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English usage is sometimes more than mere taste, judgement, and education – sometimes it's sheer luck, like getting across a street.  
EB White, 1954, 'Shop Talk', in *The Second Tree from the Corner*.

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**RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS!**

We are pleased to announce that we have managed to maintain the Annual Membership subscription for 2012 at only \$40. However, if you elect to receive *e-Crozworld* rather than the paper copy then the sub is only \$35. We believe that this is outstanding value! And it is due in large part to the generosity of the many members who donated to the 2011 Prize Fund. Thank You! We prefer members to receive the email version only of *Crozworld* because of the cost savings to the ACC and the environmental issue of less paper usage. Also, the email version is delivered days in advance of the paper version. Why not opt for the email version in 2012?

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*, p13 of this issue) together with some useful information for renewing members for 2012. We have continued the special offer whereby you can sign up a new member for 2012 for only \$30. Just a reminder that we distribute almost \$5000 in cash prizes per year plus more than 60 book prizes. In order to maintain that plentiful level of prizes, we hope you will be more than generous with your donation to the ACC Prize Pool 2012.

Don't forget about the ACC Annual Get-Together to be held at William Ryan's modern *Harold Park Hotel* cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW on Sunday 20 November. Like last year, there will be plenty of highlights! See page 6 for further details.

Puzzleman **Ian Williams** has another masterly selection of puzzles for you this month. Your favourites *Jesso*, *Kaeila*, *Pindar* and *Difficult Women* are included and the dynamic *zinzan* has contributed another fine cryptic in Slot 5. We are delighted to welcome back the skilful *Aeolian* who has devised another stunner in the Slot 6 puzzle. And the tireless *The Busybodies* have challenged us with another of their excellent Quizzes. Happy Crozworlding. —Patrick

Many thanks for the lovely cards and letters: it is an enjoyable (though frustrating) task. Enjoyable because it is nice to have contact with members and frustrating to find so many transcription errors and blank spaces. Since I have been doing the adjudication I always find one word usually creates a problem. There were four clues in four of the puzzles that tricked solvers this month, Slot 3 1dn CARDINAL for CARNIVAL lost dots for quite a few entries. Comments received on the last day unfortunately were too late for publication.

**Slot 1:** CASBAH was the main problem with this puzzle with CABASH (5) and KASBAH (2) which I couldn't allow as it did not meet the cryptic definition (money = cash). Other errors were spread over an assortment of clues.

**Slot 2:** No outstanding problems with Slot 2. A variety of answers for INCUBUS and ISABELLA and three obvious transcription errors lost dots.

**Slot 3:** Many members commented on the great clues in Michael's crossword and a dilemma for which one to choose, there were 12 clues nominated from 31 members. As above CARNIVAL was the problem with (14) CARDINALS and 2 transcription errors – CARNIVAD and CCRNIVAL. KINDS (3), KINKS (2), KINOS and KINAS for KINGS trapped 7 members.

**Slot 4:** Opinions were divided with Slot 4; quite a few liked the challenge while others found it too difficult. SUPERINTENDENCY (leadership) – delightful (super), popular (in) and disposition (tendency), SUPERINTENDENCE (8) was not allowed, also one supePintendency, obviously a transcription error.

**Slot 5:** 33 across PLASHETS was the fourth problem with 3 FLASKETS, 2 FLASHETS and 1 PLESHETS. Blank spaces lost dots for three members. Favourable comments for this puzzle especially from Del Kennedy (President of his fan club).

**COTM:** 53 members voted for 24 clues with all five puzzles receiving votes. SUBTRACTION SIGN (7), KINGS (4) and PRONGS (4) were the early favourites but they were pipped at the post by the fast finishing CROSSWORD with 9 votes. Congratulations to *Manveru*. —Joan Smith

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	112	115	101	104	103	535
Correct entries	93	107	65	84	86	435
Success rate (%)	83	93	64	81	83	81
Prizewinners	M Raw B Glissan	B Cockburn M Steinberger	J Barnes R Wimbush	M Collins	B Tofoni J Freeland	from 116 members

**Prizewinner: September 2011 Slots 1-5: Tony Dobe.**

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**Half 'n Half**  
by  
**Jesso**

**Prizes: \$50**



**Win!**

**MACQUARIE**  
AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL DICTIONARY  
**CROSSWORD**  
**DICTIONARY**  
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**Across**

