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It is better to drop thy friends, O my daughter, than to drop thy 'H.s'.
CS Calverley, 'Of Friendship', in *Complete Works* (1901).

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RENEWAL TIME! ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:

The Executive Committee has skilfully managed to maintain the Annual Membership subscription at \$40 (including the Compendium valued at \$5). This is outstanding value! And it is due in large part to the generosity of the many members who donated to the 2005 Prize Fund. Thank You! The New Year promises to be a year full of complexity and puzzlement. Why not join in the fun? See flyer enclosed (or for those who receive e-Crozworld, page 13 with a bonus puzzle.)

We have continued the special offer whereby you can sign up a new member for 2006 for only \$30. This super low sub also includes the *Compendium* so it will make a wonderful gift to your friends and a great Christmas present! And it will increase our membership numbers.

Don't forget about the ACC Annual Get-Together to be held at William Ryan's new Cauliflower Hotel in Waterloo, Sydney on Sunday 20 November. There will be plenty of highlights! See page 9 for further details.

We are delighted to welcome another new compiler to our ranks, Mike Pogson. Mike has been compiling cryptics over a number of years and we are sure you will enjoy this offering. Read Mike's interesting profile on p4. In addition we have another excellent range of puzzles for you this month with all your favourite compilers. And for the quizlovers, we have one with an Animal Cracker theme thanks to the indefatigable *Virgo*. Happy Crozworlding!
—Patrick

Slot 1: Plenty of comment about the nature of the theme! TREKKER and AIDE were the main problems for quite a few – TRACKER and AIDS were popular but wrong. Those who chose TRACKER then faced flow-on problems with MYOSOTE. LAIKA saw some ingenious (but still wrong) alternatives including LEICA, LEILA, LUISA, LEIKA and LAIRA.

Slot 2: No major difficulties for anyone here, reflected in the success rate percentage. WEBHEAD became WEBSEED, WEBLEAD and WEBBEND; other mistakes (e.g. CURATIS, INFLANE) were obviously typos.

Slot 3: Every month's puzzles has The One Word in The One Crossword that claims more scalps than any other. This month it was DRAW in Slot 3. More than 15 solvers confidently inked in DRAG, but for the reasons put forward by Brian Tickle (see Members' Comments) it was disallowed. SURLOIN caused grief (SIRLOIN was popular) as did FEELINGS (HEMLINES certainly fits the grid but not the requirement) and ROSIN (offered up fairly often as RESIN) but the other mistakes were, as usual, one-off typos – including RAILER, DUURO, CHICI, AROUSES, RAILMAM, AFULT.

Slot 4: I thought at one stage that BECOME might have offered some real rivalry to DRAW in No. 3 as being the star blooper; half a score and more put BEHOVE, although BEFORE was popular too. Other errors included CERINTHIAN, YODELER, and another crop of typos (SHLENT, SPLENT, SCLENT, VIZIGOTH) and some blank squares. I was delighted to see YCLEPED for YODELED, taking me back to schoolboy recollections of Chaucer. However, that delight didn't melt this adjudicator's flinty heart and yet another dot was denied.

Slot 5: A number of solvers commented on the chances of an unusual word (MURENA) appearing twice in a month's puzzles. Obviously others agreed, choosing MARENA to insure the odds stayed long but MUHENA and RUMENA also made their appearances. GIST instead of GUST claimed victims, as did SWAY in place of AWAY and PART in place of PAST (although you could put together a PLOT involving PANTS from some other answers too).

GENERAL: As ever, adjudicating the month's puzzles is a heck of a lot easier than solving them. But – and it's a big but – it's an adjudicator's sad lot to shoot down otherwise good entries because of blank spaces and simple errors which should have been revealed with even a quick check. On this, it's worth repeating a comment made to me by the Club's E-adjudicator (Ian Williams) that he is amazed at the number of typos on e-entries, despite the fact that Doug Butler has made it so easy to proof read them with the modifications he has made to AxWord. That doleful message aside, I do thank those who sent in encouraging cards (including a vintage postcard!), notes, stickits and other greetings. The COTM was a lay down misere for Slot 3, 9ac (ACTO) but solvers were obviously delighted with the wit of new setter *Drover's Dog* because the 25dn/16dn clue (FINE LEGS MAYBE?) came in a very close second. I sympathized with one solver who suggested that in relation to COTM, "there were too many to choose from!" —David Grainger

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Entries received	105	113	110	107	110	506
Correct entries	76	106	72	80	72	449
Success rate (%)	72.3	93.8	65.5	74.7	65.5	88.7
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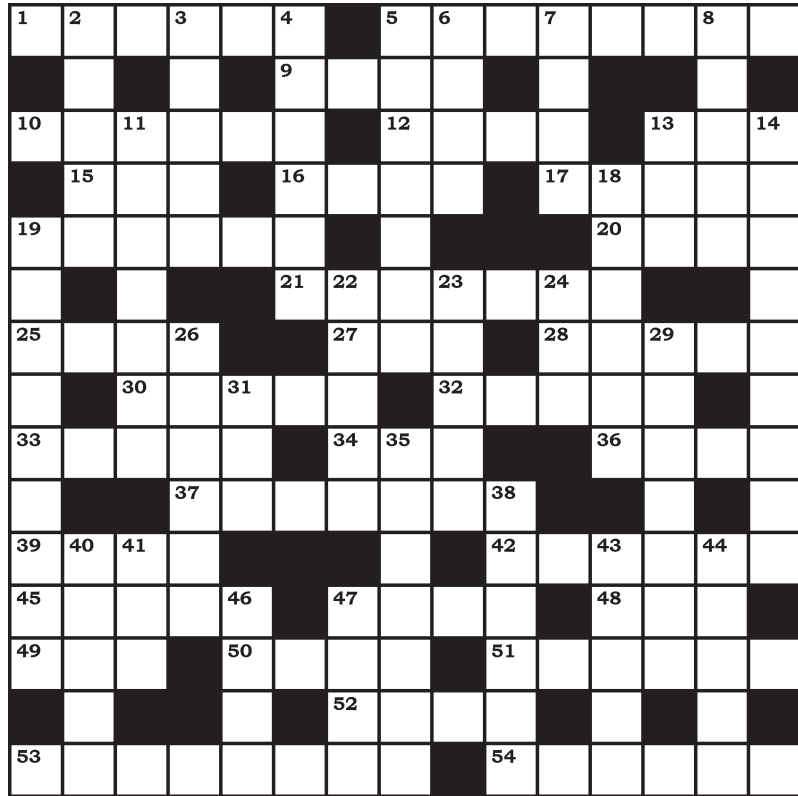
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Half & Half
by
Noel Jessop



[rrp: \$45.00]



Across

- 1 Male flirt (6)
- 5 Foam (4-4)
- 9 Curves (4)
- 10 Leaf spine (6)
- 12 Expression of regret (4)
- 13 Land measure (3)
- 15 Just a little (coll.) (3)
- 16 Frizzy hair-style (4)
- 17 Vaccine developer (5)
- 19 Capital of Lesotho (6)
- 20 Mind (4)
- 21 Ballroom dance (2,5)
- 25 Extol (4)
- 27 Purpose (3)
- 28 Tolerate (5)
- 30 Regretting (5)
- 32 Vamoose! (5)
- 33 Velocity (5)
- 34 Species of Aralia (3)
- 36 Science workshops (coll.) (4)
- 37 Thrashes (coll.) (7)
- 39 Gemstone (4)
- 42 Entirely (6)
- 45 French wine (5)
- 47 NZ parrot (4)
- 48 Wrath (3)
- 49 Female garment (3)
- 50 Remote (4)
- 51 Surfeited (6)

52 Arbor (4)

53 Jersey (8)

54 Cease (6)

Down

- 2 A lot of stories about Italian girl (5)
- 3 Multitude take some harsh orders (5)
- 4 A lubra rushed into town (6)
- 5 Mark a graduate's beetles (7)
- 6 City's solo treatment (4)
- 7 Father's southern academic success (4)
- 8 Boy makes a fuss about a letter (5)
- 11 Tasmanian Devil back down on unknown river (7)
- 13 Honest fellow involved with Elizabeth (3)
- 14 Not as much following final, lonely one left out continuously? (9)
- 18 Moorish drum at a ball – one learner left (6)
- 19 Grenade grinds up jalopy (5,4)
- 22 Guess a guru's out (5)
- 23 Pose a set-up for fabulist (5)
- 24 Exclude penniless bard (3)
- 26 Rules of combat local sides on the level expected before (6)
- 29 The writer to talk on English railway figures of speech (7)
- 31 Woman takes one law officer (3)
- 35 Rub a dry concoction for the mistress (2,5)
- 38 Spelling expert and daughter separated (6)
- 40 Lost to view somewhere in upper duplex (5)
- 41 A woman in Abadan (3)
- 43 Shows a lot of colour, but decays without one (5)
- 44 Puts forward sound English ground (5)
- 46 Murderer is not finished in jail (4)
- 47 Famous shrew to take amiss (4)

