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You will have expressed yourself admirably if a clever setting gives a spice of novelty to a familiar word.
Horace, 19-18BC, *Ars Poetica* (trans. EH Blakeney), 47.

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We are looking forward to celebrating the 2011 Get-Together at William Ryan's exciting **Harold Park Hotel** which is situated cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW. Many thanks to William for making his 'pride and joy' available for us to meet and discuss important things of a cruciverbal nature. It's not too late to accept the invitation. See further details on p6.

We have been delighted with the number of subscription renewals for 2012 and the generous donations made by our loyal members. In order to maintain the high level of prizes for 2012 we need to take advantage of your generosity once again. Thank you for your kindness. We acknowledge all renewals and donations to date on p9 of *Crozworld*.

The ACC's Puzzle set-up Dynamo **Ian Williams** has furnished us with a challenging array of puzzles this month. We have gems from *The EmCee*, *Jesso*, *Kaeila*, *InGrid* and *zinzan* and *Hot and Cold* make a welcome return with a Slot 6 puzzle titled A Beast of a Puzzle. The perennial favourite *Betelgeuse* has provided us with another excellent puzzle in Slot 7 and we have two Quizzes – one by the tireless *Virgo* which is called Animal Crackers and a bonus Quiz by *dB* titled Transmutation of Metals.

Plus we have another Clue Writing Competition adjudicated by the skilful Michael Kennedy. You will marvel at Michael's masterly analyses of each clue submitted in the Competition. All crossword compilers can benefit from reading Michael's comments. See p16. Thank you Michael for continuing with this VIP feature of *Crozworld*. For the next Clue Writing Competition Michael would like you to write a clue for the word APOSTLE (7). If you submit a clue, don't forget to include the explanation. See p15 for further details.

Kindly note the early closing date of Friday 18 November 2011 so that we can publish our Christmas *Crozworld* in good time. Best of Luck with your Melbourne Cup selection and Happy *Crozworlding!*
—Patrick

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An unusual month with entries very slow to arrive – 3 days to go and only 42 received. As Joan wrote last month, it often happens that one or two words in a puzzle cause problems and so it was with slots 1, 2 and 5. Thanks for your comments and feedback, always much appreciated.

Slot 1: This slot is not usually problematic but AVIS caused 20 missed dots. It is Latin for bird but its plural form AVES is needed for 'birds' or 'class of birds'. There were three CHOLINES – wasn't that a Dolly Parton song?

Slot 2: Sadly for 56 solvers, the b/oxer was not R/over. An OXER is a type of fence (to enclose cattle/oxen) encountered in foxhunting. *Chambers* gives OVER as 'to go, leap or vault over' but as a verb, so not equivalent to 'a big jump'. A couple who overcame this hurdle fell with LEVER and ELEMENT.

Slot 3: Well received puzzle with few problems. Three TOLD TALES, a couple of SOLIDATEs and transcription errors lost dots here.

Slot 4: Another well received puzzle. Main problems were SATURNIAL (5) and TWINS (7). One ZOONS for ZORRO and a ZEBEC.

Slot 5: EASE (11) and ARTS (4) lost the most dots. EASY is given as an instruction to rowers to stop rowing and is 'hard – no way'. CHUNKY, CHUCKA (2) and CHUNKS for CHUKKA, a period of play in polo. I suspect the difficulty of this slot may have been one reason for the lateness of entries.

COTM: 52 votes received for 28 clues with all slots receiving votes. There was a race to the finish for POTM (puzzle of the month) with slot 3 receiving 17 votes and slot 5 24 votes. Leaderboard shows: 3 votes Balderdash, Hijack, Flypaper, Drag queen; 4 votes Time to take stock; winner slot 5 Flavour with 8 votes. Well done *zinzan!*
—Tony Dobele

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	101	96	99	89	59	444
Correct entries	67	33	87	74	37	298
Success rate (%)	66.3	34.4	87.9	83.2	62.7	67.1
Prizewinners	A Hocking V Dinham	K Harper M Roddick	M Cowan N Hazell	A Austin	D Grainger M Kennedy	from 101 members

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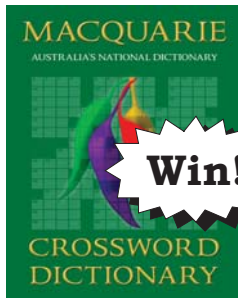
|L|E|A|D|I|N|G| |L|I|G|H|T|S| Prizewinner: October 2011 Slots 1-5: Carole Noble.

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Half and Half
by
The EmCee

Prizes: \$50



[2007 edn]

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Across

- 7 Foibles (8)
- 8 Self possession (6)
- 9 Out-of-date (3)
- 10 Minor official (6)
- 12 Quality of sound (4)
- 14 Denationalised (10)
- 18 Bow Street officers (7)
- 19 Woods (7)
- 20 Lively dance (10)
- 23 Clothing (4)
- 24 Cheap and nasty (6)
- 25 Prophet (3)
- 28 Less wealthy (6)
- 29 Confine (8)

Down

- 1 Heard sea creature cry in pain (4)
- 2 Take off part of trousers (3)
- 3 First teams use stage whispers (6)
- 4 Marry mother and Lawrence (4)
- 5 World record still beat me ragged (3,4,4)
- 6 Update publicity about blokes (5)
- 11 Gutsy enough to be an enticer (7)
- 13 Calm with analgesics every second (4,7)
- 15 The way out east leads to defeat (4)
- 16 Pickled red dill sown in rows (7)
- 17 Triplets ran riot (4)
- 21 A plank on the ship (6)
- 22 Continue innings with stick (5)
- 24 Kind of good-looking Australian girl (4)
- 26 It's the only time, partly on certain days (4)
- 27 Painting Garfunkel (3)

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Closing mail date: Friday 9 December 2011.

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**ConvolutEd
Cup
Connections**
by
Kaeila



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Across solutions are consistent with the theme. Simply remove the linking words from the "story" and work on the remaining whole words. Down clues are conventionally cryptic.

Across

- 7 Tiny Sal wore ... (7)
- 8 ...nice bra: said... (7)
- 10 ...her car was hit... (6)
- 11 ...by scum in MG. (8)
- 12 She sobs! (4)
- 13 Flint Gnome was ... (10)
- 16 ...Lee's visitor with whom... (11)
- 22 ...Ma baked ivy cake ... (10)
- 25 ...for a tit. (4)
- 26 So his fan club... (8)
- 28 ...met Ron Glum... (6)
- 29 ...near Al's hot... (7)
- 30 ...rat pies café (7)

measurement (6)

- 3 Confused impression of back massage involving end of towel (4)
- 4 Damage from heads of hammers and rubber mallets (4)
- 5 Sinking or knocking back first of Bordeaux and eiswein with old crooner (6)
- 6 At Home with silver service provider leads to probable location of criminal! (2,1,4)
- 9 Land at Phoenician port-city (4)
- 13 Dad's front half is large (3)
- 14 Low Dandy – part in sitcom (3)
- 15 Hibernian educational establishment is sixty percent boredom... (1,1,1)
- 17 Cry: "Three-quarters of 12 returned!" (3)
- 18 Advance not one pound for termination (3)
- 19 Length of yarn contained in normal earmuffs (3)
- 20 Ghastly mother takes taxi on ... (7)
- 21 ...bard's free love attempt (7)
- 23 God! Man way up! Heroin injected (6)
- 24 This month in stereo cabinet (4)
- 25 Irish heir gets hit on the first (6)
- 27 Sultanate is up in Guantanamo Bay (4)
- 28 Principal distributor (4)

Down

- 1 Lover of country makes Irishman indulge unrestrainedly (7)
- 2 Zinc hessonite container for

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Many thanks for the handsome book you sent as a prize for August's slot 6. It has already been put to good use. *Denis Coates*
- Thanks (ta, bless you) for the excellent (stonking, bonzer) *Chambers* (halls, meeting rooms) *Thesaurus* (lexicon, synonymy) I received (got, obtained) for winning (winsome, bewitching) slot (vent, opening) 4 last month. I promise to make better use of it than this in future (henceforward, hereinafter). *Merv Collins*
- Many thanks Patrick for the beautiful certificate and cheque I received for last month's Slot 3. Such a lovely surprise – icing on the cake indeed! *Robyn Wimbush*
- Many thanks for another enjoyable set of puzzles this month. I have to admit that I felt a bit like the bloke with head in oven and feet in fridge. #1 was simple – maybe too simple with only a couple needing a resort to references #2 - 4 were all straightforward with no serious venom but #5 was a doozy. *Jim Fowler*
- This month's puzzles on the whole were not too difficult, and enjoyable as always. *Margaret Davis*
- A trick at every turn this month. Hope I solved some of them. *Sandra May*
- Thank you again CROZ . . . my solace in old age! So many COTMs . . . FLIC was one I reluctantly overturned. *Dale McManus*
- I found all the puzzles enjoyable. It was very hard to pick a COTM as there were so many good clues. *Robyn Caine*
- I've just returned from a 'Round the World in 80 Days' trip and finding it difficult to get my cryptic brain going again. Still I've enjoyed doing four puzzles but run out of time for any more. Hope I might have some of them right. *Hilary Cromer*
- Many thanks to the club for my prize – I will enjoy reading David Astle's book very much. *Mike Potts*
- Too little time; too many crosswords! Fingers crossed with my answers. Thanks for the enjoyable challenge. *Bronwyn Hull*
- Thank you for the cheque for last month's slot win – that's 2012 membership accounted for! *Margaret Steinberger*

