



# CrOZworld

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Words are the fortresses of thought.  
William Hamilton, quoted by Samuel Butler (1835-1902)  
in a lecture on *Thought and Language* (1890)

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We are looking forward to celebrating the 2005 Get-Together at William Ryan's exciting new venture **The Cauliflower Hotel** which is situated in Waterloo, South Sydney. Many thanks to William for making his 'pride and joy' available to us to meet and discuss important things of a cruciverbal nature. See further details on p9.

We have been delighted with the number of subscription renewals for 2006 and the generous donations made by the members. In order to maintain the high level of prizes for 2006 we need to take advantage of your generosity once again. We will acknowledge all renewals and donations in the next edition of *Crozworld*.

We have another challenging array of puzzles for you this month. In addition to our favorites such as Noel Jessop and *Southern Cross*, we welcome back *InGrid* with an excellent cryptic and the popular *Barney Naga* (Bob Hagan and Jeremy Barnes) who have devised a cryptic which they have titled *A Pesky Puzzle*. The AJ is a special grid compiled by dB ('Mr AxWord'). The Slot 6 puzzle is a wonderful puzzle compiled by *Red One* which she has called *Partnerships*. Our bonus puzzle this month is a welcome return by *Manveru* whose carefully crafted clues should find universal appeal. In addition, Brian Symons is this month's Quizmaster with a contribution called *Crossword Connections*. Also, Steve Trollope has presented all cluewriters with another challenge in his excellent and popular Clue Writing Competition. It's going to be a busy month for all crossword fans. Good Luck and we hope your favourite horse wins the Melbourne Cup! Happy Crozworlding! —Patrick

**Slot 1:** MASHER had many people fooled. EVITA doesn't fit the clue for 2dn (ANA around IT) so LECHER won't do. Nor will LOTHAR & DASHER. The rest were probably careless errors: EDIDA, HEED, DERIN, LADS, KAWA, TENS, LABOMBA, SABEN, SARIN, DUELLA, CAEN, CAAN, LAIRUPS, LAPRIPS, MEDAC, PEONY, and sadly 5 with blank spaces.

**Slot 2:** STERILISER instead of STERILISED led to various words starting with R instead of DUE. Other errors: YOGDRASIL, DIE, DWI, LEVEL, PESTO, TOADS, DOWDY, HEADS and 3 with blanks

**Slot 3:** Oh dear, oh dear, oh dear!! Did you guess, Shirl, that this would have 3 traps for the unwary? AIR LINGUS (should be AER), COMPLIMENT for COMPLEMENT and RAIN for REIN. AER LINGUS was an anagram of SINGULAR and E (Eire's first). COMPLEMENT and REIN were homophone clues. I often have difficulty with these as to which of the sound-alike words to insert, but Shirl's clues left no doubt. The indicator is next to the word you don't insert. Around half the entries had one or more of these errors. Others were PARAMMUNT, ASSENT, NILL SET, STEVE, OVERSMAN, SWEDE, POORMARK, and 2 blanks.

**Slot 4:** Only careless errors here: IONESE, LEARY, NEEDLESY, KONJE.

**Slot 5:** Two with blank spaces here. Other errors: STAR, MISPLODE, DENI, HEBITUDE.

**COTM:** As usual with the high standard of clueing in *Crozworld* there were many different opinions as to the best and some gave more than one example as it is so hard to choose. SPONSOR in Slot 5 wins the race, closely followed by LOVE LETTER in Slot 3, and ANAESTHETIC in Slot 5 comes home third. Well run, all the setters. Perhaps these will help with your betting on the Cup?

**GENERAL:** How sad it is to find so many blank spaces and careless copying among the entries. Please check, and check again, otherwise all your time has been wasted. I had one entry with no name from an illegible postmark in NSW. 1, 2, 4, 5 were correct with RAIN negating 3.

It is great fun to meet up again with friends from past years – a bit like getting Xmas cards from people you don't contact more often. Thanks for your cards and good wishes. Happy Crozworlding to you all.

—Audrey Ryan

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	102	88	101	101	81	473
Correct entries	74	68	52	95	74	363
Success rate (%)	72.55	77.27	51.49	94.05	91.36	76.75
Prizewinners	M Galbreath	J Parker R Christiansen	A Rendell J Colles	P Mercer JB Anderson	D Window	from 109 members

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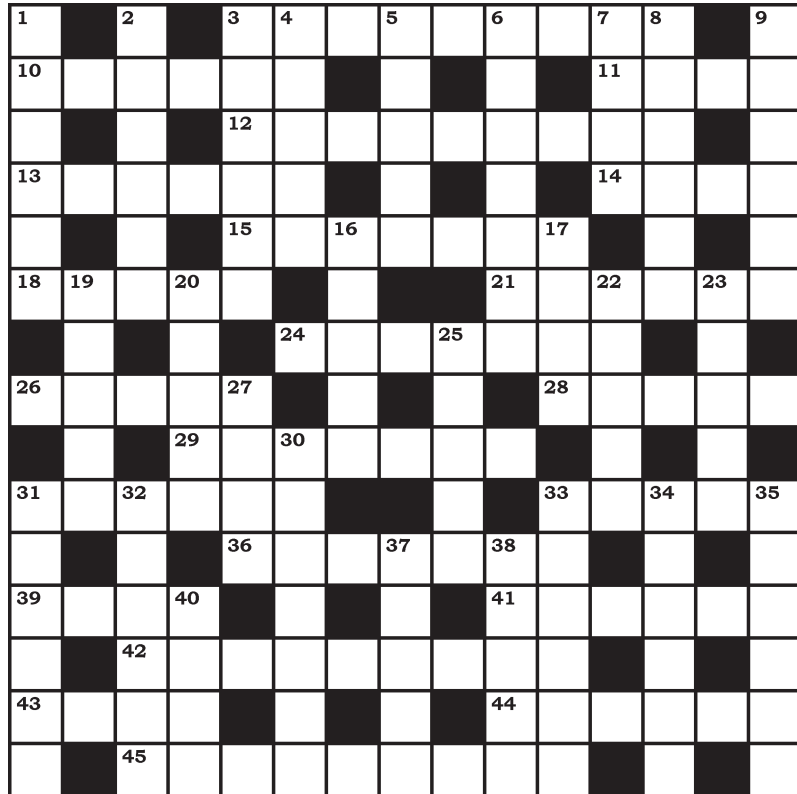
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**Half & Half**  
by  
**Noel Jessop**



**Win!**

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**Across**

- 3 Loud clamour (3,3,3)
- 10 Battle (6)
- 11 Vast ages (4)
- 12 Cigarette material (4,5)
- 13 Japanese robe (6)
- 14 Record (4)
- 15 Made possible (7)
- 18 Sailing vessel (5)
- 21 Serviette (6)
- 24 Presently (2-3-2)
- 26 Entice (5)
- 28 Loose (5)
- 29 Former German state (7)
- 31 Indian fig-tree (6)
- 33 Grind the teeth (5)
- 36 In stunned fashion (7)
- 39 Filled tortilla (4)
- 41 Purgative (6)
- 42 Handshake (9)
- 43 Encourage (4)
- 44 Annex (4-2)
- 45 Quaked (9)

**Down**

- 1 Eccentric raised a girl in town (6)
- 2 Some potato microbes at minuscule level (6)
- 3 Stinger demolished the throne (6)
- 4 Bond with one French particle (5)
- 5 Expert rifle brigade, bitter and sour (5)
- 6 Unresponsive about study leading nowhere (4-3)
- 7 Deer rises with wagging tongue (4)
- 8 Dead jester dropping half a toy with the strain (6)
- 9 A quiet prison's rubbish bin (3-3)
- 16 Fool about near chasm (5)
- 17 Smears experts (4)
- 19 Area round about palm-tree (5)
- 20 One of seven pages in dry grass (5)
- 22 Power your leader left on in gatehouse (5)
- 23 Can is remodelled for old Peruvians (5)
- 25 Disorderly Diana's a nymph (5)
- 27 Shoot up for some jazz (4)
- 30 Distorted naked figure is without help single-handed (7)
- 31 Prohibit airline flying into Luzon peninsula (6)
- 32 One hundred shine curiously in suitable places (6)
- 33 Very quiet, edgy, confused - swindled (6)
- 34 Stress current coin (6)
- 35 Bully caught other crook (6)
- 37 The Spanish take a position for the girl (5)
- 38 Left island with long English yarn (5)
- 40 Promise a hot concoction (4)

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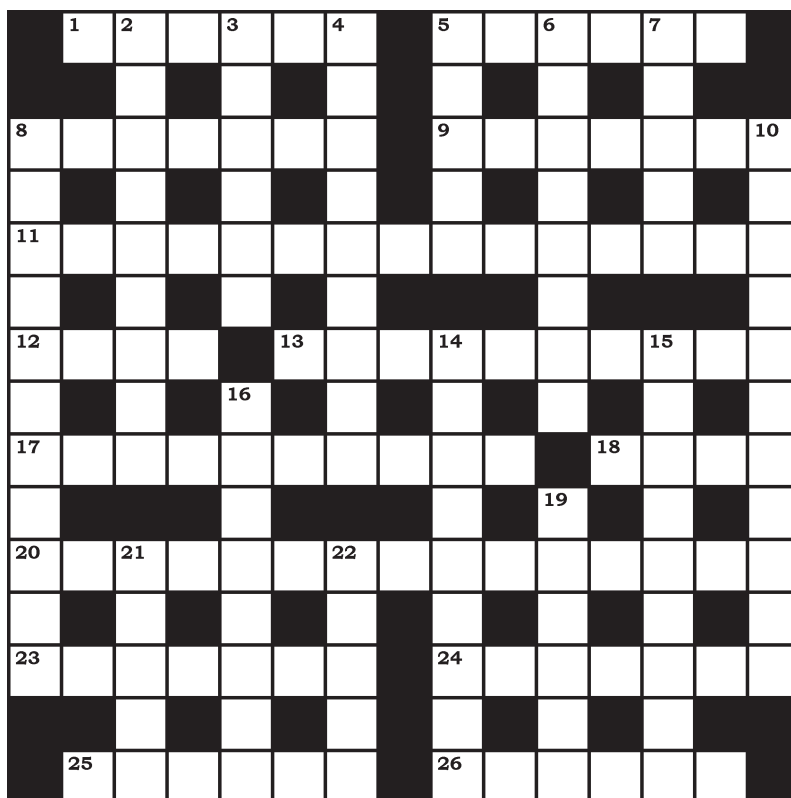
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## Cryptic by InGrid