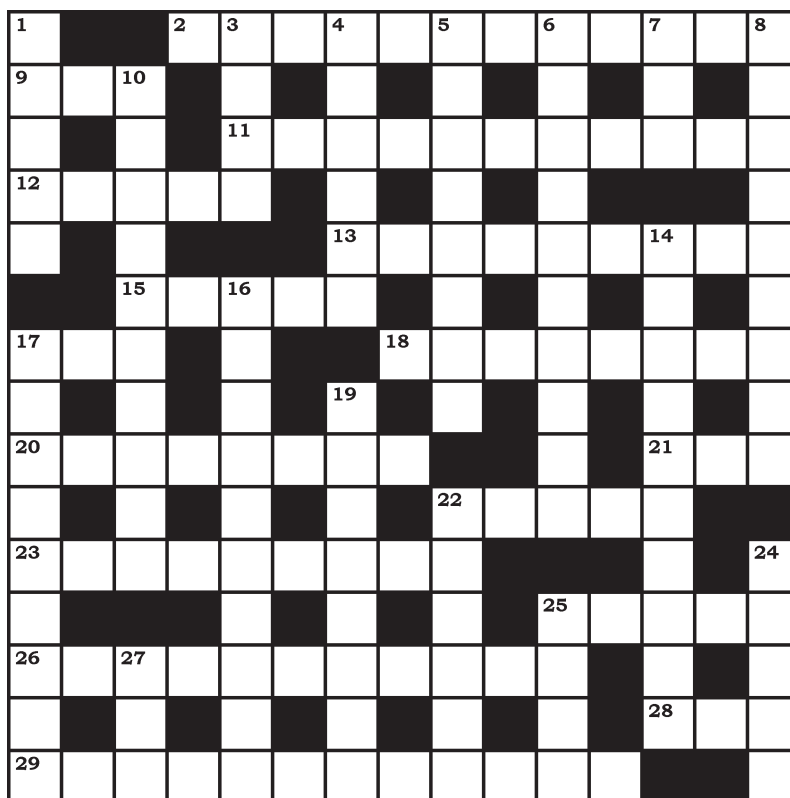
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Cryptic by Agnacenus



Across


- 2 Celebration with oriental flowers and German interjection. (6,6)
- 9 With 21, absent, but could be just swinging the lead (3,3)
- 11 Contemptuous, but makes good with rapid gains (11)
- 12 Dead Sea scum (5)
- 13 Small serve of tripe and peas? (9)
- 15 Exhaust artist amidst racket (5)
- 17 Brad, perhaps, docked dog. No bull! (3)
- 18 Container to rinse out containers. On yer bike! (8)
- 20 District to hold you up? (3,5)
- 21 See 9 (3)
- 22 Beginner with advanced method, and worthy of imitation (5)
- 23 Tortured, said to ban torture (9)
- 25 Diminutive marsupial, precious, heads east for party in west (5)
- 26 It's late, and we're exposed to the wind, but an angel of mercy emerges (11)
- 28 Endless match should end soon (3)
- 29 No pussyfooting in these! Devil takes (and knocks around) the hindmost (7,5)

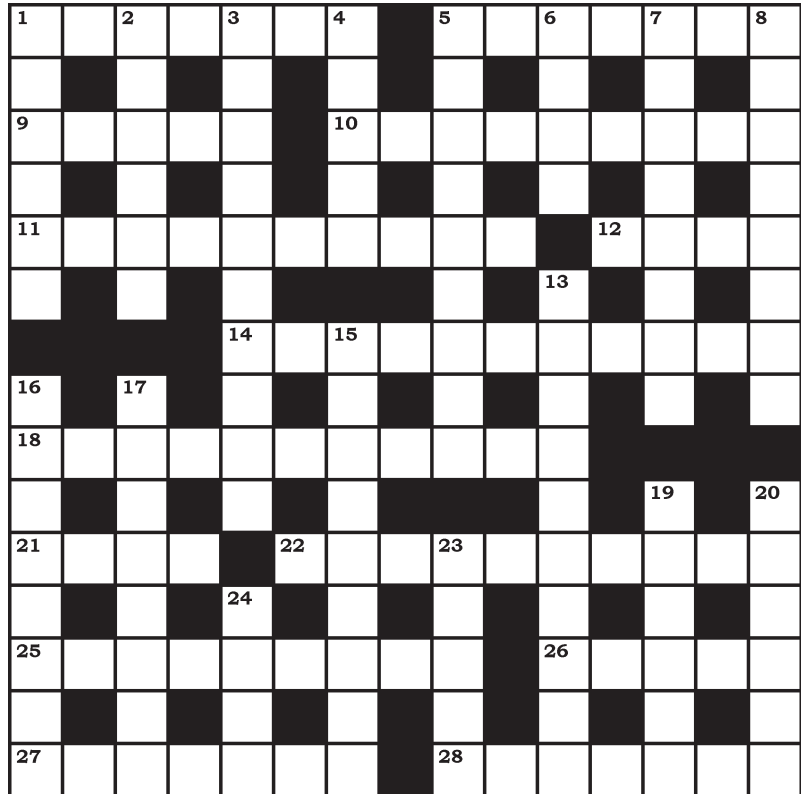
Down

- 1 Fawn jumper? Yes! (5)
- 3 Nurses initial infection (4)
- 4 Sailor rested up with servant (6)
- 5 Rise again to cover corn with wrinkled paper (8)
- 6 Empty tent, and due to relocate (10)
- 7 Deceased. Top class Welshman, perhaps (3)
- 8 Gay girls, deceased, baked to ash. Fabulous! (9)
- 10 High seas? Oddities no-one under 26, in short, can construct (5,5)
- 14 Unproductive kind of instrument preferred, no doubt, by 26 (10)
- 16 Plant reptile with personality on rickety stair (10)
- 17 Seating in reserve for magistrates? (4,5)
- 19 Fragments of quiet music with sound of bell, we hear! (8)
- 22 Frenchman atop a business on the Riviera (6)
- 24 Cut flower, cut point! (5)
- 25 Insolent, for a beam! (4)
- 27 Take up talking (3)

Compiler profile: (Agnacenus) Mike Pogson:

"This crossword represents a long delayed return to an interest of (too many) years past. I used to compile crosswords for my University's magazine in England. Between then and now I lived in Canada for 18 years and Australia for 20, solving cryptics when time has permitted, but not compiling. Remarkably, the answer to 8 down in the crossword above inspired me to take up the hobby again. I was looking up something in a dictionary, stumbled across this word, and immediately thought "what a great word to use in a crossword"... and the rest is history! As for a cruciverbalnym I've come up with "AGNACENUS" which appropriately is an anagram of the abbreviations of the three countries I've lived in - Eng(land), Can(ada), and Aus(tralia)! Hope you enjoy the crossword, and can forgive me for being out of practice after a long absence!"

O C T O B E R 2 0 0 5 S L O T 3
<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic by Southern Cross</h2>




Across

- 1 Lay out chit showing evidence of regular income (3,4)
- 5 Started engine when roused (5,2)
- 9 Settle on travel without real characters – entertainment at a cost! (3,1,1)
- 10 Singular moves making Eire’s first airline ... (3,6)
- 11 ... reportedly applaud the full crew (10)
- 12 Stable partnership (4)
- 14 “Go to pot!” sent back to Harper, flustered by area detailer (11)
- 18 We are not spineless! (11)
- 21 More confusion in the city of Romulus and Remus (4)
- 22 Outwardly arrogant, Victoria is unaffected (10)
- 25 Change place of residence, as renovators may do before a make-over (4,5)
- 26 Kid charged one third of fee (5)
- 27 There’s nothing in this mathematical collection (4,3)
- 28 Forcibly remove sots! (4,3)

Down

- 1 A top office for Father? City doesn’t have it (6)
- 2 Cellist’s mother after something played with just one string? (2,2,2)
- 3 O! This could be an expression of one’s feelings (4-6)
- 4 “Flickering Lamps” – an old song of David’s perhaps (5)
- 5 Keep thing on the go for two weeks (9)
- 6 Control fall from above, as said (4)
- 7 Clash between setters possibly concerning wartime aircraft action (8)
- 8 While away, Philippoussis gains minimal indication of success (4,4)
- 13 Authorisation needed before random visits by Gandhi’s followers (10)
- 15 Kind of grass on high ground is superior to all others (9)
- 16 Old morality play hero – exact name is raised outside (8)
- 17 Charge on raised loo? It must be antediluvian (8)
- 19 Garment created by Ravel (6)
- 20 A trail climb? (6)
- 23 The first wife, not entirely heartless, has an affair (5)
- 24 In this way the American lacks direction (4)