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Cryptic
by
Jesso



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Across

- 1 Dominated, the man kissed after noon (9)
- 6 Looked around for some coffee (5)
- 9 Cross bee off cape pirate vessel (5)
- 10 Left charge with milder circus performer (4-5)
- 11 Car company’s level of expertise about English traditional learning (8)
- 12 Haggard heroine left heavenly centre set aside (6)
- 14 Foregone conclusion established about one article in periodical (7)
- 15 Next listener in a comfortable residence (7)
- 17 Uneven, sodden inside (3)
- 18 In Colac lunatic pointed (7)
- 19 Accepted it in some state of vacuousness (7)
- 20 Work in separate pictures (3,3)
- 22 Incarcerate one politician? No, Sir, that’s the wrong way (8)
- 25 At home the Italian is mixed up in Italy at the start (9)
- 26 Offers to take in right air travellers (5)
- 27 Golly, Kansas has some strange fellows (5)
- 28 Daring one upstart rotter to return notes? (9)

Down

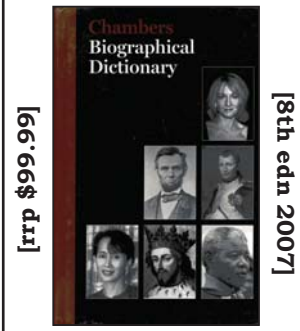
- 1 Pay attention, the unknown individual is inside, bewitched (5)
- 2 Superior fellow, the Spanish, to walk around back o’ Bourke and cherish an award (5,5,5)
- 3 Outing old scoundrels at ten on the first of November (9)
- 4 Scottish town to find fault about the Italian ruin (10)
- 5 Couturier and doctor going around satellite (4)
- 6 Abandon damned desire (5)
- 7 Painter arrived in state to knock back drink. Roars out! (7,8)
- 8 Passionately knowing about royal opening (9)
- 13 Undaunted by clumsy dudes in May (10)
- 14 Obscuring key piece of film to celebrate (9)
- 16 A lot of stories carried up on integrated circuit requiring no oxygen (9)
- 21 Overthrows when one gets among the runs (5)
- 23 Sniffs no sulphur east and south (5)
- 24 Watchful navigator holds a bone (4)

Weird and Wonderful Words, Erin McKean, Oxford, 2003

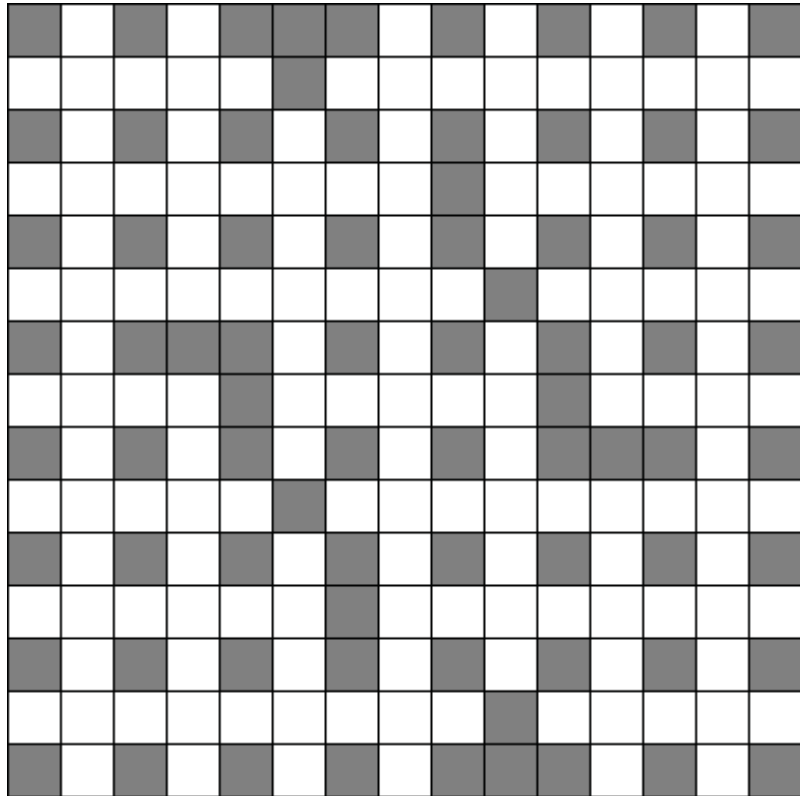
- angletwitch** an obsolete but charming word meaning 'a worm used as bait in fishing'.
- aspectabund** an adjective meaning 'having an expressive face'.
- autoschediastic** done on the spur of the moment or improvised. This word comes from a Greek word meaning 'to act or speak off-hand'. (As luck would have it, this entry was put in at the last minute.)
- batie-bummil** a useless bungler. An obsolete Scottish dialect word. It is unknown whether there are more useless bunglers in Scotland than elsewhere, or—much more likely—less tolerance of them.
- bloviate** to speak in a pompous or overbearing way. This is a mock-Latin fancying-up of *blow* or *boast*. The word was made popular by President Warren G Harding (1865-1923).
- carriwitchet** a pun, a conundrum. The etymology is unknown, making the origin of the word itself a conundrum.
- cockgrice** an unappetizing (to modern palates) dish made of an old cock and a pig boiled and roasted together. *Grice* is an old word for *pig*.
- codology** an Irish word meaning, jocularly, 'the science of leg-pulling'. *Cod* is an Irishism for a joke or a hoax. A hoaxer is called a *codologist*.
- draffsack** a bag of garbage, used figuratively to mean 'a big paunch or belly, a glutton'. *Draff* is an old word meaning 'dregs, swill'.

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AJ
by
InGrid



Solutions begin with the given letter. Place them in the grid jigsaw-wise, where they fit



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| A Place next to a parking place (6) | N Bare keeps wild tiger captive by sense of colour (9) |
| B Hit hard by swell idea (9) | O Award eating plan with a point for yielding (8) |
| C Other campaigner confused film-maker (15) | P Place it back with the cherubs (5) |
| D Depressed angles in declines (9) | Q Go mad after space in the sector (8) |
| E Outscore organised green expeditions (8) | R Element of Amnesty International drum lost (6) |
| F Some foul vows. Just rude! (4-6,5) | S BBQ crustaceans in their shorties (7) |
| G Good kitchen perhaps for curry (5) | T Betting system will add up (4) |
| H Shark heart quiet but brutal (5) | U Remove weapons and holders? (5) |
| I Sin is in quest I've ruined because of curiosity (15) | V Fought over roost when called upon (7) |
| J Wading bird will judge accountant's articles (6) | W Talk of fit builder (6) |
| K Bear in ark stumbling because of climber's link (9) | X Bantu hostage to get out after kiss (5) |
| L Plant has long individual leaves and coloured tips (5) | Y Many entangled in gossip (5) |
| M Joined a four talking in analogy (8) | Z Lose concentration when not out of the area (4) |

2011 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN: WONDERFUL LOCATION!!

The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's smart new pub *The Harold Park Hotel*, cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW on Sunday 20 November 2011 commencing at 11:30am. William has allocated a comfortable and spacious room upstairs and he serves delicious meals at bargain rates 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 prizes to give away and there will be a 'daffy-nitonal' crossword and a fascinating Quiz to get your pencils into. Looking forward to meeting up again. Be there!

Explanations October Grids: Thanks to John, Joan and Andrew:

Slot 3 Pindar: Across: Across: 1. anag. 6. anag. 9. "gag". 10. b+edti (anag.)+me. 11. anag. 13. tal[kath]on. 14. homophone. 16. b+rio. 18. k+egs. 19. re+sil[i]ent. 21. station+er. 23. passe[d]. 24. out+cast. 25. i'm past+o. 27. palindrome. 28. anag. **Down:** 1. "gag". 2. homophone. 3. solid[ar]ity. 4. on+set. 5. anag. 6. re+dial. 7. smith+e+reens (rev.). 8. anag. 12. anag. 15. homophone. (lawn+yet). 17. fly+pa+per (rev.). 20. nuff said! 22. anag. 26. "gag".

