper's Archaic Dictio-
nary: Ouei, and Aouaa; "atamaad,
the name of an unidentified town