• **From Shirl O'Brien:** I don't intend to enter the debate on level of difficulty of our magazine's puzzles; I'm just grateful to have them all. However, I get far more job satisfaction myself from finding something short and clever to clue a simple word, than from wrestling with a complicated clue for a difficult word. My favourite setter is *Rufus* (Roger Squires) in *The Guardian*. He rarely uses never-heard-of words, but is so innovative and succinct with his clueing. Today's puzzle here in Brisbane has these oh-so-simple but rewarding gems among many others: [answers next month]

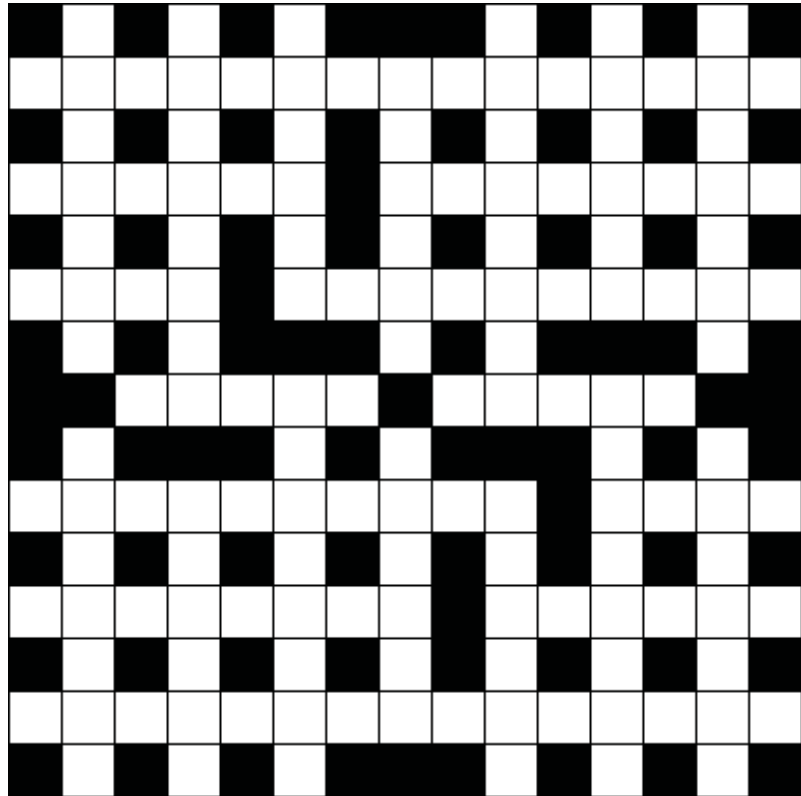
- 1. Drank up a round behind the others (6)
- 2. Secures rent for one of a group of shops (5,5)
- 3. All is not as it should be in the stud (8)
- 4. I'd return in a cheap car, pretentiously polished (2-2-2)
- 5. A number given to someone to sing (4)
- 6. Bow Street (8)
- 7. Make a submission for grant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

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The letter before each clue is the initial of the answer.

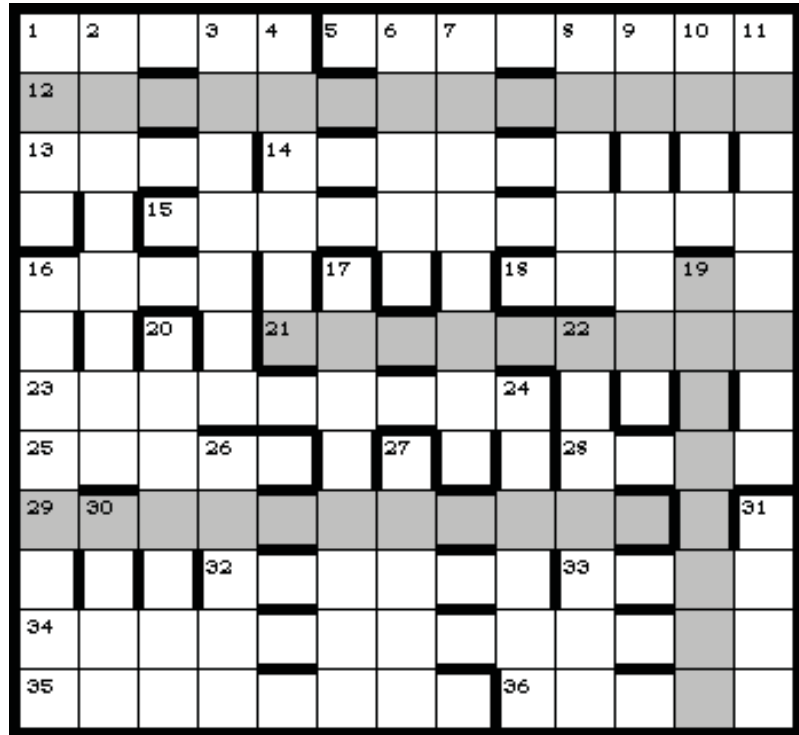


- A** Represent one on litigation (6)
- B** Catch deer at loose ends? (6)
- C** Goblets surround rubber tree with cup-shape structures (7)
- D** Nick without the Spanish image doesn't start dedication (8)
- E** Subtle United Independent elves in disguise (7)
- F** The owner of the fee-simple of a property (Scots Law) starts feeling intimidated about regulations (4)
- G** Name for several American palms developed and increased in size it is said (4-4)
- H** A sham to cajole German with yen (10)
- I** Some caution is employed to use the Ionic dialect (6)
- J** Tampering with container and Gulf fish (8)
- K** Policeman reported jet lost tail on old low hill (5)
- L** Sidelong look that is at Scottish lamplighter (6)
- M** Athletic Greek character at Supreme Court begins ugly lawsuit against rivals (8)
- N** Pointless demand for a smaller portion (8)
- O** Frank to hesitate as first batsman (6)
- P** Machine's affinity to plant (7)
- Q** Misgivings about quarterly relief (6)
- R** Answering strange person with power to return force to Red Centre? (10)
- S** Furtively sullen about agent, a bird, with debts (15)
- T** Space area one of the 24 longitudinal regions of the globe (4,4)
- U** American residential quarters in a higher position than city centre (6)
- V** Change in cave eruption (4)
- W** We will shortly design credit centre arising from good plans? (4-9)
- X** King ascends with dislocated toes and abnormal dryness of the skin (7)
- Y** One simple fungi may finish frothy? (6)
- Z** Letter about lecturer a girl (5)

General Comments contd:

- Once again, a thoroughly enjoyable month of puzzling and I was particularly impressed by *St Jude's* prophetic clue for the "O" word. What with disastrous events in New Orleans and turmoil that followed, he was right on the money! Then, if that wasn't enough, when two puzzles used the word 'MURENA' it started to get downright spooky!
Roy Wilson
- I'm glad to be able to get my entries in reasonably early. Not as early as those who get their puzzles through the Net as it does give them a good start.
Joan McGrath
- Congratulations to Merv and John for their puzzles. Great clues and hard to pick the COTM.
Joan Smith
- I was very excited to win the Crosswords 1-5 last month. After what I did the last time I won a cheque I didn't think the Club would ever trust me with another (you might recall I shredded it with some discarded papers!)
Margaret Raw
- Another very enjoyable lots of puzzles this month with something for everyone.
Ron O'Rourke
- Another good month though the puzzles were not so difficult. It's a real pleasure getting to know new setters.
Max Roddick

<p> O C T O B E R 2 0 0 5 S L O T 5 </p>
<p>The Getting of Wisdom by Praxis</p>
 <p>[2001 ed rrp \$69.95]</p>



Unclued lights contain a quote, along with the author's name.