### Across


- 1 Hut has a man embarrassed (6)
- 5 Instrument of wobegone howitzer disaster (6)
- 8 Sweetheart is brave around novice (7)
- 9 Average cut on this vegetable (7)
- 11 Traders meeting confused laity with established practice (15)
- 12 Man on high ridge first to see gazelle (4)
- 13 Too much weight is hot, especially if you are greedy (10)
- 17 Gossip points to man on German front (10)
- 18 Charts back to electronic junk (4)
- 20 Recognition that the power of learning is mentally halved (15)
- 23 Talks about two thousand years (7)
- 24 Drunkenness caused by rye, I bet! (7)
- 25 Spy dog (6)
- 26 Said eight words to calm (6)

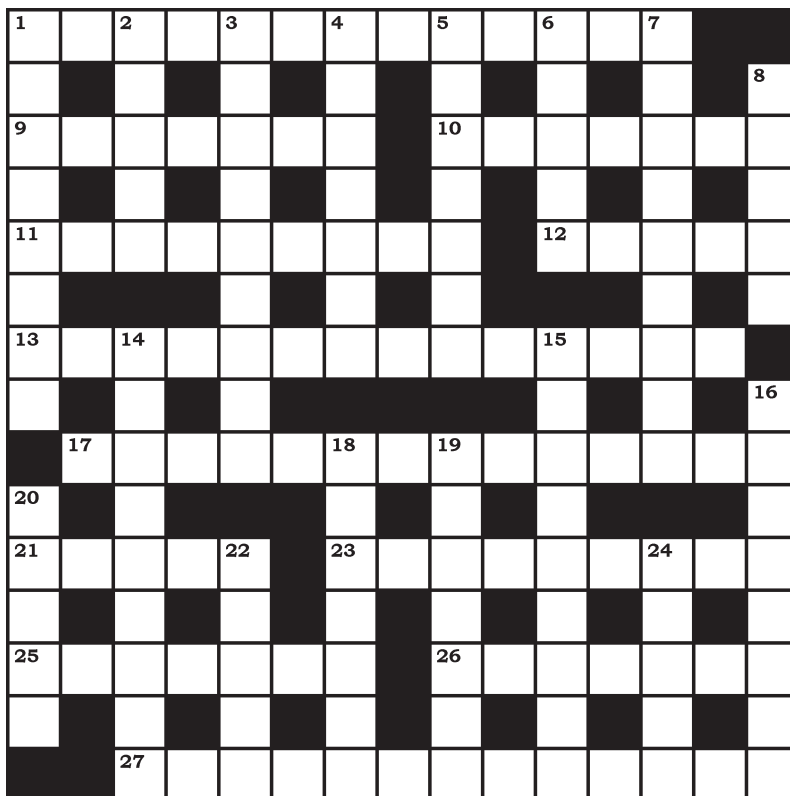
### Down

- 2 GB takes her on before the bird (9)
- 3 Norman poster (6)
- 4 It does your heart good to toe a line unceasingly (9)
- 5 Close post office for nothing (5)
- 6 Herb beheaded the dragon with sailor (8)
- 7 Boredom makes you turn in this direction (5)
- 8 Program on medic you meant to tell Ray about (11)
- 10 Mad to try me over mental powers (11)
- 14 Dum and Dee are stationed before these conmen (9)
- 15 It's a tool in simple mental exercises (9)
- 16 I'm shy, or not! (8)
- 19 Approached a king in need (6)
- 21 Reading The Bard will make Frenchman upset and awry (5)
- 22 Sole right around this no hoper (5)

### GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Many thanks for the beautifully written cheque. The ACC subscription is always very good value but even better when subsidised by a prize. *Jill Freeland*
- Some evocative words this month – ‘strop’ was my father stropping his razor; ‘mills bomb’ was one of a pair on my grandparents mantle shelf, brought back from WW1; ‘shrapnel’ I used to collect for salvage, as did all my friends, and it did no good to my blazer pockets; ‘aspidistra’ lived in our sitting room all through my childhood. Mother took a dislike to it in the end, and put it out in the garden where it succumbed to the English winter. *Margaret Galbreath*
- New compilers usually give my brain a workout and *Agnacenus* was no exception. *Praxis* also has the same effect, so I was pleased to complete all the puzzles whether correctly or not. *Peter Dearie*

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">A Pesky Puzzle</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">by <i>Barney Naga</i></p>




**Across**

- 1 Spy master is leading creator of one who is somewhat a pest (8-5)
- 9 Back in force on 1st class returns to African destination (7)
- 10 After the last drug your heart pain was medium (7)
- 11 One with joint pains and tum ache I take right to doctor (9)
- 12 Release the children (5)
- 13 A funny fellow – after being quite sensible – is a bit of a pest (9,5)
- 17 Open to all since a UN order about a general pest (6,8)
- 21 Stand to win some gear perhaps (3,2)
- 23 Signs, turning out easy, not odd, puzzles (9)
- 25 Direction computer initially he left on at a command level (7)
- 26 Unyielding, stupid ingrate (7)
- 27 Suffering in the embrace of a serial pest (4,2,3,4)

**Down**

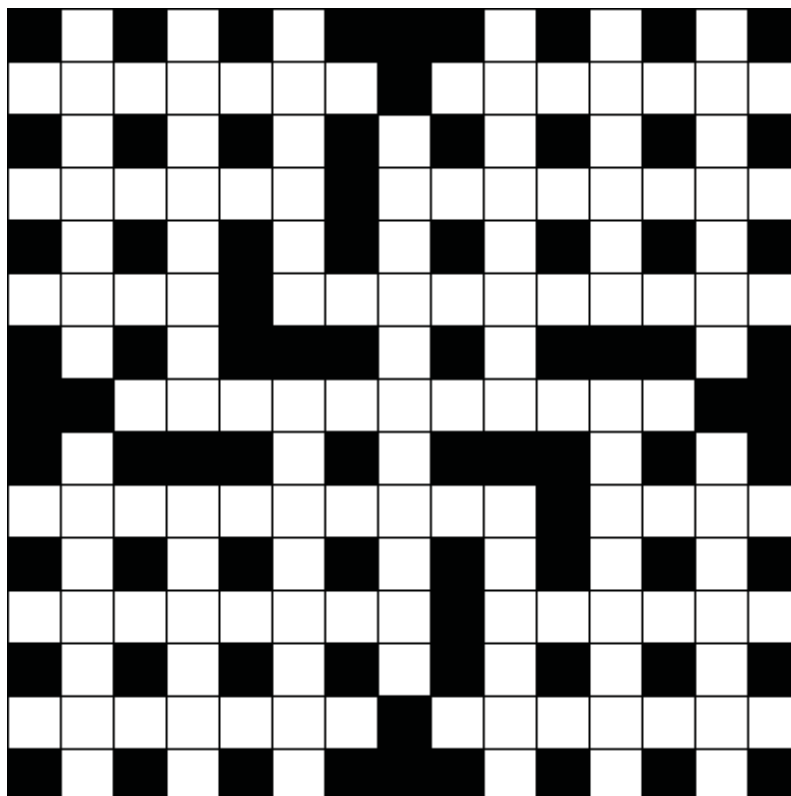
- 1 Sirens may be sources of danger (8)
- 2 Guess a change of direction about a direction to go on (5)
- 3 Wolfram may be a complex mineral (4,5)
- 4 Yielding the return of some explicit sale material (7)
- 5 Doctor MacGail – marvellous (7)
- 6 A spirit you are told inhabits the top of a NZ tree (5)
- 7 Vivid gloss, deep in colour, seen to cover entrance to hall (4,5)
- 8 Wednesday – and school head off sick – classes in the library! (5)
- 14 Place where mature persons dance? (5,4)
- 15 Pigheaded old boy shows typical Irish negative attitude towards English leaders (9)
- 16 Novel say written twenty one years ago (8)
- 18 Gypsy woman is against strong drink (7)
- 19 Out of bed – drunk and irritable (7)
- 20 Settle back in part of the beer garden (5)
- 22 Feelers fold back and even split (5)
- 24 It's profitable but I leased 50% out (5)

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- Was lovely to receive my crossword dictionary.
- Once again, a great mixture of puzzles.
- A big thankyou to the club for my slot 5 prize. It was a lovely surprise and guarantees my membership for next year (not that it was ever in doubt!)
- I would like to agree with the sentiments expressed by Shirl [in the October edition], whose puzzles I always enjoy. I get much more satisfaction from solving a short and clever clue to find a simple word, than from wrestling with a complicated clue to find a difficult word which my poor brain can never remember for future use.
- A great group of puzzles with a warm welcome to our new setter.
- What a great bunch of puzzles. Compilers and adjudicators all – thank you. I found it hard to choose a COTM as I liked several.