- 1 More jolly (7)
- 5 Homeric (6)
- 9 Pointed arch (5)
- 11 Heavily (8)
- 13 Blunders (6)
- 14 Gender (3)
- 15 Astray (5)
- 16 Slovenly person (sl.) (4)
- 17 Colder (5)
- 18 Nudity (9)
- 22 Eject (4)
- 23 Greek goddess (6)
- 26 African native (5)
- 27 Mass departure (6)
- 30 Class of birds (4)
- 32 Figurine (9)
- 34 Lacking gloss (5)
- 35 Covetousness (4)
- 36 Wide open (5)
- 39 Skill (3)
- 40 With hands on hips (6)
- 41 Abroad (8)
- 42 Embankment (5)
- 43 Profligate (6)
- 44 Naturists (7)

**Down**

- 1 One thousand and one pounds and a rock. A heavy burden (9)
- 2 Right season wrong for such motives (7)
- 3 Wild goat takes a powder? (4)
- 4 A man from centre territory (6)
- 5 See rising about five some days before events (4)
- 6 Keep on – strip selenium off (7)
- 7 Dancer not left in element (7)
- 8 Downed one with sole right to change (5)
- 10 General manager going around branch fitness centre (3)
- 12 Argued with young girl at credit centre (7)
- 19 Strange stern sculptor (5)
- 20 Evening is the thing in a way (5)
- 21 State working on East River (5)
- 24 Hears about the Maori pistols (7)
- 25 Writers aim one time in Hitler's bodyguard (9)
- 28 Gets derelict boats in (7)
- 29 Having utility, Blue goes mad about the blue (7)
- 31 Volume registers legal mothers (7)
- 33 Northern venue no good. It's patchy (6)
- 34 Call feline to cut down about Iowa (5)
- 37 Lively fellow to work with royal (4)
- 38 Writer starts to pen ornate English (3)
- 39 Dry commercial about Rhode Island (4)

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## Cryptic by Kaeila



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### Across

- 1 Guards sneakily crept to the south (8)
- 5 Snake I see articulated in lavender plant (5)
- 9 Noisy boring tool used on shield border (4)
- 10 Scientific establishment backed the German race? Rubbish! (10)
- 11 EH Logan manufactured non-metallic element (7)
- 13 Good man! Record pace! (4)
- 14 Medication for troops having first of trips on brief vacation (7)
- 17 Unusual gold on a boat (7)
- 18 See 15 Down
- 22 Insect-eaten fruit produces nutriment (7)
- 25 Get round report, sir, with Latin verb department (10)
- 26 Double back and give praise (4)
- 27 Make mistake by eating small, round fruit (5)
- 28 Look again; investigate fully (8)

### Down


- 1 Bird (pet) holding a garden tool (8)
- 2 A big jump for a short dog! (4)
- 3 Decorate with slogan: "Old English/N.Z. Lamb variety" (8)
- 4 Time to permit animal fat (6)
- 6 Alas! Jo found banana ends in drink (4)
- 7 At home, and certain to take cover (6)
- 8 Some make Velcro device for securing hawser (5)
- 12 Establish first of settlements throughout all regional Territories (5)
- 13 Build a shed in relative darkness (5)
- 15 and 18 Assess the damage when nobleman surprisingly chose abstainer (5,3,4)
- 16 Some wealth ought to bring happiness; however ... (8)
- 19 Do a favour - disperse bilge, love (6)
- 20 A hundred swelling a small group of people (5)
- 21 Obstruct a Parliamentarian somehow, Dee (6)
- 23 Original scab comes away roughly, Mark (4)
- 24 A slight, courageous lurcher seen (4)

### Explanations for September Grids (where provided by the compilers). Thanks to Michael, Len and Roy

**Slot 3 Manveru:** **Across:** 1 Anag of WORD proCesSORS - prose, 6 B + ROAD, 9 p(RAISE), 10 Anag of CANS and TINS + E, 11 Anag of I RETAIN, 12 Double definition, 13 Anag of TVSETSEARNDIME, 17 Anag of CLOGS WHOSE IDEA, 21 Sounds like MERE CAT, 23 D+ESP+AIR, 25 AD+VENTURE, 26 I+T+A+(LadY) - AD, 27 T + RE (ON backwards) + MS, 28 Anag of DEEP CUT after S (was easy about - def). **Down:** 1 CARN l(IV)e AL, 2 0 + LIVE (shade, as in colour), 3 Anag of THE ELDERS, 4 Cryptic def, 5 D + IS + LIKE, 6 B + RAVE, 7 Anag of ORCHESTRA, 8 DE(S)IGN, 14 say(VOICE)+anicut history (OVER), 15 EX+CE+SS + l(IVE)d, 16 B(E+sTRAY)ED, 18 o + anag of GUST around UN, 19 LaddeR to SaddeN + S, 20 IMP ACT, 22 Knapsack - KK, 24 APARTMENT - (MEN + T).