Across

- 1 Coach set off carrying silver (5)
- 5 Epistle's a study in stupidity (8)
- 12 (13, two words)
- 13 Air makes one lay about (4)
- 14 Time new intro for satellite (6)
- 15 Number of anecdotes establish male's a jerk (11)
- 16 This year, spirit's displayed in war dance (4)
- 18 Prince has Continent back Indian currency (5)
- 21 (9, three words)
- 23 Take back control from engineer (9)
- 25 Refuse D-Diana? (5)
- 28 French bear's not theirs? (4)
- 29 (11, two words)
- 32 Gossip mentioned American lodger (6)
- 33 Lot of vision in speech (4)
- 34 One improves on hair product (13)
- 35 Inspect part; it's used for viewing (8)
- 36 Expect oxidation after time (5)

Down

- 1 Try to pick up clubs (4)
- 2 Most of the textbook's an aid to needlework (8)
- 3 Animal makes fertiliser without charge (7)
- 4 Occasion to be in late - drunk (6)
- 6 Exodus covers the way to live (5)
- 7 At best it could be most unwise (8)
- 8 Disease can bowl over aged (5)
- 9 Church wedding (7)
- 10 Nick left out one who'd use 18? (4)
- 11 Watch set up around old capital's coaches (8)
- 16 Heard war destroyed weaponry (8)
- 17 Cop in side arranged Milton's discharge (8)
- 19 (8)
- 20 Treat poor; reserve outdated medicine (7)
- 22 Back track over North/South (7)
- 24 Scotch tenor (6)
- 26 Upending wines in a fit of bad temper ... (5)
- 27 ... French girl's starting to copy ape (5)
- 30 Turk's after band to perform (4)
- 31 Smart traveller turned up temperature (4)

General Comments contd:

- It's wonderful to have so many new setters joining the ranks, with so many excellent clues. If a word of advice would not offend, I'd change clues like **Acto?** And **Fine legs maybe?** Many years ago I was fortunate to have as mentor the late-lamented Alec Robins, and included in puzzles I sent to him for advice were a couple of similar clues. I remember **Hoome!** (nothing to write home about). While he thought it was inventive, he gently pointed out that, with no definition, it wasn't really fair. He told me in one of his many letters that he became a prisoner of his own orthodoxy, and he made me a prisoner of his orthodoxy too, because any time I do something I know he wouldn't approve of, I look up to heaven and say "Sorry Alec!" And yes, I'm sure I still do things he wouldn't approve of. Keep up the good work all you new (and old) setters. The variety is wonderful. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Was great to receive \$50 last month for Slot 2 - will go towards next year's subscription, so hope all you compilers and adjudicators keep up the good work. My family cannot understand why it means so much to have a dot: it's lovely to see a row of them. *Eva Seale*
- Thanks once more to the compilers for a most entertaining lot of puzzles. My real COTM is from a David Astle *Age* Cryptic "18ac Guardian cryptic setter sucks you in soundly. (7)". I thought this was very clever. I won't give the answer to spoil it for those who haven't seen it. *Roy Taylor*
- YEMENIS in Slot 4 and ISRAELI in Slot 5 gave the month a middle eastern flavour. *Margaret Davis*
- As usual I enjoyed the puzzles. *Catherine Hambling*
- A real mixture again this month. Hope I got them right. It's always such a let down after they are all done, and we have to wait for the next month's. *Del Kennedy*

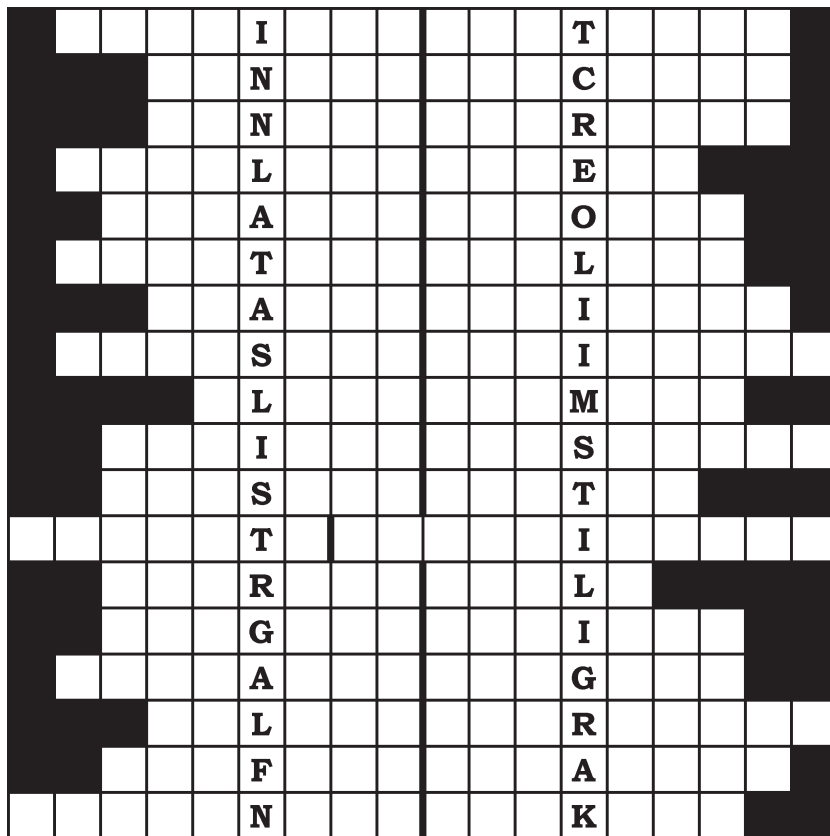
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The Splendour Falls

by
Brother Naga



Two words from each line have been chosen and a synonym found for each. The cryptic-like clues (no definition) follow the order of the lines and the order the words appear in the line. These synonyms should then be fitted into the grid. A few letters have been given as a guide to solving. As an example from the title, if 'splendour' and 'falls' had synonyms ('beauty' and 'topples'), the clue could read: 'boyfriend' (beau) Tracey lost her heart (ty)/to - very quietly (pp) leaves - not welcome (ave). The chosen words have been highlighted and the division shown for the first clue as a guide. Note that the grid matches the order of the lines in the verse.



Clues

- 1 Last month arrangements/for rest breaks finally worked out (8,8)
- 2 Half baseline shot returns are a net code violation (6,8)
- 3 In the meeting I returned support to leader in challenges (6,8)
- 4 Does a new version, overdue somewhat - meet serious backing (8,6)
- 5 Are angels not as wrong and does every second one assume it's right! (7,7)
- 6 An object of ridicule in actual fact - without pretence - is sickening (8,7)
- 7 Chief executives of soccer premiers are rightly shirty - especially if new teams form up (6,8)
- 8 Film about Silver - not '55 remake - is having new opening (8,9)
- 9 A keen supporter without leg but he is oddly mobile otherwise (5,7)
- 10 Daily limits limit variety of game fish (7,9)
- 11 Inmate, told to go, gets the silent treatment (7,6)
- 12 The traveller turned east, (in his mini) driving on the outskirts the wrong way (7,11)
- 13 A teacher is held partly to blame not to be involved with P.E. (7,5)
- 14 An artificial system of signs - lacking maturity but possessing primitive energy - add polish to the picture (7,7)
- 15 Broadcasts at times I suggest are no use anyway (8,7)
- 16 Heard to pass after the usual time - nearly late but not a problem (6,9)
- 17 Enthusiast had a look into flag design (7,8)
- 18 Sign up again with the German top side in related first grade (9,7)

THE SPLENDOUR FALLS

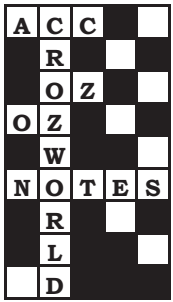
The splendour **falls** on **castle** walls
and snowy summits **old** in **story**;
The long **light shakes** across the lakes,
And the **wild** cataract leaps in **glory**.
Blow, bugle, blow, **set** the wild echoes flying,
Blow, bugle; **answer**, echoes, **dying**, dying, dying.

O hark, O hear! how **thin** and **clear**,
And **thinner**, clearer, farther **going**!
O sweet and far from **cliff** and **scar**
The horns of Elfland **faintly blowing**!
Blow, **let** us **hear** the purple glens replying:
Blow, bugle; answer, **echoes**, dying, **dying**, dying.

O **love**, they die in yon **rich** sky,
They **faint** on hill or field or **river**:
Our **echoes roll** from soul to soul,
And **grow** for ever and for **ever**.
Blow, **bugle**, blow, set the wild echoes **flying**,
And **answer**, echoes, answer, **dying**, dying, dying.
LORD TENNYSON

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Closing mail date: Friday 11 Nov 2005.



GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN: EXCITING NEW LOCATION! The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's new hotel The Cauliflower Hotel, Waterloo, Central Sydney 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!" President Patrick will be making a flying appearance and 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 a few prizes to give away. 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

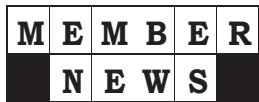
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CONGRATULATIONS to Margaret Davis for winning the Slots 1-5 all correct prize. Well done!
Solutions to chess game problems nos 9 and 10: **No 9:** 1 Ke6. **No 10:** 1 Qd8. **Prizewinners: Bob Hagan and Catherine Hambling. Congratulations!**



New Members: A warm welcome to **Laurel Leak** from Fullarton, SA, **John Balnaves** from Ashfield, NSW and **Robert Tanti** from Torquay, Qld. Welcome to the wonderful world of Crozworlding!