Slot 4 Difficult Women: A + wake + ned, **Body** + suits, **C** DD, **Del** (led <) + tt io log + y, **Er** (rat) ic, **For** (war) d, **Grave** + yard, **Hang** + over +s, **In** + gratitude, **Jo**(-u)st + le, **K** (is) S. Lac (cal <) + on + ic, **M** anag, **N**(egative), **O** + anag. (ration), **P** hidden, **Q** DD, **R** Hidden, **Sa** + turn + ian, **Twin** + e, **U** + nit (tin <), **Vis** + or, **Way** + lay, **Xe** (ex <) Bec., **Year** + on + ye + ar, **Zo**(tr)o.

Slot 5 zinzan: Across: 1 d.r.a.g,queen, 6 ba-h(t)s, 9 mass,ifs, 10 i,nord,e-r, 11 Hm(chucker), 12 a/b,relies<, 14 party-p, 15 (once,hid)*+tap, 18 second,men,t, 20 (undies)*-in, 23 (satanism)*, 24 s(a)crum, 26 -eel or a p- <, 27 f(lav)our, 28 (yes,to)*, 29 Taois-,each. **Down:** 1 demo(c)rats, 2 a,s,s,a,ult, 3 quir(e),k-y, 4 ddef, 5 nail,bit,in,g, 6 boo,zeu(p)s, 7 -o glad i h- <, 8 scorer-c, 13 l,it,must,(set)*, 16 (hop,on,mr,ed)*, 17 infi-el(d)s, 19 (bronco,i)*, 21 s.a.r.,coma, 22 j,a,pans, 23 map,l-e, 25 -a fro-.

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Cryptic
by
zinzan

Prizes: \$50



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Solve the puzzle as normal. Order the answers alphabetically and take the first letters of the equivalent clues to find an instruction for obtaining ten answers, which are to be inserted in the 'Answers' grid.

Answers		

Across

- 1 Drake's progeny lost front half of fish (4)
- 3 Not very believable score almost achieved (4)
- 6 Eight man sport maybe not initially outstanding (5)
- 10 Anxiously envoy's in a tizzy with slur (9)
- 11 Not appropriate to embrace a short boy (5)
- 12 I'm talking odds and ends of the Moomba King and Queen (7)
- 13 Enormous city politician getting nothing on take off (7)
- 14 Investigate and moderate following first signs of law and order (4)
- 16 Wood fragment beginning to stab hepatic organ (6)
- 18 A string of flowers that is long and goes round (3)
- 21 Cereal available, given every encouragement (3)
- 22 Perilous delivery put Zinzan in clutches of one who sells (6)
- 23 Returned drunk, having succeeded in tiebreaker (4)
- 25 Rebellious priests keep on trying ... (7)
- 27 ... for a whole lot of elementary matter (7)
- 29 Piece of grassroots language (5)
- 30 One equestrian event is next to hospital covered in purplish brown (9)
- 31 Lose the Royal Box number (5)
- 32 Roar of the surf described on paper by those listening (4)
- 33 Underground home situated on edge of town (4)

Down

- 1 Educational place, very large area, run by league of two bodies (9)
- 2 Never-broken bottle (5)
- 4 Evens out a subset, broadly, in a large country (9)
- 5 True representation of alloy (5)
- 6 Surmount by setting off to Sumatra almost (8)
- 7 Complication met by baffled microbiologist, no longer stoic (9)
- 8 Adult's ravishing initially in dress (5)
- 9 Having striking successes back-to-back, year is a little unusual (5)
- 15 With six balls per bowler to contain runs, fail by trying too hard (9)
- 17 Struggle with the significance of one way of seeing things (9)
- 19 Enthusiastic society is camping outside? (9)
- 20 Rid barge in disarray of one looking for short cuts (8)
- 24 No heart to sue after toilet's not fixed properly (5)
- 25 Show off around special group of young friends (5)
- 26 Excessive drinker initially turned off by half a Pernod (5)
- 28 Not very much can appear on cue (5)

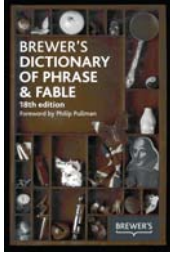
A BREATHTAKING STORY FROM MERV COLLINS

"I came across this nice story whilst reading the actor, Pete Postlethwaite's autobiography. I think our members might enjoy it. He wrote: 'One of the remarkable things about my father was his death.... He always did the *Daily Mail* crossword with his morning cup of tea and on that particular morning it got to 11.30 a.m. and he had got a clue which read 'Fade (3,4)'. He wrote 'Die Away' and then put his head down on the kitchen table. Mother told him to stop messing about and tried to put his pipe back in his mouth, but he'd gone. There was a strange thing about his passing, because when we looked at the crossword he'd left one space unfilled. The clue that he didn't get was 'Myosotis, blue flower'. The answer was 'Forget me not'. Quite touching, I think; nice way to go for a crossworder.'

The reference is *A Spectacle of Dust* by Pete Postlethwaite, Weidenfeld and Nicholson, London, 2011, Paperback edition page 130."

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**A Beast of a
Puzzle**
by
Hot and Cold



[rrp \$69.95] [18th edn 2009]

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Eleven solutions comprise one word from a well-known two word phrase. The phrase is defined but the cryptic component refers only to the element of the phrase that is **not** to be inserted in the grid. The remaining clues are mercifully normal.

Across

- 1 Children's TV series features headgear of volunteers at home (8)
- 5 Incomplete science produces rare medicine (6)
- 10 Document for ineffectual organisation (5)
- 11 Bakers eat hash at smokos perhaps (3,6)
- 12 Measure gin by the foot and get caught (9)
- 13 Bright solicitor, perhaps, will get behind the Spanish back... (5)
- 15 ...to speak to the French on building features (6)
- 16 Giant reported to get closer (7)
- 20 G-man due to go berserk, just for something to do (7)
- 23 Model in carrying frame, leading spaniel dogs, perhaps (6)
- 25 Usurer delivered without a partner (5)
- 28 Imagined persons having Benson gin cocktail (3-6)
- 29 Substitute pecan filo concoction (2,5,2)
- 30 Miser takes initial cash collection (5)
- 31 Observe two tenses providing repeated alternation (6)
- 32 Unwanted item is pure (8)

- 2 Hit German over torture (9)
- 3 Sent flying? (9)
- 4 Expensive British comedy film (7)
- 6 Fairy beside morris dancer (5)
- 7 Chanted line in an old travelling show (5)
- 8 101 special sets of three sinks (8)
- 9 "Embargo" ,said the French, "is criminal" (6)
- 14 Lopped money tree (3)
- 17 Fish dine around the reefs (7,2)
- 18 Trumpet sounds twice, thanks to artist, around noon (9)
- 19 Cases for solicitors' clothing? (8)
- 21 Neither of the Scandinavians have taken out opponents (3)
- 22 Supporter of Souths alleges indication of cold weather (6)
- 23 Destructive! Vile! Unforgettably grotty! Away! (7)
- 24 Eliot Ness admits covering up agreement (6)
- 26 Liberal politician full of beer? Just the opposite (5)
- 27 Beetle, perhaps, a weightless, soft and ripe chocolate (5)

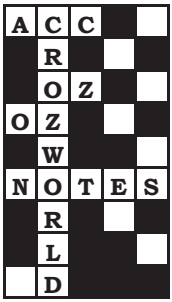
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- 1 Provocative young lady to be perhaps found at SE 10 (6)

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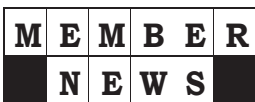
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CHEATING AT CROSSWORD SOLVING

Margaret Davis has kindly sent us a recent newspaper clipping from the *Financial Times* (UK) written by a senior editor Christopher Caldwell. The article is titled: *The glorious anti-utilitarian nobility of crosswords*. He asks the question: At what point does looking for hints in reference books and on the internet become "cheating"? "This turns out to be a complicated problem", he says. No one believes it is OK to seek help for a crossword submitted as part of a competition, but beyond that the rules are fluid. With Scrabble you can use a dictionary to adjudicate what you have come up with but not to hunt for what you have not. He says that it is a "shallow way of looking at things" by saying that if puzzle setters used the internet to compose the puzzle then puzzle solvers can too." He concludes: "An age in which everyone feels he can Google what he doesn't know is an age in which the quirky gifts of crossword-doers are of permanently diminished value, and in which the glorious hobby threatens to go the way of building ships inside of bottles."



New Members: Fin Ross from Paynesville, Vic. Welcome to the Wonderful World of Crozworlding!

Puzzle adjustments: Robyn Wimbush gained 25 correct solutions in the Quiz No 8/2011. In the Movie Linkwords Quiz 10/2011, No. 15 is out of order. It should be No. 17. All answers received so far for No. 15 will be counted correct regardless of the answer. Our apologies for the mistake.