**Slot 4 Crowsman:** The explanations are in the same order as the clues. SITE - homonym; SKUA - auks(rev); SENSE - (loo)sens/E; SKIRT - ski(r)t; SMELT - double def; SOUSE - so/use; SURLY - sur(e)ly; SYRIA - S/airy(rev); SONNET - son/ten(rev); SPOOLS - sloops(rev); SALIENT - s(alien)t; SHANNON - double def (led back = Del); SATANIST - latesT SIN AT A Show(all rev); SOUL-SICK - sou/anag of slick; SCISSIONS - s(cepti)c/(m)issions; SCORECARD - score(car)d; SIGNATORY - sign/a/tory; STEAMED UP - s/teamed up; SALOON DECK - sa(anag of noodle)ck; SEETHINGLY - s(tee(rev))hingly; SELF-REGULATORY - s(elf/(a luger(rev)))tory; STAKE YOUR CLAIM - anag; SUBTRACTION SIGN - actions inside anag of bursting; SUPERINTENDENCY - super/in/tendency.

**Slot 5 Praxis:** **Across:** 1 ACCIDENT: A(warded)/c(CID)ent; 7 ESSE: v(esse)l; 10 HARLEQUINS: H/anag/quins; 11 AMADOU: am/ado/u; 12 SPLIT: double def.; 14 SPINODES: spin/odes; 17 SITCOM: anag/com(munist); 18 UNLESS: U(anag)S; 19 TORANA: tor/ana; 20 ASSAIL: a/s-sai; 23 SPIGOT: s(pig)ot; 25 RATTLE: double def - Sir Simon Rattle, conductor; 27 STROBILE: bile follows anag; 29 DEBIT: It following Deb; 30 ENTRAP: en/part<; 31 OIL-CHANGES; oil/changes; 32 GLEE: g(reet)/Lee; 33 PLASHETS: p(lash)ets; **Down:** 1 ALAS: Alas(ka); 2 COMPENSATE: C.O./m(pens)ate; 3 CHAIN: C(h)ain; 4 DROOPS: d/spoor<; 5 ELUDES: l in anag; 6 NEWEST: N(ewes)T; 7 EUPATRID: anag; 8 SILICA: il in anag; 9 ESTIMATE: st(l'm)ate after E; 13 ICONOCLAST: icon/OC/last; 15 GUARD DOG: anag; 16 BEATRICE: Beat/rice; 21 STABLE: double def; 22 LETHAL: let/Hal; SERENA: SEREN(E)/a; 24 PRONGS: pro/Ngs (Ng: a common surname among Vietnamese people); 26 BIRSE: bir(d)s,e(very)one; 28 EPOS: hidden.

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**Across**

- 1 Shift position as wild ape snorts (9)
- 6 Tries desperately to face up to challenge again (5)
- 9 If you lose them, you'll go crazy (7)
- 10 Initially bred on bad diet, setter is in last place at the end of the day (7)
- 11 Agitated, mated and so calmed down (5)
- 13 Kim's partner takes stock about lengthy discussion (9)
- 14 Read stories and reveal endings, say (4,5)
- 16 The liveliness of British capital (4)
- 18 Containers come in a thousand examples (4)
- 19 Not easily phased regarding quiet surrounding the writer (9)
- 21 Where to get an invitation, perhaps, for a position with Her Majesty (9)
- 23 Almost approved but out of fashion (5)
- 24 Loner to reveal players' intimate secrets? (7)
- 25 I have left behind old application form (7)
- 27 The craft of coming and going (5)
- 28 Mince: dinner she cherished (9)