Puzzle Adjustments: In Slot 7-2005

(*Herd in Parsing*) the word length indicator for 33ac should be (6). Valerie Howard gained a tick for August Slot 5. Claire Batum lost a dot for August Slot 3.

Clue Writing Competition: Adjudicated by Steve Trollope. I have received several requests to publish clues, other than the winning one, in *Crozworld*. Presumably these are from members who may not have access to the Internet. Here is a random sample of clues and my comments from this year's entries:

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Orchestral musical composition for seasonal song (Noel you say)
An interesting 'over-anagram' (ORCHESTRAL MUSICAL less ELU - no EL you say U). I have a minor issue with the indication being split into two parts with the definition in the middle, but the result is an interesting concept.

Glad I left Adam Gilchrist's crazy girl and chose one quiet evening
Fascinating 'over-anagram' (especially for an Aussie cricket fan like me). I'm not quite so sure about an indication of a definition, rather than a simple definition. I would prefer 'Glad I left Adam Gilchrist's crazy girl for a silent night'.

AURA

Laura's inner essence
Take the inside of LAURAs - a simple short clue.
Not quite dawn but what an atmosphere
AUroRA means dawn with 'not quite' indicating a subtractive clue (where part of the indication is removed. Another good clue, although it would be better if the letters to be subtracted from the indication were themselves indicated.

COMRADE

Mad to the core buddy
Presumably means an anagram of MAD and CORE, but it lacks an anagram indicator. If the anagram required was made from "to the core", MAD could be considered to be the anagram indicator, but it can't do service as both in this clue.

Turn off decorum and start smashing china
DECORuM (minus U (turn off)) plus start of And, with smashing being the anagram indicator.

DECIMAL

Claimed roughly in multiples of ten
The same anagram used for the indication in an interesting sentence:
Only one in nine hundred gets trade around point.
1 in CM with DEAL around

**Quiz No 9/2005
Animal Crackers Quiz by Virgo**

Answers are in alphabetical order. Solutions all contain names of creatures from the animal kingdom. Send your answers to: Audrey Austin, 24 Hempstalk Cres, Kariong NSW 2250 or by email: ccryptic@bigpond.net.au Closing mail date: Friday 11 November 2005. Prize: \$50.

- 1 Opera by Sir Benjamin Britten (6,7)
- 2 Former Liberal front-bencher and Australian ambassador in the U.S. (6,7)
- 3 Best selling album by Meat Loaf (3,3,2,4)
- 4 1957 movie starring Alan Ladd and Sophia Loren (3,2,1,7)
- 5 American famous for promoting Wild West spectaculars (7,4)
- 6 Play by Tennessee Williams (3,2,1,3,3,4)
- 7 Poem by A.A. Milne (11,5)
- 8 A method of drifting off to sleep (8,5)
- 9 Poem by Sir Henry Newbolt (5'1,4)
- 10 Australian TV lifestyle presenter (5,5)
- 11 1964 James Bond movie (10)
- 12 1993 Movie starring Bill Murray (9,3)
- 13 Beatle song composed by John Lennon (1,2,3,6)
- 14 An inedible and bitter brown nut or its tree (5,8)
- 15 Colin Cowdrey's nickname (6)
- 16 Charles Lindbergh's nickname (4,5)
- 17 2003 National Rugby League premiers (7,8)
- 18 1936 *Tale for Children* by Prokofiev (5,3,3,4)
- 19 Beatle song composed by George Harrison (6,7)
- 20 Pretend to be dead to avoid a predator (4,6)
- 21 A raw egg with condiments (7,6)
- 22 The common name for asparagus (7,5)
- 23 Australian owl-like bird with mottled plumage (5,9)
- 24 1973 movie starring Edward Fox (3,3,2,3,6)
- 25 Field Marshall Rommel's nickname (3,6,3)
- 26 John Hurt played the title role in this 1980 movie (3,9,3)
- 27 1812 Operetta by Rudolf Friml (3,7)
- 28 Award winning 1968 movie starring Peter O'Toole (3,4,2,6)
- 29 Shirley Jones played mother in this long-running TV series (3,9,6)
- 30 Top American pro golfer (5,5)

August 1-2005: Thematic by *Virgo* (Audrey Austin)

- Audrey's across clues associations were very clever. May I quibble about 24dn? Druid is a noun; bardic is an adjective. *Ted O'Brien*
- Another innovation from Audrey – it amazes me how you think them up. *Catherine Hambling*
- Thank you for your interesting collection of professional people *Virgo*. Learnt that 'escaroles' are ENDIVES and had to toss up between DATABANKS and DATABASES for the 'stored information', the latter being appropriate for your SLEUTH. *Alan Walter*
- As usual, *Virgo* is tops – a great opener! *Catherine Foster*
- I have doubts with 9ac (first VIOLONIST?), 20ac (happy MEDIUM?), 25ac (nurses AIDE?), 1dn (ADVOCATE?) and particularly 24dn – BARD not BARDIC seems a better synonym for DRUID. And a common theme for Across words – occupations – but 20ac? *Graeme Cole*
- If BARDIC is correct should not the clue be DRUIDIC? And if 25ac is AIDE, should the clue have an apostrophe? *Margaret Davis*
- I was amused to see consecutive clues with my name and my husband's. I immediately entered WREN and DIVER. Convinced that I had cracked the theme I then struggled to find any other birds that would fit the grid. Assumptions can be an occupational hazard. *Jenny Wenham*
- Helen was not a Trojan. She was carried off to Troy (from Sparta). *Iain MacDougall*
- Couldn't see what was thematic about this. Should perhaps have been called half and half. *Barb Ibbott*
- I was particularly impressed with Slot 1 and *Virgo's* ability to fit in so cleverly so many 'occupations'. *Bev Cockburn*
- Quite difficult, made more so by being called 'Thematic'. I think it was closer to 'Half and Half' but not that either. Perhaps it should have been called 'PAIRS'. The DRUID clue caused problems. I tried numerous pairing words but none fitted the other dependent clues. Eventually my 14 year old grandson Michael, who loves past history, came up with BARDIC. One word I tried was STONES as my old UK school was in an area called Calderstones, named because of a group of druid stones (the CALDER STONES) preserved there in an enclosure. *Irene Watts*

August 2-2005: Cryptic by Merv Collins

- I used Merv's Cryptic to give a lesson to a fellow-resident of our retirement village in the art of crossword solving. She had a high success rate – thanks Merv! *Ted O'Brien*
- 22ac – laughed aloud when I found the joint I was looking for! *Jan Wood*
- I thought 'lessee' to mean remove an 'e' in 22ac was 'cheating' but extremely clever. I also liked 21dn. *Brian Tickle*
- Really enjoyed this one, Merv. Some excellent clues – my favourite 11ac FINGERTIP. *Catherine Hambling*
- Thanks for your challenging cryptic Merv. For 10ac had to toss up between WEBHEAD and WEBLEAD. Couldn't find either of these in our standard dictionaries so I consulted 5 computer dictionaries all to no avail. Hope WEBHEAD is correct [addendum – the Internet via Google defines 'webhead' as 'an enthusiastic and frequent user of the Web']. In 1dn, RIFFS as 'repeated phrases' was new to me. Liked your 15dn DISPENSER clue and your 17dn clue for CU+RAT+ES, where tips=cues and deserter=rat. *Alan Walter*
- An enjoyable Cryptic – fair dinkum clues. *Catherine Foster*
- 10ac - I guess Jimmy Webb was a song-writer. *Graeme Cole*
- Great to have another new compiler. Well done menu – very enjoyable. *Brian Symons*
- Merv Collins and *Drover's Dog* seem to have the same quirky sense of humour – are they the same person? *Aileen Skillicorn*
- Welcome to a new compiler. There is no such thing as a single BICEP and WEBHEAD does not appear to have made its way into the dictionary yet, although I'm sure we all know one! *Margaret Davis*
- Very enjoyable. Thanks Merv. My favourite clue was 25dn. I also liked 7dn. *Jenny Wenham*
- CHUCKLE was the keyword for this puzzle - I can't remember when I enjoyed a puzzle as much. No huge challenge, but FUN. *Doug Butler*
- This was a good, straightforward cryptic. 24dn: what is a bicep? The muscle is Biceps (or Brachii) Femoris – singular. *Roy Taylor*
- An enjoyable cryptic. The only sticky clue was 10ac. I still don't know if my answer is correct as I've been unable to verify it. *Barb Ibbott*
- Congratulations to Merv Collins for an enjoyable cryptic and especially for the humour in so many of his clues. I loved 15dn. *Irene Watts*