*Margaret Pyc*  
*Delores Kennedy*  
*Margaret Davis*  
*Dell Eisentrager*  
*Bev Cockburn*  
*Catherine Foster*

<p> N O V   2 0 0 5   S L O T   4 </p>
<p><b>AJ</b> <b>by</b> <b>dB</b></p>

Unclued lights marked with an asterisk have something in common with clues B and Z. Most not in *Chambers* but probably in your library.

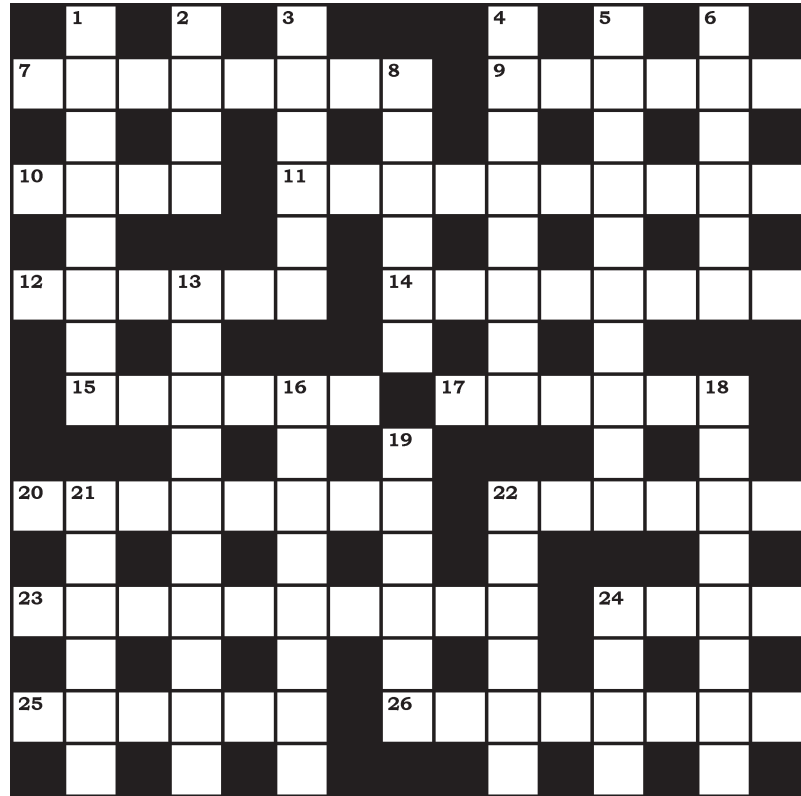
- A** Surrounding one Dr John of the English faith (8)
- B** Make a pot for so-called Scottish dole office (4)
- C** \* (7)
- D** \* (8)
- E** Country is Spanish, Ms Harding said (7)
- F** Infinity in time or in temperature (7)
- G** \* (7,4)
- H** \* (2,4)
- I** Successful team put in jail (6)
- J** Songwriter, one man down (3,5)
- K** \* (6)
- L** Circus owner, John perhaps (6)
- M** Compassionate acts and emergencies, exceptional gene therapy (7)
- N** Spin is taken from something annoying (6)
- O** Another so-so use of bone (7)
- P** \* (8)
- Q** Acted as impostor, so said Donald (7)
- R** Push and cut Biblical instrument (8)
- S** See US Navy commando about his Service, out of sight perhaps (7)
- T** \* (3,8)
- U** Organise and withdraw all charges? (8)
- V** How a wine may be judged could be a lively art (10)
- W** \* (7)
- X** An exam is on various obsessions with things foreign (10)
- Y** Norteamericano member of Paraguayan quintet (6)
- Z** Airman's last letter (4)

**GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd):**

- Please extend my thanks to the club for my slot 2 prize last month.
- Many thanks for my quiz prize.
- A few challenging clues amongst the ones I could handle, but the lower right corner of *Agnacenus's* puzzle found me off-beam. Must say I did enjoy some of his clues. Very cleverly crafted in the main.

*Ken Davis*  
*Barb Ibbott*  
*Jack Stocks*

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<b>Cryptic</b> by <b>Southern</b> <b>Cross</b>
 <p><b>Win!</b></p> <p>[2001 ed rrp \$69.95]</p>



Across clues are related and no definition is given

**Across**

- 7 Manage a fight (8)
- 9 Come ashore carrying gold ... (6)
- 10 ... thanks to the team (4)
- 11 Comedian performing after an Irishman (5-5)
- 12 Japan's first computer science restoring the currency (6)
- 14 Attempt to comment on a recurrent period (8)
- 15 Scattered rubbish (6)
- 17 Told to kill (6)
- 20 Roman oil dispenser? (8)
- 22 Small shelf (6)
- 23 Seen in Harley Street? (10)
- 24 Back-yard (4)
- 25 He takes in the listeners (6)
- 26 Stack was returned around the end of March (8)

**Down**

- 1 Laugh about one football code's expressive dancer (4-4)
- 2 Murri club reportedly a mostly dry waterhole (4)
- 3 Only half following short competition are in agreement (6)
- 4 Hugh Hefner's bunny? (4-4)
- 5 Commercial shown in unlikely performance is lacking in refinement (10)
- 6 Diesel kept in ground beneath Georgia (3-3)
- 8 Initially transporting only fruit – up until now (2,4)
- 13 Don't be concerned – town to organise alternative line (3,2,5)
- 16 Need to change chief inside, being in a heraldic curve (8)
- 18 Nothing could be found by FBI agent, in town for New Year's Eve (8)
- 19 Chopper beheading clerics not conforming (6)
- 21 Sound beginning for an area where mountains are uplifted (6)
- 22 Small two-masted sailing boat seen in outline (6)
- 24 Fly blight? (4)

**Ode to a spelling Checker [Courtesy of Mike Potts]**

(Best when read out aloud with a Pam Ayres accent)

Eye halve a spelling chequer  
 It came with my pea sea  
 It plainly marques four my revue  
 Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word  
 And weight four it two say  
 Weather eye am wrong oar write  
 It shows me strait a weigh

As soon as a mist ache is maid  
 It nose bee fore two long  
 And eye can put the error rite  
 Its rare lea ever wrong.

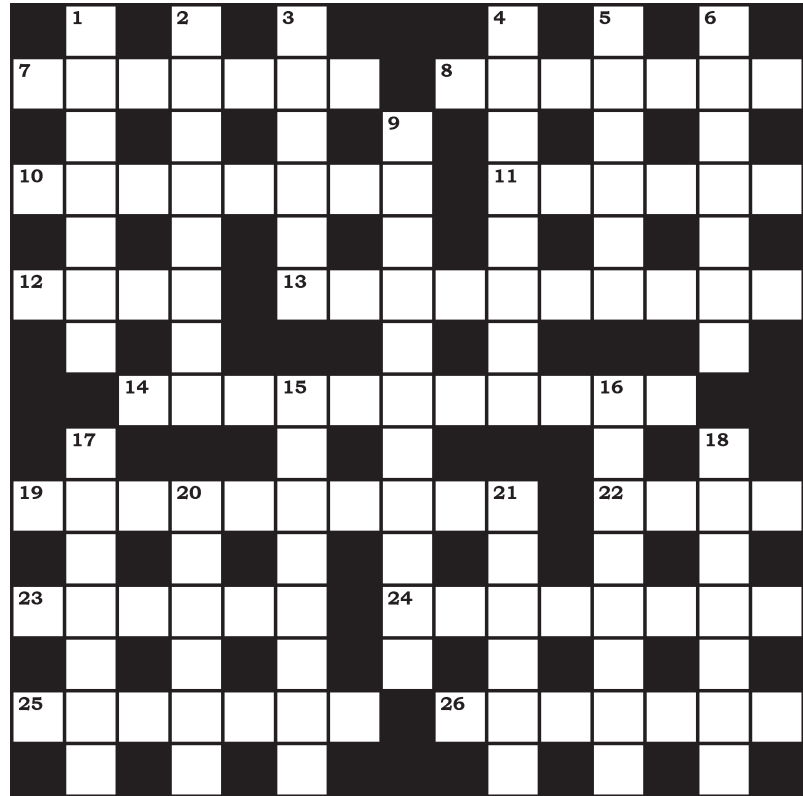
Eye have run this poem threw it  
 I am shore your pleased two no  
 Its letter perfect awl the weigh  
 My chequer tolled me sew

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## Partnerships by Red One



Directions: Four words (5,5,4,4) in the grid should be highlighted. Three of these are part answers and one is the complete solution.