Quiz shortage! We have a stock of quizzes from our indefatigable *Virgo*, but few from any other quizmasters that will enable us to maintain our policy of providing a mixture of quizzes for your delectation. Why not try your hand at quiz compiling? If you haven't done it before, adjudicating the quizzes is a great way to get to know your fellow members. All submissions to me please. *Ian Williams*

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

lexicon *n.* 1 a dictionary, especially of Greek, Hebrew, Syriac or Arabic. 2 the vocabulary of a person, language, branch of knowledge, etc. [ORIGIN: modern Latin from Greek *lexicon* (*biblion* 'book'), neut. of *lexikos*, via *lexis* 'word' from *legō* 'speak'.]

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BONUS QUIZ

Transmutation of Metals by dB

It's easy to change lead into gold one letter at a time:

L	E	A	D
L	O	A	D
G	O	A	D
G	O	L	D

but how about copper to silver (each word directly from *Chambers*)?

C	O	P	P	E	R
S	I	L	V	E	R

Send your solutions to Doug Butler, PO Box 303, Oaklands SA 5046.

email: d.butler@internode.on.net

Closing mail date: 9 December 2011. Book prize.

Throttlebottom: This word is an American slang term meaning 'a purposeless, incompetent holder of public office'. For instance when Lyndon Johnson was elected to Vice-President (to John F Kennedy as President) Johnson is reported to have said: 'I will not be a throttlebottom.' The word was coined from the name of a character in an American musical comedy. The character was a certain Alexander Throttlebottom who was an American Vice-President in the Broadway show *Of Thee I Sing*, which opened on the great white way in 1932. The words and music were by George and Ira Gershwin and the 'book' of the show was by George Kaufman and Morrie Ryskind.

—from *Word of the Day* by Kel Richards, ABC, 2004

October 1-2011: Half 'n Half by Jesso (Noel Jessop).

- Nice start to the puzzles. *Joan Smith*
- Thanks again to Noel for another enjoyable warm-up Slot 1 puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- Learnt some new words here. *Brian Symons*
- Excellent opener. *Carole Noble*
- I wasn't sure about the political correctness of 'negro' but can't think what else to put. *Barb Ibbott*
- A nice "ease-in" for this month. *Alan Dyer*

October 2-2011: Cryptic by Kaeila (Anne Simons)

In answer to a query, 23dn is an initial letter clue. TD

- Enjoyable puzzle: liked the clues for 14, 25ac & 7dn. *Joan Smith*
- Far too many blackouts in the grid. 9ac was a challenge. *Alan Walter*
- You had some really good clues, I liked your fresh approach. Could I suggest that you only use that grid for non-cryptic crosswords in future? There are far too many black squares and uncrossed letters for it to be a fair cryptic puzzle. *Carole Noble*
- Some good clues here but I didn't like the grid with its high percentage of dark squares. *Brian Tickle*
- I was stuck on 9ac for a while. As a Scot I think I must roll my Rs too much – I find it hard to equate the sound of ORLE with AWL. *Margaret Davis*
- 2dn OXER was one of the last answers solved. I nearly settled for OVER – the *Macquarie Dictionary* saved the day. I can't verify CLUMP for 20dn (group of people?) but can't find anything else to fit. (*Chambers* doesn't mention people but *Oxford* has it as 'a small compact group of people': TD). *Peter Dearie*
- This month I liked the clue for BALDERDASH. *Bev Solomon*
- Nearly didn't finish as had difficulty with 6dn SODA and 5ac ASPIC but the penny dropped in time. *Barb Ibbott*
- The clue for 25 ac (CIRCUMVENT) sounded a bit contrived, but still took me a while to put the bits together. *Alan Dyer*
- Lots of goodies – OXER, KEVEL, ALIMENT and many others. *Max Roddick*

October 3-2011: Cryptic by Pindar (John Brotherton)

- Great puzzle with so many COTM's to pick from. Especially liked 9,11,14,18 and 25ac and 2, 17 and 20dn. *Joan Smith*
- Quality puzzle, ignoring the fact that Rio is not a national capital. TALKATHON, IMPASTO and SMITHEREENS have excellent clues. *Len Colgan*
- 25ac 'application form' was quite a misleading definition for IMPASTO. Overall a mind-testing cryptic, thanks. *Alan Walter*
- The phrases in 1dn and 8dn made this crossword interesting. IMPASTO is my COTM, very devious. BEDTIME good too. *Carole Noble*
- Methinks, *Pindar*, you may have seriously reduced your chances for a COTM by spreading yourself too thinly – so many excellent clues with the potential to be chosen as COTM. I had trouble choosing between 1dn, 25ac, 27ac and 20dn. *Brian Tickle*
- How strange – 'BRIO' came up in slots 3 and 5. I loved 9ac, 1dn, 15dn, 17dn, but for a great laugh I opted for 20dn, HIJACK. *Betty Siegman*
- Loved TALKATHON – nearly made it my COTM. The long clues were a challenge but helped in finishing the puzzle once solved. *Barb Ibbott*
- PASSE for COTM! *Max Roddick*

October 4-2011: AJ by Difficult Women (Carole Noble and Joan Smith)

- Most enjoyable exercise with praiseworthy answers. The Z clue grates with the delayed placement of "runs in". Why not use "South American fox runs in animal park (5)"? *Len Colgan*

- To fit in ZORRO had to change YEAR-TO-DATE to YEAR-BY-YEAR then finally YEAR-ON-YEAR! DELTIOLOGY was an interesting collection of postcards. *Alan Walter*
- Some clever clues (BODYSUITS, JOSTLE, NEGATIVE, ZORRO). An enjoyable AJ. *Barb Ibbott*
- Another enjoyable AJ – "K" (KISS) is my vote for COTM; it was one of the last clues I solved but is so obvious looking back. *Alan Dyer*

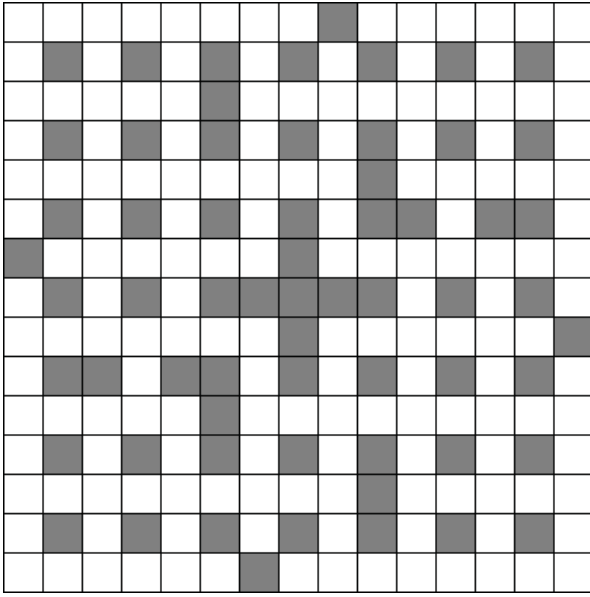
October 5-2011: Cryptic by zinzan (Andrew Patterson)

- A toxic blend of deviousness and mischief. I'm not totally convinced of 5dn, though. Several brilliant clues with FLAVOUR being my COTM, edging out INFIELDS. In 27ac (FLAVOUR), it took time to see that "IV" was the end of the word-play and "infusion" was the start of the definition. Most unexpected and clever. *Len Colgan*
- Challenging puzzle (and frustrating), favourite clues were 1, 15, 27 and 28ac and 23dn. Would appreciate an explanation for the cryptic component of BAHTS, EASY and NAIL-BITING. *Joan Smith*
- I think *Zinzan's* #5 must represent the head [in the oven] as mine was sweating with effort. *Zinzan's* 27ac clue is my COTM (flavour). Even when I knew the answer, the IV = four refused to enter the thought process. Clever misdirection. Not, perhaps, a brilliant clue but I enjoyed it. Also very pleasing to see the mathematical theme continued with *Zinzan's* 23ac (Mantissa) *Jim Fowler*
- COTM has to be 1ac. As usual, *Zinzan* gives both the most pleasure and the most trouble. *Jean Barbour*
- Very difficult – but rewarding. AFRO gets my COTM – just ahead of FLAVOUR and USED. *Brian Symons*
- This was really tough going! I got most of the solution by intuition then tried to figure out why. Luckily the pennies dropped one at a time or I could have sustained an injury. *Carole Noble*
- Lot of difficult clever clues. I gave FLAVOUR COTM, for clever misleading IV infusion. AFRO, CHUKKA took me a while! But TAOISEACH??! *Zinzan*, really! *Roy Taylor*
- Not for the 1st time a *Zinzan* puzzle took me longer to solve than slots 1-4 combined. I'm not complaining. I enjoyed the challenge of so many great clues. *Brian Tickle*
- I think that slot 5 would have been more at home in a slot 7 position! *Col Archibald*
- A great batch this month. Thought slot 5 one of the best to appear in that spot in many years. *Raoul*
- Excellent clue for ENDOMORPH. *Andrew Miles*
- 27ac – if FLAVOUR is correct I don't understand the 'IV infusion' part of the clue. (*Excellent deception: LAV surrounded/overwhelmed by FOUR (Roman IV). 'Infusion' is part of the def. TD*) And I was expecting 'loo' rather than 'lav'! *Margaret Davis*
- Several good and amusing *Zinzan* clues – hard to pick one. *Merv Collins*
- I nearly gave up but managed to find answers to all the clues eventually. 8dn – 'among the runs' seems to be irrelevant and unnecessary. This was a tough puzzle. *Peter Dearie*
- Bring on the taoiseaches, the drag queens and the litmus paper . . . at least one can finally decide . . . but as usual the swords on which I perish will probably be the 4-letter words . . . arts or arty? ease or easy? Or neither . . . *Dale McManus*
- Too hard for me! *Barb Ibbott*
- A real difficult puzzle and I am disappointed I did not have more time this month to nut through the clues. *Alan Dyer*
- Slot 5 was a doozy this month, and also had my COTM – INFIELDS, with ABSEILER a close second. A number of other clever clues had me going. *Mike Potts*
- I found *Zinzan's* puzzle absolutely brilliant. I picked at least 8 clues warranting COTM. *Don Hemsley*
- What a puzzle! Should have been slot 6! *Max Roddick*