August 3-2005: Cryptic by *Drover's Dog* (John Gillis)

- The XI in 4dn put me off for a while – then the penny dropped – onion=ingan. *Ted O'Brien*
- I'll bet you get several solvers who will put 'drag' as the answer to 14ac. I used the same clue years ago and there were many who held that 'drag' was acceptable. I don't agree mainly because it isn't cryptic but I admit it's a little like the 'cheating' of 'lessee' in the previous puzzle. Lessee doesn't really mean less 'e' any more than 'backward' means to reverse the letters of 'ward' – but they're both fun. Your point of view depends on how much of a stickler for rules (grammatical more than cryptic) you are. *Brian Tickle*
- If this is a maiden effort then heaven help us next year! Very impressed with 25/16 – especially the combination of anagind and definition of MIXED FEELINGS in the word MAYBE (my COTM). *Catherine Hambling*
- Your MISSING IN ACTION clue 'ACTO' and your 'MIXED FEELINGS' answer to 'Fine legs maybe?' were quite thought-provoking, especially since neither clue included a definition, both were purely secondary indicators. In 13ac I presume 'would go well on one' implies the steak cooks well on the barbie in 1ac. I note the spelling has to be SURLOIN (not SIRLOIN) to fit with 17ac URNS. Much like your USE+LESS clue for 19ac "Not so much! Stupid" both clever and humorous. Your 14ac clue definitely needs an exclamation mark, as 'backward' spelt as one word does not imply 'back ward'=DRAW. In 27ac 'porter'=ALE, QUIN+OX=one of five cattle following porter. In 26dn if the answer is LAIR, shouldn't 'mud' be 'mud'? *Macquarie Dictionary* defines 'mug' as 'stupid' in ref. to lair. *Alan Walter*
- If this is your first attempt, good on you! Great clues, not too easy but doable – liked 25/16ac and 19ac particularly. *Catherine Foster*
- Welcome *Drover's Dog!* Many clever and amusing clues; I liked best 25/16dn and 9ac for COTM. *Max Roddick*
- Welcome John. A wonderfully different cryptic with original clueing. Only small fault is that SUCCUBA is singular. *Brian Symons*
- Another welcome – and another quibble! The clue to 6dn asks for 'spirits' but SUCCUBA, according to *Chambers*, is singular. But I like 25/16dn to make it my COTM. *Margaret Davis*
- Some tough ones here, and some clever ones too. When I eventually got 10ac I was kicking myself. My favourite was 9ac. *Jenny Wenham*
- The Douro is not a Spanish river. It is Portugese. The part of it which is in Spain is called the Duero. *Iain MacDougall*
- Loved 9ac and have nominated it as my COTM. *Barb Ibbott*
- Another new compiler with clever clues. 9ac was brilliant. I also loved HIBACHI, SLOWCOACH and DUNGAREES but hated that horrid word SUCCUBA. 28ac is incorrect grammatically. *Irene Watts*
- I didn't finish this puzzle and a couple of clues I had 'mixed feelings' about (my COTM) but even so I loved *Drover's Dog*. Probably needs reminding to come to heel occasionally, but 'Best of Show' one day for sure? *Yvonne Ainsworth*

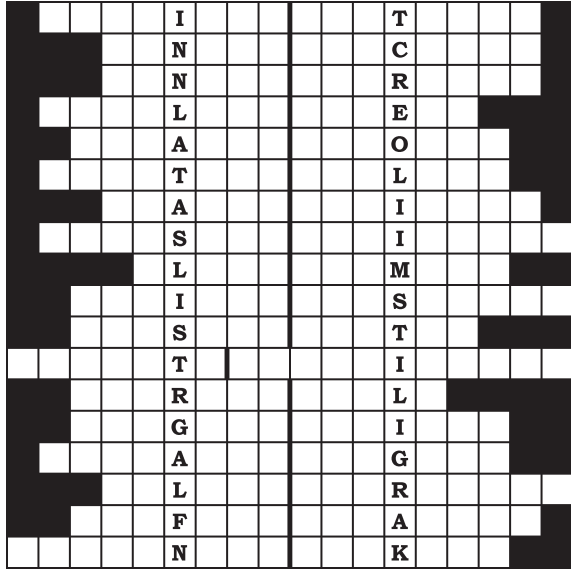
August 4-2005: AJ By *St Jude* (Drew Meek)

- I guess the reference in the Y clue to America refers to the American spelling, i.e., not doubling the last consonant before -ed; -ing. Etc. This led me a merry chase! *Ted O'Brien*
- I was contemplating setting a petition to burn *St Jude* at the stake when realised my V/D and K/C mix-ups. *Raoul Ryan*
- Quite a few question marks here. I don't understand the Q clue. *Jan Wood*
- Some good clues, especially the 'S' clue, but 'first' seems to be used as a synonym for 'led' in the 'Y' clue. This doesn't work for me. I also thought we were expected to make some pretty big leaps. 'Aft part of old ship' in the 'B' clue is apparently instructing us to take '-bec' from xebec – bit of a stretch. Most of my troubles were of my own making though. I finally placed 'heroic' correctly at the third try. *Brian Tickle*
- Thanks, *St Jude*, for another AJ – always popular with me. *Catherine Hambling*
- Thanks for your AJ, *St Jude*. Eventually located AHER in 1 *Chronicles* 7:12. In your O clue I thought Mississippi shortened was MISS, but MS is also valid. In the Q clue it took a while to reason that 'senator leaves foundation'=ES(SEN)CE-(SEN)=ESCE, when added to QUI(French 'that')=QUIESCE. G clue gives Dazed=GROGGY-GY (heartless GUY)=GROG. In the C clue if the 'Alloy' is 'Corinthian brass' can I assume 'rake' means 'scrape off' the 'brass' to leave the answer 'CORINTHIAN'? *Alan Walter*
- AJ's – one of my favourites but this one turned me off a bit ('O' for objectionable) – I liked the G clue though. *Catherine Foster*
- Couldn't find any reference to AHER but what else (who else?) could it be? *Max Roddick*
- A difficult AJ. Especially liked BECOME and SILENT. *Brian Symons*
- I always enjoy the AJ but am puzzled by the Q clue – explanation please. *Margaret Davis*
- An enjoyable AJ. DEMIURGE was new to me. Great word. *Jenny Wenham*
- Can't really see how AHER is a biblical man but don't know what else it could be. The D clue is also a little doubtful. *Barb Ibbott*
- *St Jude's* AJ was quite difficult as the two 11 letter words were interchangeable at first and KNEES UP had at one time 3 places that it could have been placed! I wonder if *St Jude* was aware of his cleverness! *Bev Cockburn*
- AJs are invariably my favourites. The 11 letter words were unusual. It took me ages to solve the W clue – very clever. *Irene Watts*