### Across

- 7 White horse perhaps with bright colour hesitated (7)
- 8 Fabricated lace worn over gold top improved leather corslets (7)
- 10 Make Kiwi feel in the manner of an old hostess (8)
- 11 Limits the goat badly dressed in draped cloth (6)
- 12 When everyone stops talking leaders will make chief point (4)
- 13 Body parts about bile could be discerned without aids (3-7)
- 14 Rock piano's agents without a musical insertion to allow smooth passage (7-4)
- 19 Twist waves, King Edward sails on board (10)
- 22 Heartless rogue is a debauchee (4)
- 23 Conflict starts to make the hostilities moderate heat (6)
- 24 Steadies shaken part of New York city (4,4)
- 25 We snare upset young animals (7)
- 26 Never going back on Middle Ages retaliation (7)

### Down

- 1 Laurel returns – I've been taken in by those in a natural state (7)
- 2 Not old French sea drink a phylum of wormlike animals (8)
- 3 Plant erbium in Nebraska surrounds (6)
- 4 And not the service proceeding from the top (8)
- 5 Refresh ailing Indian animal (6)
- 6 Molluscs sound like nothing – I'll almost end one (7)
- 9 Re fear in the changes later in the document (1 1)
- 15 Winds about us and others (8)
- 16 Birds in the short water plants (8)
- 17 Harangues disturbed irate Doctor of Surgery (7)
- 18 Turn up before gods mess about and enfold good animals (3,4)
- 20 Crude monsters disguise evil spirits (6)
- 21 Heart starter on a dead body poetically results in red spots (6)

**Post  
Solution  
to:**

**New!**

The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of *Collins Australian Dictionary* is now available in bookshops, rrp \$79.95. Alan Walter

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**GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN: EXCITING NEW LOCATION!** The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's new venture **The Cauliflower Hotel**, 123 Botany Rd Waterloo NSW 2017 ph: (02) 9698 3024, on Sunday 20 November 2005 commencing at 11:30am. William says: "It is South Sydney's most famous pub, a lovely place, established 1836, five minutes walk from Green Square Station and 10 from Central. Parking is plentiful. It has a fabulous bistro and private room upstairs. Come along and meet the team! Meals at \$10 and drinks at pub prices. It will be a lot of fun and we can discuss all manner of things cruciverbal!" There will be plenty of the Club's best known personalities in attendance. Why not come along and say 'hello'? Pay on the day. We will have some prizes to give away.



**The Cauliflower Hotel, Waterloo**

Why not come and join in the fun?

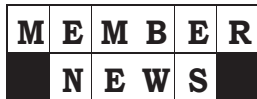
**COMPENDIUM:** *The Crozworld Compendium* Vol 6 will feature a large number of previously unpublished puzzles and Quizzes compiled by members of the ACC. There will also be prizes to be won. In addition, the solutions to all of the puzzles published in volume 5 of the *Compendium* and the names of the prizewinners will be included. If you would like to order extra copies of this exciting publication please add \$5 per copy (inc p&p) to your renewal subscription.

**DONATIONS TO ACC:** In 2005, we have been thrilled to receive so many generous donations by members to the ACC Prize Fund. As a result, many members have won handsome prizes in 2005. If members are once again able to make donations to the Club, it will enable us to give the greatest return to the membership. Many thanks for your kindness.

**CALLING ALL CROWSWORLDERS!** South Australian members will be having a lunch on the 19th November at the Pancake Kitchen in Gilbert Place, Adelaide. Be there around 12.30 and bring a book in an anonymous wrapper for our lucky dip. We hope to see as many Crows as possible. (Port Power fans allowed in too!).

**SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER!** If you sign up a new member for 2006, the cost is only \$30 including the Compendium. Unbeatable value! A wonderful present for your friends!

**October Slots 1-5 Winner: Barbara Tofoni. Congratulations!**



**New Members:** We extend a warm welcome to **Tanya Dadd** from Cranbourne North, Vic and **Al McCartan** from Bathurst, NSW. Welcome to the wonderful world of Crozworlding!

**Puzzle explanation and Quiz adjustment:** Drew Meek writes re "C" clue in Sept Slot 4 AJ: this clue was designed as a triple definition: Corinthian=alloy; Corinthian=rake (in the sense of a profligate); Corinthian=one named in 2 epistles in the Bible. In Quiz No 9/2005, the answer indicators for 26 should be (3,8,3).

**In Appreciation:** Many thanks to Doug 'Mr AxWord' Butler for his generous donation to the ACC Website Maintenance Fund.

**The Australian Oxford Dictionary**

**WORD OF THE MONTH**

**erky** *adj. Aust. colloq.* nauseating, revolting. [ORIGIN: probably from *erk*, originally a 'naval rating', later a term of contempt.]

*The Australian Oxford Dictionary*, Second Edition, 2004 Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$99.95 ISBN 0195517962

**The Australian National Dictionary Centre** was established in 1988 with the twin purposes of conducting research into Australian English and providing Oxford University Press with editorial expertise for its range of Australian dictionaries. It is jointly funded by the Australian National University and Oxford University Press Australia. W.S. Ramson was director of the Centre from 1988 to 1994. Bruce Moore became director in 1994. The Centre takes its name from *The Australian National Dictionary: A Dictionary of Australianisms on Historical Principles*, ed. W.S. Ramson, which was published by Oxford University Press in 1988.

**A quickie from Brian Symons:**

The queen is the most powerful piece on the chess board. However there is one move it can't do that every other piece may be able to. What is it?

**Alaskan slang noted by Brian Tickle:**

**Alaskan Horses:** Mosquitoes, big ones.

**Lower 48:** Local reference to the continental United States. We heard this expression used many times by locals.

**Sourdough:** Anyone who has managed to weather an Alaskan winter or an old-time resident who is "sour on the country but lacks the dough to get out."

**Brian Tickle writes:**

The novel *Pretty Girl in Crimson Rose (8)* makes reference to a puzzle by *Araucaria* in which a clue had 'Buckfastleigh' as the answer. This 13-letter place name is apparently the longest English place name with no repeated letters ie half the alphabet. We can match that. In NSW there is a town with 13 unrepeated letters including all five vowels. It is Faulconbridge in the Blue Mountains west of Sydney. As it doesn't contain an 's', perhaps we could cheat a little and add apostrophe-s eg 'Every Australian Prime Minister or a member of his family has had the opportunity to plant a tree in Faulconbridge's beautiful Corridor of the Oaks.'

Solutions to some of Shirl O'Brien's favourite clues by *Rufius* (Roger Squires) in *The Guardian*:

1. Drank up a round behind the others (6) LAPPED
2. Secures rent for one of a group of shops (5,5) CHAIN STORE
3. All is not as it should be in the stud (8) STALLION
4. I'd return in a cheap car, pretentiously polished (2-2-2) LA-DI-DA
5. A number given to someone to sing (4) ALTO
6. Bow Street (8) CRESCENT
7. Make a submission for grant (5) YIELD
8. Celebrated reply to unlucky Edward's proposal (5) NOTED
9. The bird is flown (4) KITE

**Two Favourite Words:**

**Audialnasalornithectomy:** A surgical operation for the removal, through the ear, of a bird that has flown into the patient's head through the nose.

**Xoloitzcuintli:** pronounced (Shollow-its-quint-lee). A small Mexican hairless dog specially bred by the Pre-Colombian Indians for use as a hot water bottle.

## October 1-2005: Half & Half by Noel Jessop

- A more accurate clue for 53ac would be 'One of the Channel Islands'. Jersey and Guernsey are different islands in this group. *Audrey Austin*
- Good one, thanks Noel. *Alan Walter*
- Noel is showing his age with 1ac. Do you think our younger members will know the word in any other context than potatoes? *Margaret Davis*
- Never heard of and couldn't find 'La Bamba' (21ac) in the dictionaries, but it's in good old Axword word finder. Another trip of the light fantastic that my lumbering feet wouldn't have got around, no doubt. *Jim Colles*
- 2dn caused most angst. I've gone with Evita merely because it fits. (like many others who put lecher for 1ac: adjudicator) *Merv Collins*
- There is a meaning for 'mash' – to flirt with – in *Collins* so that is my authority for 'masher'. I can't find 'la bamba' in any of my references. *Ted O'Brien*
- As always, Noel doesn't disappoint. Unknown words are fairly clued. *Jenny Wenham*

## October 2-2005: Cryptic by Agnacenus (Mike Pogson)

- So you've done this before. It shows. Well done. *Brian Tickle*
- Please explain the use of 'precious' in 25ac – 'posse'. ("Precious" probably is superfluous, but it was meant in the sense of calling someone "precious" as a term of endearment, as "poss" can also be: Mike Pogson) *Alan Walter*
- Welcome to yet another new compiler. Nothing to forgive, Mike. If this is the "out of practice" you, what will you be like when you get back in top gear? *Margaret Davis*
- A tougher than usual puzzle for this slot, I thought, with some original clue thinking (e.g. 18ac: 'panniers') from our latest welcome new compiler, *Agnacenus*. *Jim Colles*
- I particularly liked my nomination for COTM (26ac: 'nightingale') because it could have been lifted directly out of a novel, yet it was still precisely clued. *Michael Kennedy*
- 14dn & 28ac caused some angst. In 14, I settled on 'instrument - steriliser' but then found difficulty with 28, so I settled on 'due' and 'sterilised' but as I say, I may be wrong. (28 has to be 'due' – endless 'duel'. The clue for 14dn could be read either way with an 'r' or a 'd': adjudicator) *Roy Wilson*
- The bottom RH corner has me beaten! *Graeme Cole*
- 'yggdrasil' featured in the ABC's *The Einstein Factor* on 2/10. An impressive beginning for Mike. *Ted O'Brien*
- I've put 'die' for 28ac but can't quite work out the clue. *Margaret Galbreath*
- Congratulations on your maiden crossword, Mike. I can see why 'yggdrasil' enticed you to cluing. The day I solved the clue, this word appeared on *The Einstein Factor*. I was pleased to know what it was. Could you please explain the answer to 9ac? (the answer to 21ac is "ill": so together they're "off ill", or being sick and off work. "Swinging the lead" colloquially means avoiding work, so someone "off ill" could be doing that! Mike Pogson) *Jenny Wenham*
- 23ac: 'bastinado' is a masterpiece of misdirection. I saw 'said to ban' and immediately started looking for homophones. My COTM. *Doug Butler*
- Sorry to be late – the posse detained me! *Max Roddick*