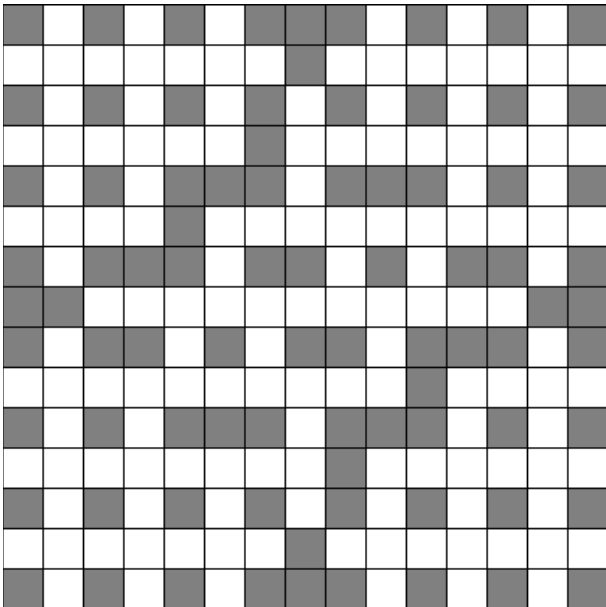
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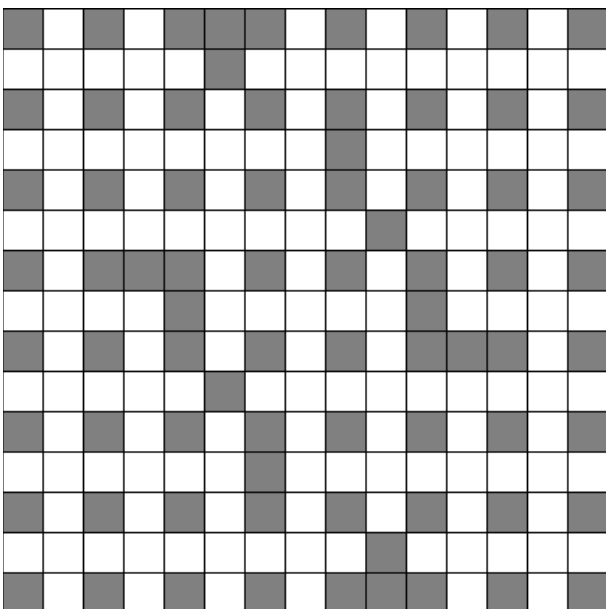
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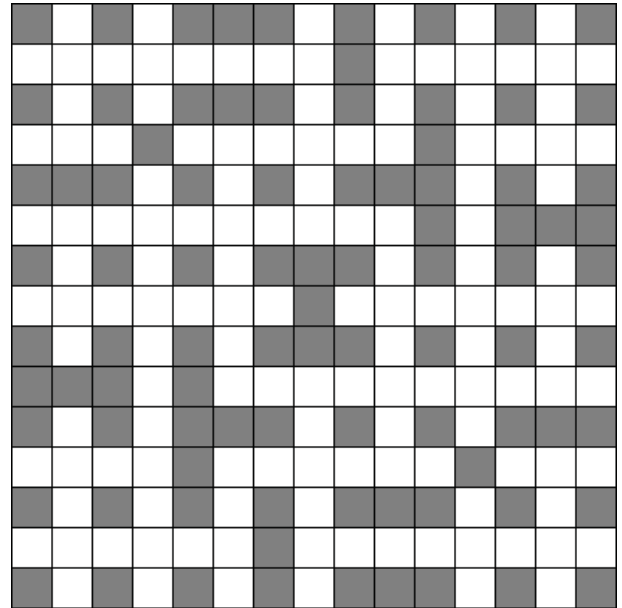
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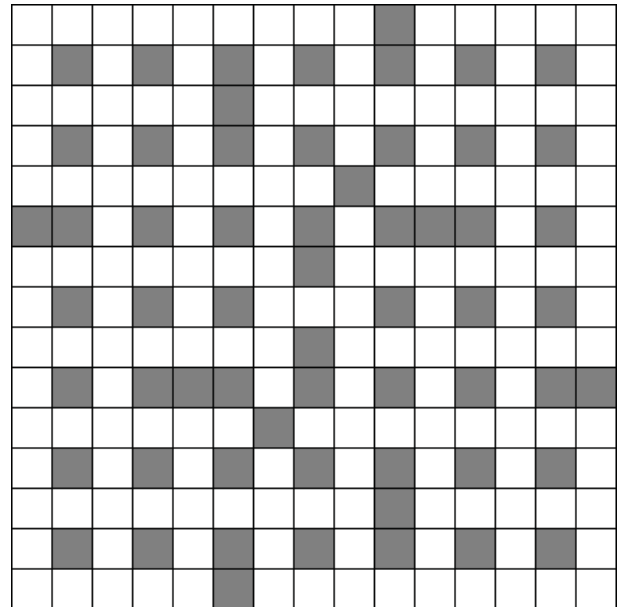
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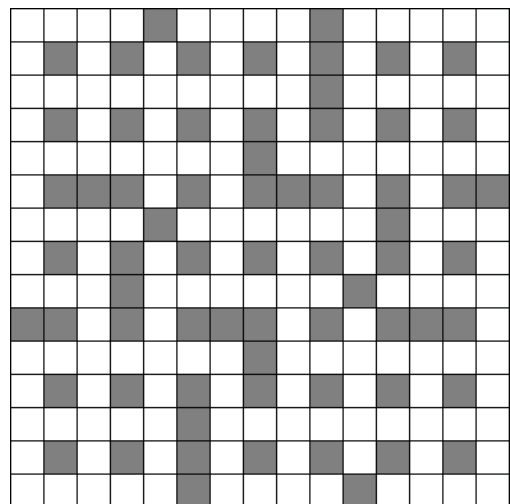
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Answers		

Clue of the Month

September 6-2011: Cup Half-Full by InGrid (Jean Barbour)
Entries Received: 52. Correct: 44. Success Rate: 84%.
Winner: Tony de Gry. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments

Thank you to all those members who submitted a solution. I apologise for the spelling error, and needless to say it did feature in the comments. This was designed as a Slot 6, with some unusual words and a difficult quote to get, especially with so few checked letters. There were very few errors in the puzzles submitted, and only two of those count as anything other than transcription or missing square errors. Two missing dots were for incorrect quotes. A special thank you to those who submitted their half-finished puzzles. —*InGrid (Jean Barbour)*

Solvers' Comments

• I enjoyed this crossword very much. I'm not sure if EULOGISE is correct, and all my references spell NONPAREIL with an 'eil' ending, but if 3dn is MISSING, then it had to be NONPAREIL.
Robyn Caine

• I don't know how you can work out how to find an adage or excerpt that fits around a 15x15 grid and then create a crossword within it.
Bev Cockburn

• Extraordinary achievement, Jean. You included a most relevant adage, but still managed to maintain symmetry of the grid in all four directions. It was difficult to solve, with only 20 of the 56 letters in the adage available, and each 6-letter answer having only two non-perimeter interlocking letters. Coupled with five totally unfamiliar words (including PULE), and a query about 9ac, it took a long time, but was appreciated.
Len Colgan

• An adage is defined as an old or traditional saying or proverb, and I would say that your 'hidden message' is more of a quip or aphorism. I only discovered it by luck rather than skill. I hope that the gremlin does not discourage too many solvers.
Peter Dearie

• I guessed that 'a singularly appropriate adage in the perimeter' would mean that mention of a crossword puzzle would be made and the crossword letters already in the perimeter certainly seemed to verify that. Only belatedly I realized that the real clue to this adage was the name for your slot – Cup Half-Full for optimist, which was the second word of this adage and it all fell into place. A great puzzle!
Tony de Gry