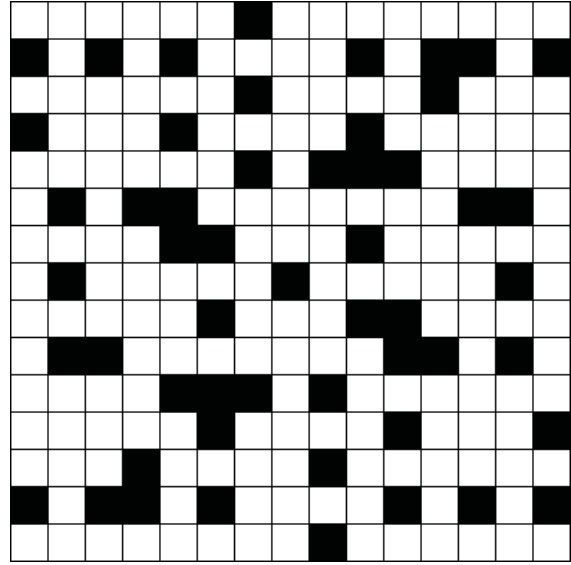
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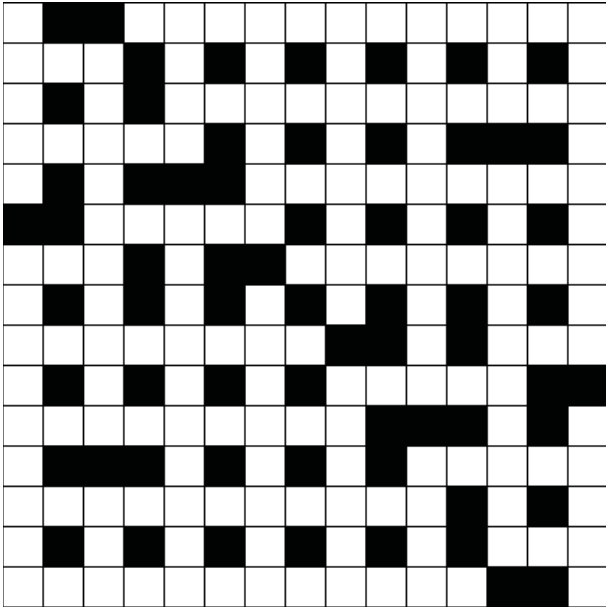
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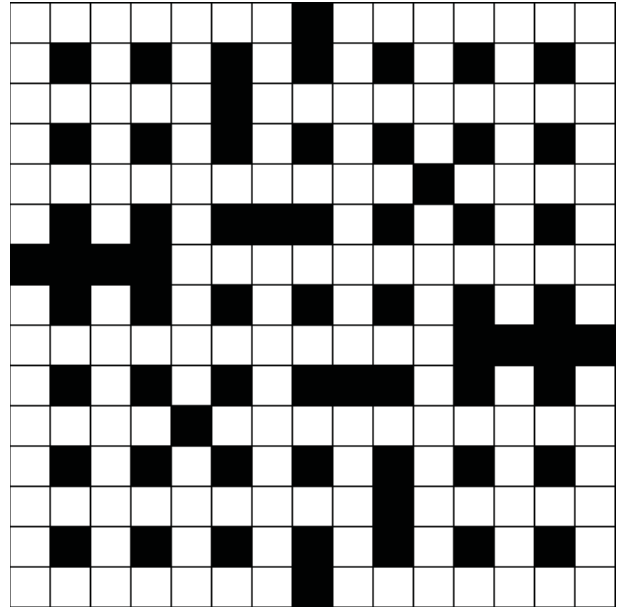
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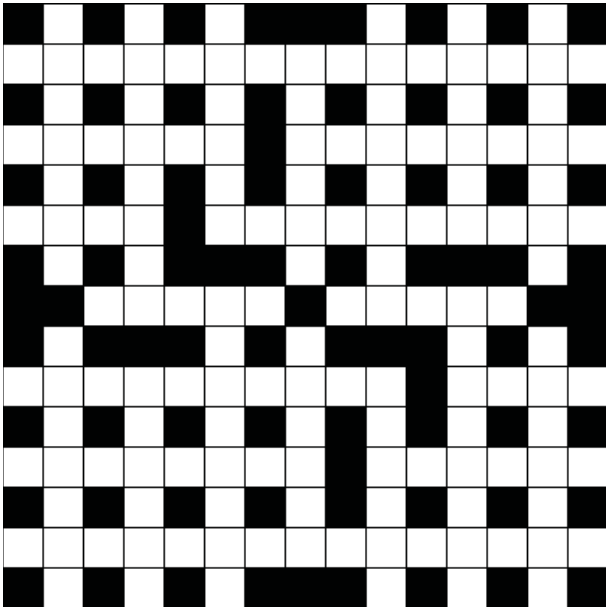
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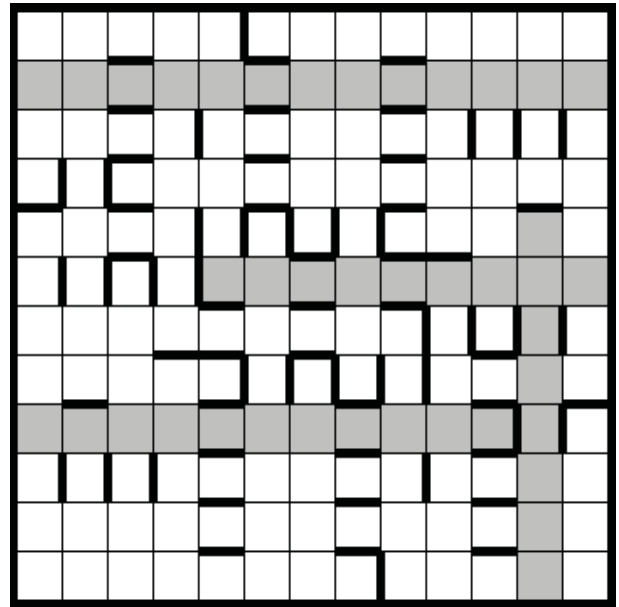
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Clue of the Month

August 6-2005 - Left, Right and Centre by Praxis (Roy Wilson).

Entries: 46. Correct: 36. Success rate: 78.3%. Prizewinners: Claire McClelland and Doreen Jones. Congratulations!

Solvers' Comments:

- Frank certainly was multi-skilled: Meteorologist (*A Foggy Day...*); Airline Pilot (*Come Fly With Me*); Planetary scientist (*Night and Day*); Climatologist (*Spring is Here*); Gerontologist specialising in hypnotherapy to treat Alzheimer's: (*It's easy to Remember*); but not an electrician: (*Dancing in the Dark*). (A true 'renaissance Man' it seems, Denis) Denis Coates
 - Torquemada would be proud of you. Maurice Cowan
 - Another Masterpiece! Quite a challenge but very fair. It certainly extended my vocabulary. Jill Freeland
 - As always you manage to introduce me to a few new words. The puzzle seemed a bit daunting at first but as the answers came it became a bit easier to see where they fitted. A most enjoyable brain-bender. Bob Hagan
 - Thanks for a very good entertaining puzzle — right degree of difficulty. Doreen Jones
 - That was one "challenging" puzzle. An excellent set of clues, of which my favourites were 17 & 25ac. Iain MacDougall
 - I feel rather like those people in the parables who find what is lost or of great price — rejoicing! What an incredible puzzle! Thank you for adding a few more Alzheimer's-free time left. Talk about stimulating the brain. Ted O'Brien
 - How on earth did you put together this one? Hate some of the rare words, but understand you need to use them. And who'd have ever thought Frank Sinatra would be a crossword fan? Shirl O'Brien
 - What a great puzzle. I feel I have been punched left, right and centre. It was a lot of work but I don't remember a puzzle giving more satisfaction to complete. Congratulations! I enjoyed the subtle humour it contained. Ron O'Rourke
 - My first *Praxis* puzzle upon joining the ACC had me wondering why I joined at all. Six months on, I find them a highlight. Another excellent puzzle. (Thank you, Andrew) Andrew Patterson
 - I thought it was going to be more difficult than it actually was. I had a perceived idea that the central column was going to be a crossword compiler but I was wrong. David Procter
 - I got engrossed for hours. Thank you. Bev Solomon
 - Another wonderful *Praxis*. SAINT was my favourite. I knew Frank was a lover of cross words but not crosswords. Brian Symons
 - Many thanks for another hard, challenging puzzle. SESTET should have been easy but for a long time I presumed it was SEXTET which made 28dn difficult! Great fun! Roy Taylor
 - In 32dn 'a hazard' would seem to indicate a singular noun. DICE is a plural noun. It would appear a tad questionable that 'hazard' is a verb implying to DICE! (See *Chambers Thesaurus*, Alan. **dice** n ... hazard). How about a few more solver-friendly clues next puzzle?! (a euphemism for 'dumb-down', Alan??) Alan Walter
 - A tour de force — thanks for the many hours of pleasure (?) that were necessary to work out the solution. K & I Williams
- Explanatory Notes:** 11ac: I = ego (rev) in 'ape' (to parrot); 13ac: TR/U/ism; 21ac: (f)rankly; 25ac: SE/anag (of 'LIKE'); 35ac: and (with)/ea (river)/n; 37ac: Should read: 'band of six set out to divide group' = s(anag of set)et; 3dn: o/give; 7dn LA (rev)/Dr/in; 8dn: SA/l(n)t; 9dn: double definition (sinuous/like + snake (-oil)); 10dn: 'eten' - nete (lyre's highest note, rev); 28dn: double definition; 30dn: a/BA's; C: anag & lit; D: EN (Enrolled nurses)/V (5) iron; K: Nu (Bhutanese currency)/clear; L: E(rhard) S(eminars) T(raining)/seta (rev). —Praxis (Roy Wilson)

RESULTS OF QUIZ No 7/2005: It's All Greek to Me by Brian Symons. Prizewinner: Barbara Ibbott.