## October 3-2005: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- Shirl always writes such great clues. I almost went for 'love-letter' (3dn) as my COTM but couldn't resist 23dn – 'event', especially 'not entirely heartless' to give 'nt'. *Brian Tickle*
- Thanks for your enjoyable cryptic and lovely comments on clever cluing of well known words. *Alan Walter*
- Another good one from Shirl and a bonus of 9 extra clues. *Margaret Davis*
- Great clues everywhere, of course. I note that Shirl's favourite setter is *Rufus*. Coincidentally, my next-door neighbour's name is *Rufus*, but he's not a setter he's a poodle, and he hasn't got a clue. We have much in common, I find, after trying to solve *Rufus* the setter's clues. *Jim Colles*
- If a clue has to be cryptic and at the same time make sense, then I really like the one for 'passmark'. Let's hope he improves!! *Betty Siegman*
- *Collins* again is my authority for 'null set' – can't find it anywhere else. *Ted O'Brien*
- Enjoyed Shirl's latest offering as usual. *Jenny Wenham*
- Shirl's puzzles are always enjoyed. Particularly liked 'pay TV' and 'suede'. *Max Roddick*
- Consistently fair and entertaining, our Shirl. Wonder why her best clues are always in the bottom RH corner? *Doug Butler*

## October 4-2005: AJ by Difficult Women (Carole Noble and Joan Smith)

- Liked the grid and the clues. *Brian Tickle*
- In clue D, IL = 'the Italian' (not Spanish), used in DEV+(IL) i.e. Nick without the Italian + (N)OTION gives DEV+OTION). The W clue indicator should be (4-11). Thanks for the challenging AJ ladies. *Alan Walter*
- I always enjoy the AJ. This one I found more difficult than usual, perhaps because of the different grid. *Margaret Davis*
- With this AJ our *Difficult Women* seemed to be in a more agreeable mood than we normally expect, though there were some difficult words. Liked the alternative grid used. *Jim Colles*
- This grid was a pleasant change and a real challenge. Thanks Ladies. *Ted O'Brien*
- GROO GROO was NEW NEW for me. *Jenny Wenham*

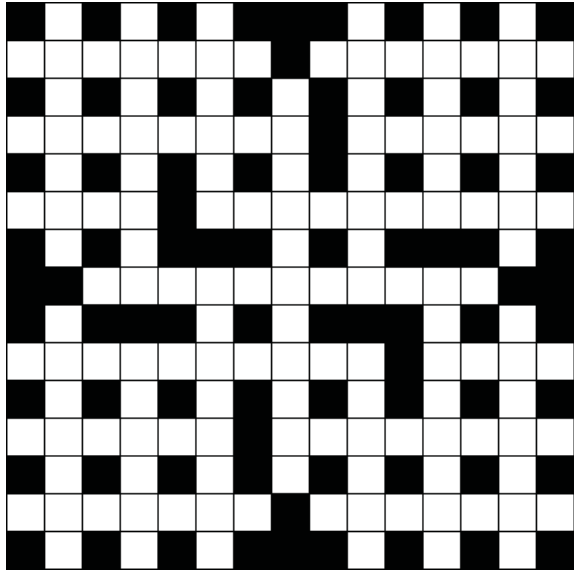
## October 5-2005: The Getting of Wisdom by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

- Another masterpiece from Roy. My favourite clues were 15ac – 'anaesthetic' and 25ac – 'dross'. *Brian Tickle*
- The Getting of Wisdom' gave us another gem puzzle. Thanks Roy! *Alan Walter*
- As always, *Praxis* gets the brain cells moving. I haven't confirmed the quote as my concise book of quotations doesn't stretch to this one. *Bob Hagan*
- I found Slot 5 'different'. *Valerie Howard*
- I really thought Roy might have defeated me this time, then I got Socrates and it was all plain sailing. *Margaret Davis*
- Redolent with superb clues, and another masterly working in of a quote. Not everyone would agree with Socrates, though, particularly schoolies facing up to Year 12 exams. Had great difficulty uncovering the answer to 5ac, - 'hebetude' appropriately enough, considering its meaning. *Jim Colles*
- I had most of the letters for 'Socrates' before I opened my *Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*. I'm going to nominate Roy as a National Treasure sometime! *Ted O'Brien*
- I liked seeing the unclued lights highlighted in the grid. I ended up with a few question marks but think I've got it right. Fingers crossed. *Jenny Wenham*
- 'oporce' and 'displode' – two more of *Praxis*' surprise words – where does he find them? *Max Roddick*

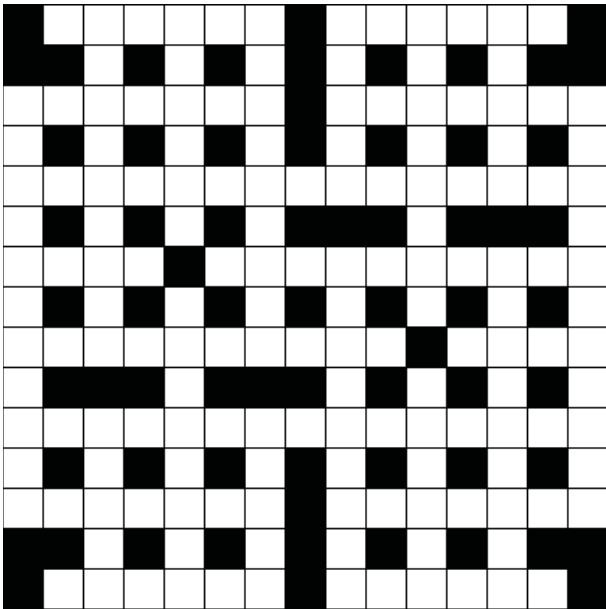
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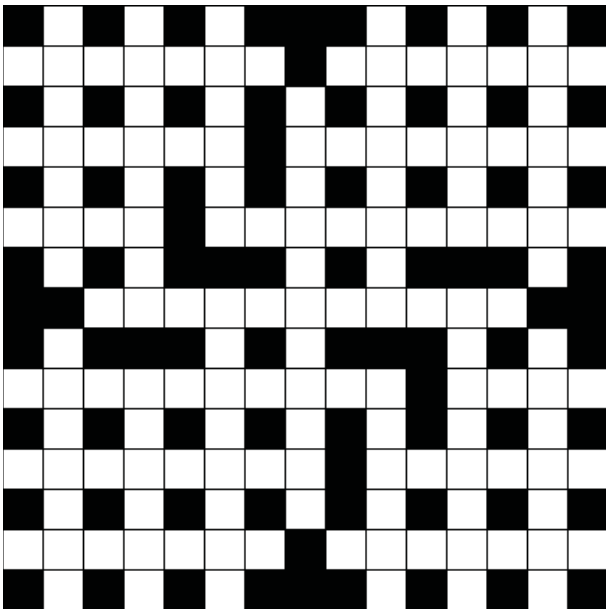
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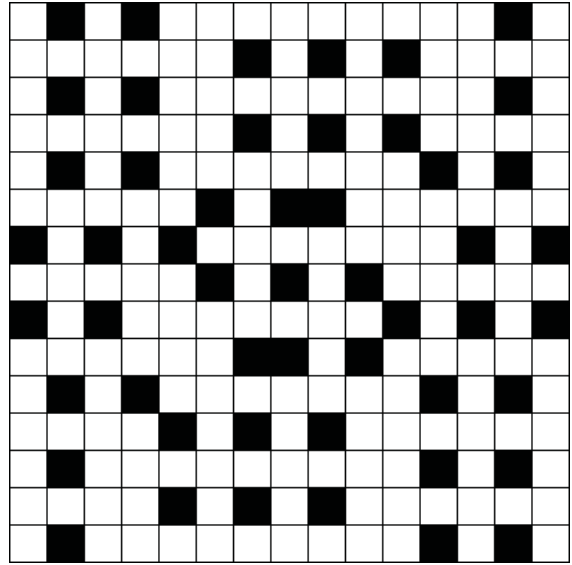
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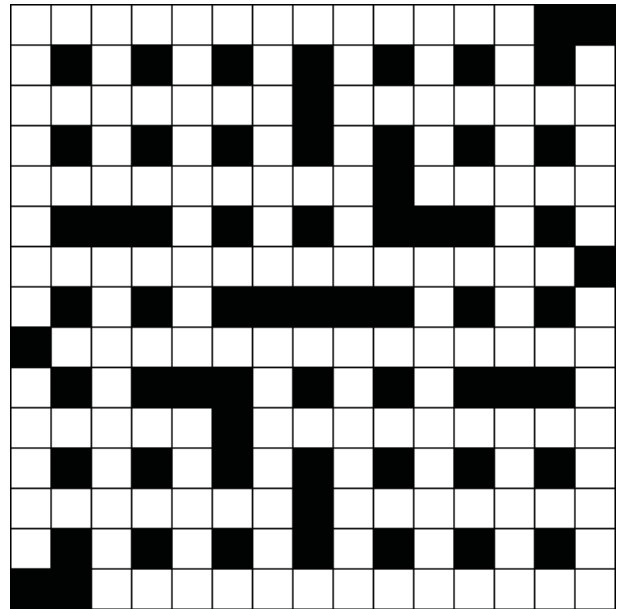
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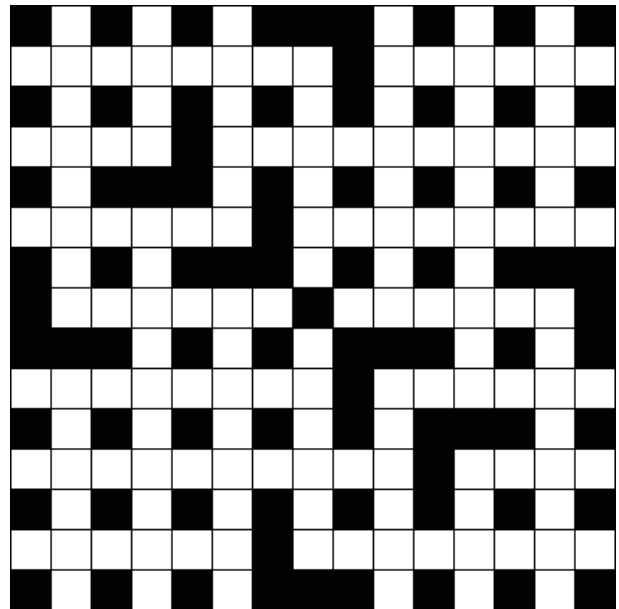
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Clue of the Month .....