• I didn't think the adage was that obvious (but think that in this type of crossword it should be) and took some time to figure out.
Lila Fry

• Really thought I wasn't going to finish this, but eventually the penny dropped!
Pat Garner

• Thank you for your excellent puzzle – something different. Just one comment and that is 9ac and the spelling of NONPAREIL – I can only find the IE around the other way.
Doreen Jones

• This was really hard! Please note that NONPAREIL/MISSING do not fit correctly. I presume the setter was taking poetic licence! (very charitable: *InGrid*)
Pat Lord

• This was a great puzzle, which I found hard going, but enjoyed it immensely.
Joan McGrath

• The perimeter was hard to solve, even when I thought of optimist or optimistic at the beginning of the adage.
David Procter

• Liked MISSING for a smile, and ASCENDER for ingenuity. And of course, that wrap-around piece of wisdom! Thank you *InGrid*.
Max Roddick

• I loved your puzzle. An optimist – how true! *Betty Siegman*
 • Pity about 9ac – otherwise a terrific puzzle. Getting the adage wasn't easy.
Brian Symons

• Thanks for a very challenging puzzle. At first I thought the adage was impossible with so few letters, but persistence and a series of inspirations got me there!
Roy Taylor

• Please explain the clue to 6ac. {Eulogise = eulogi(a)+se(e)}; NONPAREIL spelling is incorrect. Having an erasable biro (but no fountain pen!) I managed to complete your very challenging puzzle.
Alan Walter

• So many sayings about optimists! I must have read them all. The 'crossword puzzle' bit should have occurred earlier though!
Robyn Wimbush



OVER THE MOON

Over the moon **Meaning** Very happy or delighted.

'Over the moon' has been part of the language for more than a century. It has become more widely used in the past 20 or 30 years, since it was adopted by English football managers when interviewed after 'the boys' managed a victory.

The increased use of televised post-match interviews and hours of studio commentary during the 1970s brought many football managers

before the cameras. These days such men are likely to be cultured and erudite Frenchmen or Spaniards. Before that they were usually British ex-footballers who had left schools in the English or Scottish back streets early to play football. It's fair to say that many of them have little interest in the finer points of English grammar.

Two of the best-known English football managers of recent years, who have maintained the English tradition with their engagingly entertaining way of mangling the language, are Ron Atkinson and Terry Venables. The list of quotations from them is long and includes:

"The Spaniards have been reduced to aiming aimless balls into the box." (Atkinson)

"If you can't stand the heat in the dressing room, get out of the kitchen." (Venables)

"If Glenn Hoddle said one word to his team at half time, it was concentration and focus." (Atkinson)

"I felt a lump in my throat as the ball went in." (Venables)

The humorous magazine *Private Eye* picked up on these and began publishing them in its *Colemanballs* column. The name was taken from the sports commentator David Coleman, who could give even the managers a run for their money:

"Nottingham have now lost six matches in a row without winning." (Coleman)

It was really *Private Eye's* lampooning that made this phrase popular. There is an associated phrase, 'sick as a parrot', which was used when 'the boys' lost. This has a much shorter pedigree and it's quite likely that it was invented by a writer at *Private Eye* rather than in a football stadium. It certainly gained currency because *The Eye* always printed the two phrases together in their parodies. 'Sick as a parrot' was probably influenced by the famous Monty Python 'Dead Parrot' sketch, which could be quoted verbatim by many in the UK at the time and which remains one of the most popular sketches ever shown on British TV.

Well, that's the last thirty years. The actual origin of 'over the moon' is much earlier and, although not widely used before the 1970s, it would have been familiar to all who grew up in Britain in the 20C. Why, because the source was included, as *High Diddle Diddle*, in the influential 16C nursery rhyme collection, *Mother Goose's Melody*; or *Sonnets from the Cradle*, circa 1760:

High diddle diddle/The Cat and the Fiddle/The Cow jump'd over the Moon/The little dog laugh'd to see such Craft/And the Dish ran away with the Spoon.

As with most nursery rhymes, the first appearance in print may well post-date the first use by years, centuries even – children didn't write their rhymes down. The text of such rhymes was subject to a 'Chinese whispers' effect over all of that time and, whatever the origin may have been, the version passed down to us is quite probably nonsense and isn't easily interpreted. What is clear is that the 'over the moon' line is a reference to excitement and energy. That's evidenced by one of the earliest allusions to the phrase in print – Charles Molloy's *The Coquet, or, The English Chevalier*, 1718: "Tis he! I know him now: I shall jump over the Moon for Joy!"

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Cryptic by Betelgeuse
Book Prize

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In the perimeter starting from the top left and reading clockwise will be found six characters with something in common. In the grid are six solutions, each associated with one of the characters, that are not otherwise defined. Other solutions and their clues are normal.

Across

- 7 Vehicle reserved by Roland perhaps (5,4)
- 8 Extremely polite about the revolting dog, one squat and flabby (5)
- 9 Hamlet almost drunk, rather skittish (7)
- 11 Those who pay the bills take time out (7)
- 12 London has one, I heard (3)
- 13 Shouts back to man inside (7)
- 15 Retiring deer short of a bed? (7)
- 17 German society behind old snow boarders (7)
- 19 Vessel reported to be invaded by misfortune (7)
- 20 Heard, saw fish... (3)
- 21 With two projections of weather old Bible left out (7)
- 23 Additional performance omitted one passage (7)
- 25 Sweet notation of mythical bird around Mississippi (5)
- 26 Books chap, a pyromaniac? (9)

Down

- 1 See! French commodity for cooking in state (5)
- 2 Nap when not out on date (3)
- 3 Nasty crack about the French (7)
- 4 Muddle concerning a series of games (7)
- 5 Drive out, but do better with parking inside if not caught (5)
- 6 Carelessly rude, I back into the plant (9)
- 10 Wrong time to leave singer (5)
- 14 Lugs liquid inside? Catastrophe! Phoned my lawyer first! (9)
- 16 Brilliant, but dark after sun has gone (5)
- 18 Without thought, wife raised weapon (7)
- 19 Turn away fellow for standing under a sign? (4,3)
- 22 Saving it for someone provides relief (5)
- 24 Father into lap-dancing will cause outrage (5)
- 27 Turn back, lacking language (3)

ROUGH COPY

GOOD COPY: Name

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Quiz No 11/2011 Quiz 11/2011. Animal Crackers by Virgo



by Virgo

Name the movies in which the following animals appear. Dates are given to provide a little help.

Send your entry to Audrey Austin, 35/55 Carter Road Nambour Queensland 4560. e-mail: audreyaustin@bigpond.com.au

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|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 1955 A one-horned goat (1,3,3,3,9) | 10 1961 A faithful dog (10,5) | 19 2005 A zebra (6,7) |
| 2 1995 A pig (4) | 11 2006 A dancing penguin (5,4) | 20 1996 Two lions (3,5,3,3,8) |
| 3 1942 A deer (5) | 12 2002 A woolly mammoth (3,3) | 21 1993 A wild horse (3,6,6) |
| 4 1951 A chimpanzee (7,3,5) | 13 1970 A tame falcon (3) | 22 1973 A fawn (3,8) |
| 5 2000 A chook (7,3) | 14 1955 Siamese cats (4,3,3,5) | 23 1989 A drooling dog (6,3,5) |
| 6 2003 A clownfish (7,4) | 15 1943 A dog (6,4,4) | 24 2006 A carrier pigeon (7) |
| 7 1996 A clutch of geese (3,4,4) | 16 1985 A unicorn (6) | 25 2003 An albino rat (7) |
| 8 1993 A whale (4,5) | 17 2008 A naughty dog (6,3,2) | |
| 9 2004 A greedy tomcat (8) | 18 1944 A steeplechaser (8,6) | |

Quiz No 9/2011: The Ayes have it! by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

Entries: 39. Winner: Rosemary Dorrell. Congratulations!

32: A Austin, R Caine, B Cockburn, G Cole, P Dearie, T de Grys, R Dorrell, J Fowler, L Fry, R Gardiner, P Garner, B Glissan, K Harper, S Howells, G Leeds, T McPherson, A Miles, C Noble, D Procter, A Simons, J Smith, J Stocks, N Storey, A Walter, J Wenham, N Wilson, R Wimbush and J Wood. **31:** A Dyer, C McClelland, M Procter, J Randall and R Taylor. **30:** V Howard, B Symons and L Waites. **29:** C Jones, D Jones and S Roulston.