**Down**

- 1 An appropriate moment for shoplifters and rustlers? (4,2,4,5)
- 2 Successor said to be in his element (3)
- 3 Firmness shown by renowned union movement after losing a revolutionary leader (8)
- 4 First sign of working group (5)
- 5 Unruly mob smiles, being an assortment of clots (9)
- 6 About face! Call again later (6)
- 7 Forger to show contempt about taking drug in tiny fragments (11)
- 8 Enraged fellow hood threatened, "It's all over" (3,3,2,3,4)
- 12 Betraying a manly glint and showing evil intent (11)
- 15 Glasses are still on the grass, they say (9)
- 17 Hurry, Dad, before agent faces up to a possibly sticky end (8)
- 20 Hello, sailor! This is a stick-up! (6)
- 22 Rants at outrageous liars (5)
- 26 One day be a star (3)

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

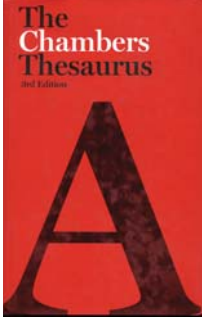
- Super CROZ. Thank you so much for my Slot 5 cheque! I will buy something towards keeping up with the Club! What a Club! Thank you again. Dale McManus
- Many thanks for the copy of *Puzzled* as my quiz prize last month – one can never have too much of David Astle! Margaret Steinberger
- I would like to thank the Club for my Slot 1 prize last month; it is a handy addition to my library. Col Archibald
- Another excellent set of crosswords. Thank you to everyone! Sonia Roulston
- Thanks to all concerned for another great month of puzzles! I thought Slot 4 was diabolical! Anne Simons
- Thank you all for an interesting group of puzzles and thank you for my prize cheque – it was very exciting. Jean Evans
- Just a note to thank you for my *Chambers Dictionary* prize last month. A much appreciated addition to the reference library, and will allow a very dilapidated Concise edition to be pensioned off. It did cause a bit of consternation in the household however – caused a change in plans regarding the purchase of a birthday present! Frank Martin
- Many thanks to the ACC for the *Chambers Crossword Dictionary* – it's already been useful! Tony Dobebe
- Many thanks for another great bunch of brain fodder. Thanks to the Club for my \$50 prize. My annual subscription is a better investment than the stock market. Jim Fowler
- Thoroughly enjoyed this month's crosswords. All were quite challenging – thank you. Trish McPherson
- I was so surprised to win the book prize for August slot 5. Many thanks for the dictionary, a very useful prize. Lila Fry
- Enjoyed the September puzzles although not confident with my attempts! Eternally grateful for such a club. Glenda Lloyd
- Interesting to note that last month's slot 5 included 23ac SERENA described as "calm finally curtailed". Congrats to our Sam [Stosur]! Catherine Hambling



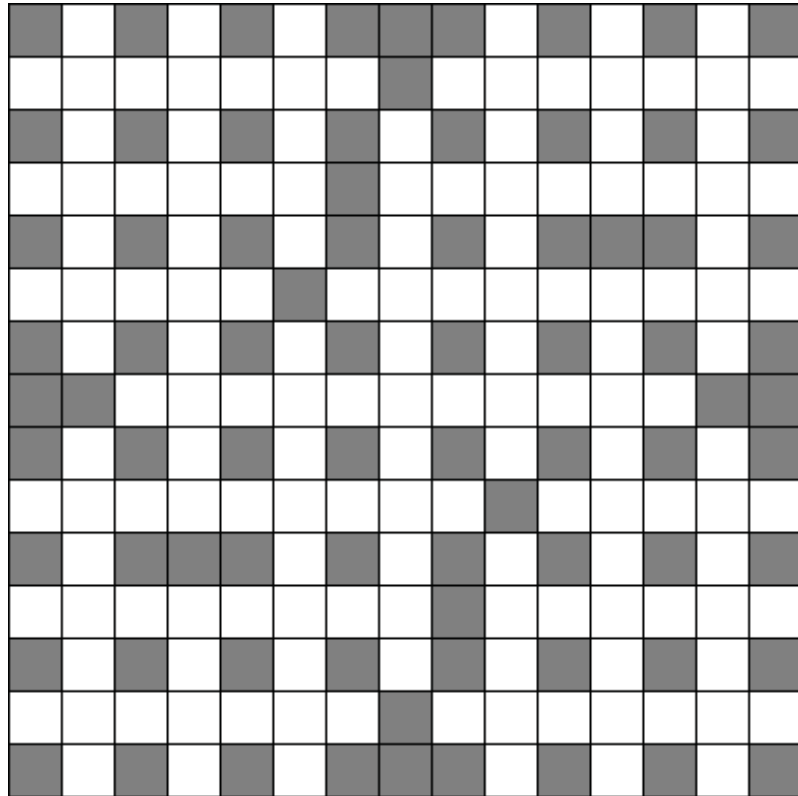
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**AJ**  
by  
**Difficult Women**