**September 6-2005 - A Lot of Fuss by Sinbad (Graeme Cole)**

**Entries: 87. Correct: 54. Success rate: 62%. Prizewinners: Margaret Galbreath and Steve Trollope. Congratulations!**

**Adjudicator's Comments:**

I was pleased to get the opportunity to adjudicate a puzzle and enjoyed the experience. As well as the kind words, I appreciated the critical comments from many members. Thank you for the advice. It was a joy to receive mail without windows, and cards as well were included with some entries. The most common error was DRIVEPIN for DRIFTPIN (3dn, see the *Macquarie Dictionary*), which led to errors in 17ac (NOWT) and 14ac (NONE). NOUT was not accepted for 17ac: according to *Chambers*, Nout means cattle (Scot). Another common error was BOOKLOUSE for WOODLOUSE (15dn). Booklouse is an insect which damages books etc, but it does not fit the clue. See=LO in the Wood/LO/use (sounds like youse, hence hark.) Woodlouse is an American word so I should have noted (US) in the clue. Two transcription errors NENENTITY and RETUNNER, and two omissions LOV- and A-EN. A shame as you all deserved a dot. It was pointed out to me by a number of members that I could have set two more clues for SPY and PAR (lines 5 and 8). Spy is next to agent! However, and this was explained to me by another member, that there would not have been any unchecked letters or unches in 4dn and 24dn, which does not follow one of the parameters of a Ximenean puzzle. I agree 30ac is not a good clue and possibly not cryptic. According to the *Macquarie Dictionary* PALAEOCENE pertains to the oldest series of the Tertiary Period, which precedes the Eocene (a Secondary Division) and Eocene is part of Palaeocene. I was unable to accept GONE to mean Nothing though I can see the logic behind it.—Regards, *Sinbad* (Graeme Cole)

**Solvers' Comments**

- I was thankful for the title and instruction which both pointed towards the commonality. I was interested to learn that horsemen are land crabs. I'm not sure the rodeo-goers that I know would appreciate that, but I'll be sure to tell them. *Jenny Wenham*
- What a strange beast is the English language when 'nothing' means something, but is also the opposite of 'something'. A schoolteacher, who in exasperation said to his pupil, "I've taught you all I know and you still know nothing!" *Betty Siegman*
- What an unusual theme you chose for your unclued clues — all very clever and amusing. *Irene Watts*
- I enjoyed the puzzle greatly — the theme had me taxed to the very end — but DUCK made the penny drop. *Bill Bennett*
- I think I solved it. It was nothing! *Phyl Heath*
- I never imagined that NOWT (I'm from Yorkshire) was in the dictionary. As they say in Yorkshire Never do OWT for NOWT unless THA does it for THISEN. *Marian Procter*
- Thanks for your *Much Ado about Nothing* puzzle which was quite entertaining. 11ac appears to be a non-cryptic clue re HORSEMEN? 18ac: Can an AGENT be called a 'reaction'? Isn't an AGENT that which causes a reaction? (I agree Alan, a poor clue. *Sinbad*). 15dn: US indicator needed. 'Termite' is referred to in the US as a 'Woodlouse' (see above in my comments). 19dn: Obsolete indicator needed and also letter indicator should be (5-3) according to *Chambers Dictionary* (Goose-cap). 21dn: To obtain the correct part of speech from your second we need to add 'are those who' (prepare the spuds!). A humorous reference to MASHERS! Your DRIFTPIN clue was testing. Also tried SPLITPIN and WRISTPIN. Nothing more to add! *Alan Walter*
- Thank you for an excellent puzzle although I must say there was really nothing to it. *David Procter*
- Thanks for *A Lot of Fuss*. It was at the outset, but once I got started – wow! I chose "Nowt" over "Nout" for 17ac but I'm sure either will be acceptable as my *Websters* lists both of these meaning Naught or Nought. *Catherine Foster*
- There was much ado in this household — about nothing, too. What a great idea and so well executed! *Ted O'Brien*
- Thank you for a very enjoyable No. 6 puzzle. I thought that the theme was very clever. I had a laugh when the penny dropped: most original. *Ron O'Rourke*
- Greetings from Tasmania! I enjoyed your puzzle, especially your very clever hint that the clues had nothing in common – very devious. *Barb Ibbott*

**September 7-2005 – Herd in Parsing (or Passing) by Hot & Cold (Jenny Wenham & Ian Williams).**

**Entries: 61. Correct: 32. Success Rate 52.4%. Prizewinner: Audrey Ryan. Congratulations!**

**Explanatory Notes:**

28dn: GREEN "Colour" = definition; "author" (GREENE) minus E (international vehicle registration ID for Spain); 7dn WASH UP "Australian result" = definition (*Chambers*: an outcome or result (Australian slang); WAS + HUP (to turn a horse to the right); 32ac: PALLETES (Americanized spelling of "palettes" – one of the rounded armour plates at the armpits of a suit of armour) We should perhaps have referred to the Americanised spelling, but couldn't find an elegant way to do it for the homophone and not the clued word; 18ac: MEW/MU "Maiden"=M; "points"=E&W; retreat=definition; 34ac UNIX (U=university, NIX=spirit – computer operating system – sorry for the excruciating homophone); 19dn: MASTITIC. One of the words not in *Chambers*, but is in *Merriam-Webster* and on line in *Dictionary.com*; 33ac: ISLETS/EYELETS "reverse direction" (change N to S) in bays (inlets) = small islands (ISLETS)

**Solvers' Comments:**

- Thank you for your challenging, yet enjoyable puzzle. I particularly liked your UNIX/eunuchs clue. I found 14ac to be the most difficult as I had never heard of Chard...I know it now though. *Michael Kennedy*
- A pretty good idea for a puzzle – not over-complicated but a bit of lateral thinking required. Good fun. *Andrew Patterson*
- Thanks for an interesting puzzle - what a beauty! I liked 21ac but I'm not sure I have 18ac correct. *Catherine Foster*
- Congratulations on a great puzzle; I spent hours on it. A couple of words eluded me for ages: I thought I would never get them. No matter how hard I find a puzzle, if I manage to complete it I get great feeling of satisfaction. *Ron O'Rourke*
- Thoroughly enjoyed this once I got the hang of the idea. Lining up the clues with the word lengths in the grid caused much confusion, but it was a very interesting and original concept and most satisfying to do. Great clues all through, though I'm not at all sure of the answer to 21ac. It's the only real word I can come up with, and I suspect it might actually need to be the trade word referred to in the preamble. (Spot on Jim! H&C) I think this is a good enough idea for a puzzle to be worth another one sometime if the mood strikes you. *Jim Colles*
- Liked 6dn & 14ac! Is 32ac the trade-name? (See above H&C) *Denis Coates*
- I thought your Herd in Passing was very innovative – a credit to both of you. *Audrey Austin*
- My heartiest congratulations to you on your innovative Herd in Passing. It wasn't easy, but very satisfying when finished (and hopefully correct). I brought it out on Fathers' Day with four of the offspring and their families here. I needed help with the computer operating system. Youngest son Mike never hesitated "UNIX" he said, but couldn't resolve UNI-X. That evening eldest son John rang. "Look at U-NIX" he recommended. Voilà! How you shared the compiling of this crossword I can't imagine, but I hope you do something like it again. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Brilliant! More please! I don't understand 28dn. (See above. H&C) *Jan Wood*
- Loved this one. Thanks. *Christina Lee*