Solutions: Illicit, Inspid, Imbibing, Inviting, Nihilist, Piri-Piri, Criticism, Frigidity, Inclining, Indignity, Infirmary, Inspiring, Intrinsic, Mimicking, Miniskirt, Misgiving, Virginitly, Gingivitis, Implicitly, Incivility, Indistinct, Mishitting, Simplicity, Diminishing, Mississippi, Disciplining, Ignitibility, Niminy-Piminy, Dispiritingly, Immiscibility, Invincibility, Indivisibility

Setter's Comments: My sincere appreciation is conveyed to all those who attempted this new concept that seems to have been relatively well received. It is a forerunner to possible future quizzes I've set along similar lines. Alan Walter's comments made me chuckle, prophesying there would be hand-written entries in which all 113 letter i characters were dotted.

Solvers' Comments:

• If I have counted correctly there are 113 letter I characters included in these answers. This is certainly a puzzle to keep your "eyes" concentrating. Thanks for your mind-stretching puzzle. Am pleased that I didn't have to dot all the Is in the above 32 answers.
Alan Walter

• I say, I say! This was innovative, inviting, initially involved but not impossible. Thanks for the challenge. Try not to picture me solving it while lying around in my bikini under a bimini on Phillip Is.
Jenny Wenham

• Thinks, it wis rilly intristing!
• Thoroughly enjoyed this one – more please!
• I found your Quiz "Is!" quite a challenge and, in searching, couldn't believe there were as many words with 3 or more "Is" and no other vowels. Incredible! The last word I found was IGNITIBILITY.
Graeme Cole

• I've never run into niminy-piminy before; what a wonderful phrase. 32 stumped me for some time but once I got it, it was so obvious.
Trish McPherson

• Very enjoyable, thank you, and, surprisingly, quite tricky in parts.
Jim Fowler

• This is simply brill.
• Spiffing, sir! Nightly vigils filling in tricky bits till finding thrill implicit in finishing.
Rosemary Dorrell
Kath Harper

• A fun and challenging quiz. The ayes may have it, but after writing out the answers, my eyes have had it!
Robyn Caine

• Fortunately, finding three "eyes" in each answer was not as "firbidding" as I first thought. Thankfully, I've learned a few new words.
Tony de Grys

Results of September 2011 Bonus Quiz Rivers of the World by

Virgo (Audrey Austin)

Scores: 22: N Wilson, R Taylor, H Annand, J Pearce, B Tofoni, C Noble, S Pinder, M Procter, P Heath, R Gardiner, H Perrow, G Leeds, G Cole, E O'Brien, S Roulston, R Caine, B Siegman, J Smith, A Miles, P Dearie, V Howard, L Fry, J Fowler, R Wimbush, Y McKindlay, F Martin, C McClelland, B Glissan, A Jermy, T McPherson, D Procter, A Walter, B Cockburn, D Jones, L Colgan, J Wenham, M Steinberger, J Wood, V Lobsey, S Howells, M Potts, T De Grys. **21:** G Lemon, P Mercer, J Evans, P Garner. **20:** L Waites. **17:** S Knight.

Prizewinner: Graeme Cole. Congratulations!

Solutions: 1. Afton/Avon 2. Brisbane/Buffalo 3. Clyde/Colorado 4. Danube/Derwent 5. Elbe/Euphrates 6. Forth/Franklin 7. Ganges/Georges 8. Hudson/Humber 9. Illinois/Indus 10. James/Jordan 11. Kentucky/Khyber 12. Limpopo/Loire 13. Mersey/Murray 14. Niagara/Nile, 15. Oder/Orange, 16. Plate/Potomac 17. Rhine/Rubicon 18. Seine/Snowy 19. Thames/Tiber 20. Victoria/Volga 21. Wabash/Wye or Wey 22. Yarra/Yellow.

Solvers' Comments:

• What a great tour of the world via rivers! So many mentioned in history, poetry, etc. I just had to look up James Jordan and found that he is the father of Baseball superstar Michael Jordan. Thank you for a fun quiz. Also enjoyed your slot 1 last month, especially the clue for RAFTER.
Robyn Caine

• Thanks for this bit of fun. Must have been a challenge to compose.
Pat Garner

• Well, that was fun! I had to Wiki a few of my assumptions, but overall I was surprised how many rivers I actually knew. It was, however, quite a challenge to work through and must have been even harder to assemble the names then anagram them (is that a word?)
Jim Fowler

• Some clever and funny Anagrams.
Tony De Grys

• What a lot of bloomin' good flowers!
Alan Walter

• I thought No. 16 should be PLATTE.
Claire McClelland

• The only two I had to look up were Georges and James as well as confirming that the anglicised Plate was acceptable rather than the acknowledged Plata. But of course I recall the Battle of the River Plate movie and the local soccer team is known in English outside the country as River Plate. By the way, I was not upset that you chose to include Thames and Tiber at the expense of the mighty Torrens.
Len Colgan

• I enjoyed puzzling it out and it certainly set the thoughts flowing.
Margaret Steinberger

• I don't often enter the quizzes, but when I spotted Wye River near the bottom, I thought it was worth a try. (We're just down the road in Fairhaven). Quite a bit of research required for many unfamiliar rivers.
Jan & Lindsay Wood

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September 7-2011: Duty Bound by The Eager Beaver (Bev Cockburn)

Entries 44; Correct 27. Success rate 61.4%.

Prizewinner: Anne Simons. Congratulations!

Setter's comments: The clue that caused the most trouble was 21ac. The title "Duty Bound" was supposed to indicate that the theme was to do with taxes or duties and all appeared in the across solutions. It should have been apparent that of the several possibilities of R-A-, ROAD was an option and there is such a thing as a ROAD TAX. If you had then twigged to the "I hear", you could have thought of other ways to spell ROAD eg RODE. If you looked up RODE in *Chambers*, all would have been revealed! As an afterthought, I could have made 25ac. 25/21 and had TOBACCO ROAD as the answer to both. Various answers for 21ac included REAR, REAL, RYAL, RIAL, REAP & READ. Other errors included PROTESTS (2) for PROPERTY, MERE & RIFE for DIME, ROMANCE (2) for TOBACCO and BARRACK (2) for PATRICK. There was one COUNSEL for COUNCIL and one misspelling of INHERITANCE. (Remember, it was a **Slot 7**, so it was supposed to be tricky but not unfair, I hope!)

Solvers' comments:

- Quite a challenging puzzle. Many thanks. *Joan Smith*
- I was surprised by the number of words for a tax – duty, levy, impost and rates to name just a few. *Carole Noble*
- I was reminded of the expression "a dime a dozen" by checking under 'dime' in *Chambers*. Thank you for a well-thought-out puzzle. *Tony De Gryz*
- 25ac took me on a new & unfamiliar road to Erskine Caldwell, then to his works. *Denis Coates*
- Thank you for this teaser – I feel you may have been too much of a challenge for me. Nevertheless, Bev, very enjoyable and win or lose, I gave it my best shot. *Roy Wilson*
- Thank you for the entertainment even if it's not correct. *Tony Dobebe*
- Great themed puzzle, hopefully solved correctly. *Ann Jermy*
- Thanks, Bev – 21ac has completely defeated me! *Andrew Miles*
- Bev, thanks for this mind-bender. Quite a taxing puzzle to solve! It took ages to discover 'rode' in *Chambers* esp. of a woodcock to perform a regular evening flight. "Rode" became ROAD in 21ac. (Well spotted, Alan!) *Alan Walter*
- A nice challenge. *Bob Hagan*
- What a puzzle! I'm nervous about 21ac & have spent many

hours in it & 17dn. Devilish! Enjoyed every minute of it. Many thanks for your input. *Robyn Wimbush*

- Thank you for your excellent puzzle. I cannot understand 21ac ROAD if indeed that is correct. Spring has arrived in the West & everything looks & smells lovely. *Dor Jones*
- Hope you get a good "return" on your puzzle! *Peter Dearie*
- I assume PATRICK is a President somewhere. (He's OUR President!) *Graeme Cole*
- It took ages to twig that 17dn PATRICK referred to our president! *Robyn Caine*
- Thanks, Bev. A novel idea for a theme. *Pat Garner*
- I found this puzzle really difficult but the clues were excellent. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- An entertaining but not too 'taxing' puzzle. *Jenny Wenham*
- Thanks for the challenge. *Brian Symons & Trish McPherson*
- But who was the president named Patrick? Bang head against wall! Ours! *Len Colgan*

Solution to Duty Bound by The Eager Beaver

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Results of Sept Bonus Quiz continued from p14