Results: 25: S Atkinson, K Audrins, S Howells, B Ibbott, A Jermy, M Kennedy, G Leeds, A Meek, C Noble, R O'Rourke, D Procter, M Roddick, W Ryan, I Watts, M Watzinger and J Wenham. **24.5:** Y Ainsworth, B Cockburn, L Howard, J Standard, L Waites and A Walter. **24:** B Bennett, D Butler, V Dinham, C Hambling, C Heenan, C Jones, D Jones, T McPherson, T O'Brien, J Randall, J Smith and K and I Williams. **23.5:** A Austin, D Greening, M Procter and N Storey. **23:** J Colles, G Copeland, P Garner, K Harper, C McClelland, S O'Brien and N Wilson. **22.5:** B Glissan, J McGrath and P Mercer. **22:** B Siegman. **21.5:** J Barbour and R Taylor.

Answers: 1 academy 2 Achilles' heel 3 adonis 4 aegis 5 aphrodisiac 6 Cassandra 7 sword of Damocles 8 delphic/delphian 9 draconian 10 Gordian knot 11 marathon 12 medusa 13 mercurial 14 morphine 15 nectar 16 nemesis 17 Pandora's box 18 platonic 19 Scylla and Charybdis 20 siren 21 spartan 22 tantalus/tantallic 23 thespian 24 Trojan horse 25 zephyr.

Adjudicator's comments: Thanks to all who entered the quiz and for the comments, cards and extra material which make adjudicating a pleasure. There was even an entry from Iraq! The quiz was popular despite a few glitches. Number 8 indicated 7 letters but had 8 spaces but fortunately delphic and delphian were both correct. Number 7 was not strictly in alphabetical order (corrected on club website) and 13 mercurial is of latin derivation. Almost everyone got these two right and no points were lost for these. Anyway enough of my mistakes and moving to a topic I'm much more comfortable with — other people's mistakes. The main problems were numbers 14 and 24. Although narcotic is of Greek derivation it is not in reference to history or mythology and is not as good an answer as morphine. Similarly wooden horse is not as good an answer as Trojan horse. Spelling mistakes lost half marks — especially aphrodesiac, Achille's heel, zephir. —Brian Symons

August 5-2005: Gone with the Wind By Timid Terrier (Joan Smith)

- Well done! Good themes. Good construction. These puzzles are harder to make than they are to solve. Brian Tickle
- An excellent slot 5. I can't imagine how you can work out a grid with about 50 interlocking words. I dips my lid! Catherine Hambling
- Lovely puzzle Joan with Theme (a) GONE synonyms and Theme (b) WIND synonyms. 22dn is a Theme (b) answer ending in -INT. Consulting *Chambers* gives WINT (Burns) see wind². This does not mean WINT=wind. If we consult wind² we find (Burns) pa. T. (past tense) win't =winded so surely WINT can't be accepted as an answer here? I have put HINT as *Chambers Thesaurus* gives this as a synonym of 'wind'. Although DINT is defined as a 'blow or stroke' (archaic) this does not equate to wind. Alan Walter
- *Timid Terrier* at her best. 14ac: another Scottish word learned. SHAKOES and SORROW were great – more please! Catherine Foster
- Two very well-expressed themes, seven words each. I'm blown away! Max Roddick
- 11ac – TEREDO – back indicator? Maybe RETURN implies this. Graeme Cole
- I feel there is no logical way to decide between MISLEAD (astray) and MASKED (hidden – gone) for 30dn. Brian Symons
- Nice one from Joan though *Ximenes* would not have approved two unchecked letters together. Margaret Davis
- Two themes are always tough. Thank goodness for puzzle titles that give a hint. Jenny Wenham
- ATOC/ATOK are surely ghost words. ATOQ/ATOJ is Quechuan for FOX, but probably never used in English (not in the great OED or Webster's International) and the only instances on the Web are in relation to SCRABBLE. Hence *Chambers* has (again) been legitimising words with little or no validity. Doug Butler
- A wonderful puzzle which I found very enjoyable. The themes were well constructed and solvable. By the way, how come the unusual word MURENA was in this puzzle AND puzzle 3? This seems an odd coincidence. Barb Ibbott
- Nice to have another of Joan's puzzles. I am not too fond of *Ximenean* grids which are hard on my old eyesight especially when filling in the entries. It took some time for the full blast of the title to hit me, but eventually I reached the right conclusions. Irene Watts

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Very many thanks to the ACC for my prize for August 2-2005. I could hardly believe my good fortune again! The cheque is too attractive to cash — almost! Thanks too, to *Daintree Lady* for a cryptic I managed to solve. Christine Heenan
- Thank you so much for the certificate for winning the quiz and the \$50. The cheque is so beautifully written, it seems a shame to cash it but I will! I enjoy *Crozworld* immensely. The variety and level of the puzzles are really good, if sometimes frustrating. I admire the setters and all those patient people who check our entries. It is interesting to read people's comments and queries, and the responses. Thank you and the whole team for a splendid publication. Gabrielle Leeds
- Thanks for the *Macquarie Thesaurus*. It makes a wonderful companion to the *Macquarie Dictionary*. Yvonne Ainsworth

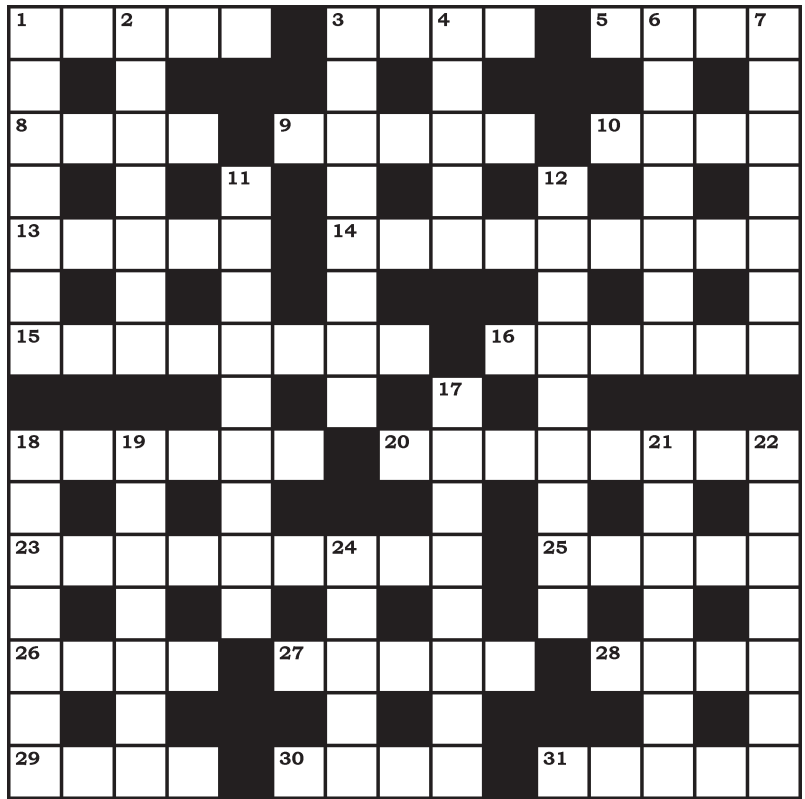
**Bonus Puzzle
by Virgo**

Across

- 1 Dog star? No – it’s a far planet (5)
- 3 Some talk about a French tiger (4)
- 5 Exams not started. Confused? They’re over by this time (4)
- 8 Blue feathers (4)
- 9 Ignores lump in the ship (5)
- 10 Against pot, we hear (4)
- 13 Elvis changed into jeans (5)
- 14 Detain Rover. Alcohol was at first considered (9)
- 15 The same meanings as evil sounds treat my son (8)
- 16 Going away just as something is about to happen (6)
- 18 Jacob altruistically accommodates Bluey (6)
- 20 Move towards a very soft brown insect shortly (8)
- 23 A Lancaster bomber from the family seat (9)
- 25 A native in the pub (5)
- 26 Game to flog on the way back (4)
- 27 It’s allowed to run off, you see (5)
- 28 Dog food (4)
- 29 Tackles the outfits — Diana’s by the sound of it (4)
- 30 Smoke stack muddies our glass initially (4)
- 31 I leave the loo with a vacant sign (2, 3)

Down

- 1 Slush muddles rhyme (7)
- 2 A noun we’ve endlessly treated but not spun (7)
- 3 American involved in surround sound experience (8)



- 4 Record book (5)
- 6 This composer hands it to Ravel (7)
- 7 Hindi makes the most of the party (7)
- 11 The gelatin is in the tumbler (9)
- 12 School for the learner being in my possession all the same (9)
- 17 Charming type of bee (8)
- 18 Cleaner Reg backs a horse (7)
- 19 Gol (7)
- 21 Twisted, cool and semi-lethal concoction (7)
- 22 The idiot with Alf Turner (7)
- 24 He gets into the rum for a cold (5)



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