**Comments continued on p13**

**Solvers' Comments continued from p12:**

- Wat a devoleesh collexion of hommofones!!! The across clues wer enuf to test & tanterlize our sens of heering & unders tanding. Than ku four your "herd in Parsing (or Passing)" puzzle. It wil tayke quite sum time to reekcover from the tromfer of my manny miztaken atemps. *Alan Walter*
- Thanks for such a fresh novel crossword – beautifully clued & very enjoyable. I suppose there must be such a word as MASTITIC – but I can't confirm it. (see above H&C) *Brian Symons*
- Thanks for a great slot 7! Very tricky at first! Good idea; good fun. *William Ryan*
- Really enjoyable. Great concept. Took a while to get the hang of it. I take it 34ac is a homophone of UNIX for New Zealanders. I didn't find 32ac with double L but presume it must be what is intended as homophone for palates. (What sort of Kiwis do you know, Roy? H&C) *Roy Taylor*
- I did enjoy this puzzle immensely. Re 32 - not finding pallettes in any dictionary I have decided that they are small wooden trays used in Harringtons(?) Brewery, NZ to cart the small beer kegs to Hobbiton in the Shire of Middle Earth! (Ref DVD *The Real Middle Earth* - stories from behind the scenes of the award winning *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy.) Thanks for the challenge and the pleasure of (hopefully) getting No 7 out. *Ted O'Brien*
- 32ac – can't find this spelling (see above p12). *Gabrielle Leeds*
- Loved it; very cleverly done. *Ann Jermy*
- Thank you very much for compiling such an interesting and challenging puzzle (a proper crossword?). But I very nearly ripped it up! The number of letters in the across solutions did not always match the number of squares in the grid! Then I noticed, though, the Down solutions did match! So I continued to look at the clues across & down until I discovered the "consistency". Very cleverly contrived. I did find it an absorbing (& time consuming) challenge. Looking forward to many more of your puzzles. You are obviously a great combination. Well done. *Graeme Cole*
- This was great fun. It took ages to sus it out and even when I did it wasn't easy. I had particular trouble with 11ac, 14ac, 16ac & 17dn, and there are a couple of guesses here. I did like 7dn & 34ac but all good entertainment. *Jean Barbour*
- Very enjoyable. *Doreen Jones*
- A grate won! *Betty Siegman*
- What a brilliant concept. I thought Unix-eunuchs was pushing it a bit but. *Iain MacDougall*
- What an enjoyable challenge this proved to be! I think I've eventually cracked it, but it took me a while to confirm everything – especially 18ac. I thought the concept was quite clever and look forward to more of your work in the future. *Roy Wilson*
- My thanks for an interesting & challenging puzzle. I do occasionally have trouble with homonyms because, as a Scot, my pronunciation tends to be different, for example with the "wh" sound. Anyway, I hope I've got it right. *Margaret Davis*
- Thank you for a very enjoyable and different crossword. *Hilary Cromer*
- Many thanks for a most enjoyable puzzle. An added pleasure was not having to fill in a "good" grid – no danger of making transcription errors. *Daphne Greening*
- This was an amazing concept for a puzzle and a great challenge that I'm not at all sure I have mastered! I'm happy to hear that the two of you are working on your next puzzle. *Pat Garner*
- If 28dn is Green (colour) from author Greene, I don't see how 'missing Spain' removes the 'e'. (see above p12) Also if 22dn is Hog, I'd like to know where 'arch' fits in the clue. (In *Chambers* - "Hog - to arch or hump like a hog's back, especially of the hull of a ship." Also the reference to a hog as a castrated boar.) 7dn – does 'hup' direct a horse to the right? (see above) I enjoyed the homophone across clues. Liked 16ac especially. The reference to 17dn had me searching for something specific in that answer before it dawned on me that the reference was generic! I'm hoping 33ac is eyelets, which sounds like small islands but I couldn't get the clue pointing to this. *Drew Meek*
- Congratulations for an interesting slot 7. It certainly made for some interesting searching for homophones. As a computer science graduate, I especially enjoyed the solution to 34ac. *Eugene Ho*
- Good concept, wonderful clues, brilliant crossword. I particularly liked 2dn. *Steve Trollope*
- A bit different. I'm not sure of the reasoning behind 'green' (see above p12) if it is in fact correct. (Sure is Bob.) *Bob Hagan*
- Thanks for a very interesting puzzle. It took me quite a while to figure it all out. It must have taken ages to put together. *Catherine Hambling*
- I thought your crossword was difficult until I tried to concoct a grid. *Aileen Skillicorn*
- I enjoyed this puzzle and thought the homophones idea was clever. Had to look up the Somerset town despite my family connections to that part of the world! *Mary Dodd*
- Thanks for an interesting challenge. *Mike Potts*

A few members also commented that it would be good to have a blank grid to transcribe to.

**Setters' Comments:**

We were delighted with the response to our first collaboration. The joys of email made it possible to do this over distance. The only disappointment has been the number of incorrect entries with MU accounting for most. Several solvers had NU, with a few other variations creeping in. Perhaps this is the danger when using two letter words, and something for us to keep in mind for the future. Thanks for all the kind and encouraging comments. We're sure you won't all be so gentle next time. We have enjoyed compiling and adjudicating this puzzle so much that you can look forward (with excitement or trepidation as appropriate) to another one soon.

—Hot & Cold (Jenny Wenham & Ian Williams)

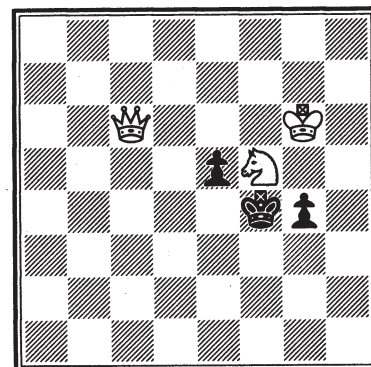
**Solution to Sept 2005 Slot 7**

**Herd in Passing by Hot and Cold**

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Chess Game Problem  
No 11/2005**

White to play and mate in three moves.  
Name White's first move.  
Send solution to:  
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## RESULTS of QUIZ No 8/2005: Place It Quiz by InGrid (Jean Barbour)

Prizewinner: Ted O'Brien. Congratulations!

**Notes from the adjudicator:** Thanks for all the lovely entries (38 of them!) and comments for my first attempt at a quiz. I apologise for the clue for 17, where it should have been 'that is' instead of the 'for example' that I included. Apologies also for the wrong letter count on 24 – this was the result of using a postcode book from 1990. It should have been 4,3,3,5. I accepted both Egg and Bacon Bay and Eggs and Bacon Bay as correct. I never really thought of postcodes being out of date. In relation to 13, I did get a few answers of Kilmore, which fitted the postcode order but I didn't allow it, as I don't think 'more' is a true definition of 'lots', unlike the correct (Kil)many. A special thank you to Irene Watts, who sent a lovely postcard of Cradle Mountain and Lake Dove, one of my favorite parts of the world.

**Solutions:** 1. Moil - 0810 2. Loftus - 2232 3. Ulong - 2450 4. Numbaa - 2540 5. Isaacs - 2607 6. Colo - 2756 7. Vineyard - 2765 8. Shooters Hill - 2787 9. Orange - 2800 10. Tarneit - 3030 11. Pura Pura - 3271 12. Barkers Creek - 3451 13. Kilmany - 3851 14. Alberton - 3971 15. Yarram - 3971 16. Roma - 4455 17. Quilpie - 4480 18. Hove - 5048 19. Joslin - 5070 20. Delamere - 5204 21. Floreat - 6014 22. Walliston - 6076 23. Zanthus - 6434 24. Egg(s) and Bacon Bay - 7112.

**Scores:** **24:** K Audrins, I Watts, S Howells, G Leeds, A Jermy, S O'Brien, R O'Rourke, D Greening, B Bennett, P Mercer, T O'Brien, A Austin, B Glissan, C Hambling, C Foster, M Kennedy, P Garner, I Williams, B Symons, A Walter, J Wenham, B Cockburn. **23:** B Hagan, L Waites, L Howard, J Standard, C McClelland, V Howard, M Collins, J Colles, K Harper, J Smith, T McPherson, D Procter, Raoul. **22:** M Procter, N Wilson. **21:** C Jones. **19:** G Cole.

### Members' Comments:

- I have been known to compose the odd Aussie places crossword myself, so was very interested in this quiz. Ann Jermy
- Not easy Jean, but very satisfying to finish. Shirl O'Brien
- It will be a miracle if I get a perfect score as I haven't had one this year! Marian Procter
- Some Australian place names are fascinating – I found myself wondering about their origins. No. 24 should read 4,3,3,5. Irene Watts
- An enjoyable exercise – I found some interesting and unusual place names. Bob Hagan
- Luckily I kept my old Postcode book which has the towns arranged alphabetically. Catherine Jones
- I just can't spend any more time on your quiz, though having, I think, managed to find most of the places. Graeme Cole
- My answers to your Place It Quiz are based on the Nov 2002 edition of the Postcode book. It was a real trip to find them. I hate to quibble about such a wonderful time-filling quiz, but shouldn't 17 finish with 'that is', not 'for example'? Ted O'Brien
- This was a very enjoyable research exercise. Hope your mailbox can hold all the answers. Audrey Austin
- Just a little sick humour. I had Dunedoo for 10 until I got the correct answer. (I might almost have allowed this on basis of enjoyment – Jean) Barbara Glissan
- A quiz like this shows me how little I know about Australia! A couple of comments: No 24 – I could only find EGGS not EGG. No 17: I hope QUILPIE is right, although ie stands for 'that is' not 'for example'. Catherine Hambling
- I thought I knew Australia but you have found places I have never heard of! I enjoyed finding them and your clueing was so good. Valerie Howard
- I found it, by turns, enjoyable, irritating, clever, frustrating, amusing, addictive and time-consuming! I was nearly stumped but re-reading the instructions and finding that each letter of the alphabet except G and X was used helped with the last couple. Merv Collins
- I have embarked on numerous wild goose chases through the Postcode book to finally produce the answers to Ingrid's quiz. I enjoyed this experience very much, the more so because of your cryptic clues, which I prefer for quizzes because the answers don't just depend on knowledge or reference books. Jim Colles
- Thanks for the quiz – great clues thank goodness! Best wishes to you and all you hard workers at ACC! Catherine Foster
- I met a fellow at a wedding once whose claim to fame was an ability to recite any postcode for every place in NSW. I remember at the time thinking what a complete waste of time and how could that ever be useful. How wrong could I be? Michael Kennedy
- This was so much fun. A work colleague and I nussed it out together. We got down to the last three M, N and D and ran out of puff for a while but Eric has just come in with Moil and I'm sending this off to you. Keep creating them; it whiles away many pleasant hours which would otherwise be spent toiling on far more mundane things. Trish McPherson
- This was a lot of fun – loved some of your clues – mostly places I've never heard of – the Postcode order as well as the different letters of the alphabet were a lot of help. Thank you. Pat Garner
- Super quiz, thank you. Some of your more devious clues made us scratch our heads for longer than was sensible, but all were logical once they were solved and in their proper order. Should No 17 have ended ".....that is" rather than "for example"? thus giving the final ie. In No 24, our phone books and the Australia Post database give "Eggs and Bacon Bay" so should the letter count have read 4,3,5,3? Ian Williams
- Your No1 clue was the last clue that I solved & definitely the trickiest giving MOIL in the NT. Loved your Walter clue. It too was tricky having to spot DE LA MARE spelling as 1 letter different from DELAMERE! Alan Walter
- I was stuck with 19 and 23 temporarily until I read some of the entries in the Crozworld forum on the Internet and that pointed me in the right direction. David Procter
- I trust you have been following the thread at the Forum on the Crossword Club website; you have really thrown out a great challenge! And, one where the research is not 'obscure', but meaningful. Loved it!! Raoul
- I can't believe I've been spending my day off reading postcodes. My favourite clues were numbers 4 and 11. In number 12, can I suggest there shouldn't be an apostrophe in the clue because there isn't one in the place name (similar to 8). Jenny Wenham
- I have just spent my entire Sunday working on your quiz which at first glance I thought would be impossible to solve. Often had to use the Post Codes one at a time to find the elusive place. The last one to be tracked down was No 10 and the second last No 4. I particularly liked the clues and surprise answers for DELAMERE, JOSLIN and LOFTUS and many more. Bev Cockburn