- Great quiz! Amazing that you can actually make reasonable phrases of the letters. *Trish McPherson*
- Thanks for another of your clever quizzes. This must have taken quite a while to research and you did well to match almost all the alphabet to rivers of the world. *Bev Cockburn*
- I couldn't verify Afton, but all the others I could. *Marian Procter*
- Thank you for providing such a different and, to me, a testing quiz. I looked through the 22 clues to see if anything popped out and found some answers this way and tried to work out the rest. However, by not reading carefully the instructions I did not note that the answers were in alphabetical order and not only from 1 – 22 but within each puzzle. My wife actually noticed this as I asked her if she could do 1 AVON+? NOFTA – 24 possibilities starting with A! Now the answers became a little easier, but I had spent ages on them. *Graeme Cole*
- I had great fun doing this quiz. I'm not too sure about Yarrow, and only got Afton because of the old song. *Yvonne McKindlay*
- I generally don't complete quizzes and with this one I was stuck on ANFOT. One day I was looking through a song book (300 songs) my son had on his piano and found *Flow Gently Sweet Afton* – I couldn't believe it! *Veniece Lobsey*
- Setter's Comments:** Yes, it's a lovely song; we learnt it in First year (English village school). Probably not sung here though: *Flow Gently Sweet Afton among thy green braes, Flow gently; I'll sing thee a song in thy praise: My Mary's asleep by thy murmuring stream; Flow gently, sweet Afton, disturb not*

her dream... 48 entries for this quiz. Is this a record? Most got full marks. There were very few blank spaces. Errors included a Blank for BRISBANE. Yes, it is a river as well as a city, and HOUNDS for HUDSON. A couple had OREGAN for ORANGE. Unfortunately, although the state of Oregon has 8 important rivers, none are named after it. Astonishing! I tried to get a fair few Aussie rivers in, then take off round the globe. Everyone seemed to like puzzling it out and there were many positive comments. **—Audrey**

Results of the September 2011 Clue Writing Competition continued from p16:

	Poor	Satisfactory	Excellent
Definition	0	1	2
Secondaries	0	1	2
Fairness	0	1	2
Surface Reading	0	1	2
x-factor	0	1	2

Star Rating: No star; 1-2 *; 3-4 **; 5-7 ***; 8-9 ****; 10 *****

Clue Writing Competition No 6/2011

For the next competition, please write a clue for the word **APOSTLE (7)** complete with explanation. Note: only one clue per person. Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator: Michael Kennedy, 27 Hennessy Lane, Figtree NSW 2525 or by email to: manveru@bigpond.com Closing mail date: Friday 9 December 2011. Book prize.

Results of the Clue Writing Competition September No 5/2011.

Write a clue for SEARCH ENGINE (6,6)

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.

Definition of **SEARCH ENGINE** from *Chambers* (11th Edition)

"n (comput) a software program for retrieving information, esp from the Internet."

What a difference a word makes! In the end I was pleased to receive 15 entries as after the first two weeks I nearly had to Google some clues myself! I do acknowledge that this was a relatively difficult term to clue, but I thought it would be a fun exercise to try your hand at a term that is well known, but not one that is commonly (if ever) seen in a crossword. Four of the clues submitted raise the issue of indirect definitions. Generally, an indirect definition should be accompanied by some sort of indicator that specifies to the solver that this is an 'example' of the definition. Otherwise, a clue that defines say 'animal' as 'creature' would be just as acceptable if it used 'rabbit', 'gnu', or 'capybara' as the definition. You can see why an indicator such as 'for instance' etc. would be useful. However, for SEARCH ENGINE at least, the number of examples is limited to only a few, and these are generally well known. As such I haven't 'gone to town' with the red pen, but where someone has made the effort to adhere to the Ximenean principles of fairness, I've obviously favoured this clue. It was a close call between one of the CHINESE ANGER anagrams, the three-word charade, and the 'locomotive' clue, but in the end I've chosen Peter Dearie's clue as the winner.

The type of program to stir up Chinese anger ****

The clues are listed in alphabetical order and the definitions, where appropriate, are *italicised*.

Chinese anger at computer programme change **

This was one of four clues that used the excellent anagram of CHINESE ANGER, given its topical relevance in relation to the recent issue between China and Google. While the surface reading is terrific and the definition accurate, the indicators need some work. The indicators should serve as accurate instructions for the solver. In this clue the anagram indicator (change) is positioned at the end of the clue. There is no association between the fodder and the indicator, making the job of the solver very difficult. It's also accepted that the definition must be found at either the front or the very end of the clue, rather than the middle.

Computer tool a screen hinge moved about ***

This is an anagram of A SCREEN HINGE. There's nothing wrong with the indicator at all, and I really like the clever definition, one of the best. The surface reading is slightly strained and it's not completely evident what the 'computer tool' is doing, despite the connection between a screen and a computer.

Drink initially Rum 'n' Coke; layer with another spirit. Add drug. Yahoo! *½**

SEA + R + C + HEN + GIN + E. What a clue! This is quite a clever charade and surprisingly accurate given the six ingredients. The clue itself is very entertaining, unless you're in rehab. Where it falls short is the indirect definition. The use of indirect definitions is a bone of contention amongst solvers and compilers alike. However, generally, such definitions need to be accompanied by some indication that it is 'an example of' a search engine (see above). A 'perhaps' placed after 'drug' would have served well.

Go through rotary programme ***

Search + engine. Fantastic surface reading and a definition I expected to see many more people use. While 'go through' works well for SEARCH, 'rotary' for ENGINE is not quite accurate, as by itself it does not appear to define engine (at least in my references). This clue also raises the programme/program dilemma. My understanding is that British English uses PROGRAMME unless it relates to computing, while American English only uses PROGRAM.

Google stirs Chinese anger ***

Again, this is a brilliant anagram, as it creates a topical clue. Many of you would be aware that recently Google and China have been at loggerheads over censorship. However, despite Google being the world's most popular search engine, it still does not quite define search engine. It is an indirect definition, as above. It's also worth mentioning that Google does appear in *Chambers*, but as a verb, not a noun.

Look for steam room link in the computer program *½**

SEARCH from 'Look for' is easy enough. ENGINE, on the other hand,

is derived from STEAM engine – engine ROOM, as indicated by the use of 'link', i.e. ENGINE links the words STEAM and ROOM. It's quite an ingenious idea, although I'm not convinced by the execution. 'Link' by itself following the two terms does not provide enough information to the solver about what needs to be done.

Nea's cheering about Google ***

This is an anagram as indicated by ABOUT. Nothing wrong with the mechanics but the definition falls into the category of indirect definitions. All it would need is a 'perhaps, for one, etc.' to be completely without fault.

Research Engineer about and about, about gone for Google perhaps ***

Take RE and ER (about about) from RESEARCH ENGINEER and you are left with the answer. This clue had so much potential. Who would have thought that a term like this could be hidden? While the indicators and definition are accurate enough its the surface reading that lets this clue down. Too many abouts! A containment indicator may have been the way to go. Maybe something like: *Research Engineer holds the answer, or maybe just Google.* (No rating)

Scrutinize driver's program ****

Search + Engine. This excellent clue makes light of the difficulties associated with clueing what appears to be a difficult term. With clever but gettable synonyms the compiler has managed to convey a simple story in three words that make complete sense.

Terrier, typically, makes turn with bird trap in sight ***

ARC (turn) + HEN (bird) + GIN (trap) inside SEE (sight). The secondary indicators for this clue have been expertly woven together to paint a picture of a hunting dog doing what it does best. ARC for TURN is legitimate and is listed as a verb in *Chambers*. Even so, it does make the clue more challenging given TURN can also be read as an indicator. The main issue here is the definition. You won't find 'Terrier, typically' under SEARCH ENGINE, in any dictionary or thesaurus. The use of 'typically' is to inform the solver that the definition is 'representative of' and not a straight synonym. While this may be acceptable and I have seen these used before, its vital that the definition is 'totally' representative of the answer. In this case I am not convinced that a search engine is a perfect representation of a terrier, although I understand the gist. I'll be interested to hear what others may think.

The type of program to stir up Chinese anger ****

I guess it's not surprising that this clever anagram, as well as the indicator, appears yet again. However, what separates this simple clue from the others is the accurate definition while still maintaining a perfectly sensible surface reading. Perhaps it doesn't carry the impact of 'Google', but the compiler has provided a fairer definition.

"Used for "internet chase" said to tease out gin cocktail" *½**

I'll admit it took me a little while to unlock the code to this clue. That's because there's a devious combination of double duty and tough indicators. Firstly, it is an anagram of INTERNET CHASE minus two Ts (as indicated by 'said to tease out'). But where's the G to make search engine? It's indicated by GIN (G IN). 'Cocktail' is the anagram indicator. The definition is 'used for internet chase', meaning 'internet chase' is doing two jobs. While the definition is excellent, I think the indicator 'gin' is less than fair. It would take something special to recognise the compiler's direction here. I don't quite understand the surface reading but that could just be me.

What do they do when a suspicious locomotive goes through customs? – Find a source of information! ****

They 'search engine'! A clever cryptically rendered clue with accurate indicators and definition. A perfectly solvable clue that is also entertaining.

With no hint of mercy German Chinese torture program is used to obtain information ***

An anagram of 'german chinese' minus 'm' (hint of mercy). One of the best clues as far as surface reading is concerned, although I am a little perturbed about what type of torture may have been devised. The definition is a direct one so it passes that test too. However, it probably needs a pronoun like 'this program....' or some way of dropping the 'is' for the definition to be totally seamless. Still, a fine original effort!

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