## Results of the Clue Writing Competition: September 2005. Write a clue for Key (3)

### Adjudicated by Steve Trollope.

**Wake up in the middle – they dropped the opener** – submitted by **Bob Hagan**.

In the middle of WAKE UP is KE and THEY after THE is dropped is Y, giving KEY which is an opener.

A brilliant clue which meets all the Ximenean requirements! It also makes sense and tells a story. Imagine the exasperated MCG member sitting in the stand after the opposition's opening batsman has been dropped by the slips fielder. He shouts the first half of the clue to the team on the field and then turns to the person beside him and with disbelief sighs the second part of the clue, then finally gets himself a stiff drink. It also misleads the solver with a clever use of punctuation. Well done Bob. Probably the best clue so far.

17 clues were submitted this month. Several entries commented that it was harder to write a clue for a short word, so maybe that's why there was a reduction in submissions. Once again thanks for all the kind comments which accompany your submissions – and keep trying!! For a list of all the submissions for this month's competition, see the ACC website.

**Clue Writing Competition No 6/2005:** Following the sporting theme of this month's winner the word for the Clue Writing Competition No 6/2005 is: TENNIS (6). Note: only one clue per person. Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Steve Trollope, 28 Pannosa Ct, Capalaba Qld 4157 or by email to: steve.jt@bigpond.net.au Closing mail date: Friday 9 December 2005. Book prize.

**Quiz No 10/2005 Crossword Connections by Brian Symons**



by **Brian Symons**

Each word in the left hand column is to be matched with a descriptive/defining/indicative term in the right hand column to make 34 matched pairs. Every word and term is to be used, but once only. It is possible that some words could be matched with more than one term and vice versa but only one combination will allow 34 matched pairs. What are the pairings and as a tiebreaker what does the mnemonic mentioned help you remember?

Send your answers on this or a separate sheet to: Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Pl, Grays Point NSW 2232 or by email to: brian\_symons@bigpond.com.au  
Closing mail date: Friday 9 December 2005. Prize: \$50.

- A** abso-blooming-lutely
- B** antidisestablishmentarianism
- C** axes
- D** belfry
- E** bloused
- F** catgut
- G** deified
- H** diagnose
- I** dollop
- J** envy
- K** frangible
- L** grass
- M** hotshots
- N** invalid
- O** lead
- P** leap
- Q** mimic
- R** monday
- S** month
- T** nicotine
- U** obedience
- V** opera
- W** polish
- X** radar
- Y** repaid
- Z** rip
- AA** screen
- BB** sleeveless
- CC** smog
- DD** superogatory
- EE** therapist
- FF** throw
- GG** wasp
- HH** wholesome

**Answers**

- 1** abbreviation
- 2** acronym
- 3** a singular plural
- 4** charade
- 5** collective noun
- 6** contronym
- 7** double kangaroo word
- 8** double plural
- 9** eponym
- 10** generative anagram
- 11** haplography
- 12** has a homonym
- 13** heteronym
- 14** hobson-jobson
- 15** homograph
- 16** letter sounds
- 17** misnomer
- 18** no letter can be changed to form another word
- 19** oxymoron
- 20** palindrome
- 21** place anagram
- 22** portmanteau word
- 23** pyramid word
- 24** rebus
- 25** refractory rhyme
- 26** semordinlap
- 27** sesquipedalian
- 28** tautonym
- 29** timesis
- 30** upside-down word
- 31** what a difference a capital makes!
- 32** every letter can be changed to make another word
- 33** mnemonic
- 34** of roman construction

**CRYPTIC HUMBUGGERY**

It was an **EASTER SUNDAY** morning, filled with **CUPULES** of sunshine and **FLOODTIDES** of happiness. I felt **FIRE** UP and ready for adventure, so I pulled a **GUERNSEY** over my track pants, put on my **SUEDE** sneakers and set off to explore the countryside on my bicycle, with its smart **PANNIERS** (purchased with a recent **PAYSLIP**).

On my way, I called at a small cottage to see an old acquaintance, **ADA CAIN**. I thought she looked very odd with an **AFRO** hairdo and wearing a **PRIMEVAL MODEL** dress and **BOLERO**, bought in **ROME** or **MONACO**, eons ago. To **COMPLEMENT** this outfit, she sported heavy **HOBNAIL BOOTS**. She launched into a long spiel about the weather, her **ASPIDISTRA**, her cat, her arthritis and a most unusual description of the Scandinavian **YGGDRASIL**. As she droned on **ENDLESSLY**, the monotonous **GAB** rattled like **SHRAPNEL** through my brain. I had to **SEVER** the connection, so I stood up to leave. **ADA** thrust a small box at me. "A little treat", she said.

I cycled away at **SPEED** until my **TIME ZONE** said "lunch is **DUE**". I found an **UNATTENDED PARK BENCH** and sat down. **SURREPTITIOUSLY**, I lifted the lid of **ADA's** box. Her **APPETISER** was a horrid mixture of tripe and peas. "Ugh! Disgusting! **DROSS!**" I gasped. A **RED LIGHT** seemed to flash and there was a sick feeling in the **PIT** of my stomach. The box slipped from my lap onto the ground and the contents slid to a nearby **DRAIN** and disappeared.

I felt really **OFF**, quite **ILL** in fact. I had sudden **QUALMS** about getting back home with my bike – all that **MUSCULAR ACTION**. I needed some **TLC** but there was nobody to give it. I burst into tears. Suddenly, I heard a car come by. It stopped and my good friend **ZELDA** stepped out. She came towards me, saying, "Whatever is the matter? You look as though you have been in a **DOG FIGHT!**".

When I explained, she grinned, cleaned me up with **STERILISED** medical **AIDS** from her car. Then she took me home and put me to bed with **NIGHTINGALE DEVOTION** and a cup of tea.

**ADA's** **APPETISER** was **WELL INTENTIONED**, I'm sure, but it took me a **FORTNIGHT** to recover from the shock. What a **BASTINADO** of a "DAI"!!

*Irene Watts*

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## Cryptic by Manveru



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### Across

- 1 An attractive holiday resort? (8,6)
- 9 Display on the inside of blade is a curse (5-4)
- 10 Mistreated kinsfolk departed southern Florida for town in Japan (5)
- 11 Old giant entertains in disguise, but there's no trap (5)
- 12 First-class suspect sabotages cosmic array (9)
- 13 Exclamations of defiance brings carriage back (4)
- 15 Leader's cloakroom collection includes the original waistcoat (4, 6)
- 18 Bold senora unsettled highwaymen (10)
- 19 In the middle of a pyramidion! (4)
- 22 International police mostly give chase to hostility in Turkish town (9)
- 24 Ancient artefact looted from Algeciras, destroying a body of legend (5)
- 26 Half of ledger takes in outside broadcast consisting of broad, rounded projections (5)
- 27 Add water to dry heater moulding (9)
- 28 Slip-ups? (7,7)

### Down

- 1 Secret service – now obsolete (7)
- 2 Visitor reportedly stabbed in the dark? (5)
- 3 Making a mistake by decapitating fish (6)
- 4 Hard white earthenware made from serotonin (9)
- 5 God involved with rain storms! (5)
- 6 Knight's rear charge besieged ancient England (8)
- 7 Reportedly steal gold branch of willow tree from New Zealand (5,4)
- 8 Diverse but not as organised (6)
- 14 Bicycle manager to run a pub? (9)
- 16 Stones more advanced at this age? (9)
- 17 Cop I sued casually ingratiated oneself (6,2)

- 18 Start word game (6)
- 20 Aussie team's tail-enders? (7)
- 21 Set about direct acknowledgement (6)
- 23 Mollusc without head inclined to shudder (5)
- 25 Extract oral parasite (5)

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