**Prize:**



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

- A** Roused at a vigil for Kelly (8)
- B** Mob outfits one piece costumes (9)
- C** Girl's watchglass (7)
- D** Ushered back team leader ten to record start of yearly collection of postcards (10)
- E** Unstable man holding informer (7)
- F** Advanced crossing in battle. No just the reverse (7)
- G** Cemetery's sombre garden (9)
- H** After-effects linger on Sunday (9)
- I** Cool recognition but lack of appreciation (11)
- J** Force contest without you, say and the French (6)
- K** Hard rock band is in Kansas (4)
- L** Spartan American State back working in command (7)
- M** Miles ran to a construction associated with hermits (11)
- N** Pessimistic Aborigine without Equivalent Grade (8)
- O** On the 1st of October, ration corrupted Province (7)
- P** Disturbing part of Spain fully-fashioned (7)
- Q** Shakes arrow's cases (7)
- R** Inflorescences in terrace mess (7)
- S** State move for man relating to the golden age (9)
- T** Identical drug twist (5)
- U** One Uranium can returned (4)
- V** Viscount's gold helmet attachment (5)
- W** Track amateur attack (6)
- X** Book returned to girl on ship (5)
- Y** Length of time working the old annual return of previous period figures (4-2-4)
- Z** Animal park runs in South American Fox (5)

## 2011 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN!!

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 an easy crossword and a fascinating Quiz to get your pencils into. Looking forward to meeting up again. Be there!

## WEIRD AND WONDERFUL WORDS by Erin McKean, OUP, 2003

**Luscition:** poor eyesight. This comes from a Latin word meaning 'one-eyed'.

**Nighwhat:** an obsolete adverb meaning 'nearly, almost'. Perhaps because it's obsolete, it sounds very hillbillyish to modern ears: "He was nighwhat kilt when that there hog jumped onto his truck!"

**Pluteus:** a shelf for books, small statues, etc. This comes from an identically spelled Latin word that originally meant 'a barrier or light wall between columns.'


**Steracle:** an obsolete word meaning 'a spectacle or show.' This word may come from the word *stare*, modelled on *spectacle*.

**Squirk:** a half suppressed laugh. Of imitative origin.

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**Cryptic**  
by  
**zinzan**

**Prizes: \$50**



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**Across**

- 1 Female player starts to defeat regularly a grand woman of the court (4,5)
- 6 Head of trading's suspended amid heavy losses in currency (5)
- 9 Peak groups present numerous possibilities (7)
- 10 Settled initially into North of France, near outskirts of Ebersviller (2,5)
- 11 In time played a reviled character in cricket broadcast (6)
- 12 Airborne, turning depends on person wanting to go back down (8)
- 14 Do without origin of piece of aesthetic sensibility (4)
- 15 In disguise, once hid outside to put a bug on tape recorder (10)
- 18 Transfer soldiers to the front in Tobruk after a short time (10)
- 20 Old undies lacking in design (4)
- 23 A fractional part of Satanism in disarray (8)
- 24 Maybe eight forwards packed around a bone (6)
- 26 Newsreel or a picture screening about released suspect (7)
- 27 John's overwhelmed by IV infusion for sensory perception (7)
- 28 Channel Islands' 'yes' to reforms (5)
- 29 Endless religion confronts every Irish PM (9)

**Down**

- 1 Party people keep cocaine in case of trial that's disappointing! (9)
- 2 Storm and Souths met one afternoon last month (7)
- 3 Unusual amount of paper reduced by Kenneally's bookends (6)
- 4 Stop rowing hard ? No way ! (4)
- 5 Close in on gang's leader after arrest had the desired effect (4-6)
- 6 Express disapproval to Kronos' boy about quiet nights out (5-3)
- 7 So glad I have covered up for the gentleman (7)
- 8 More irritable as batsman among the runs misses out on 100 (5)
- 13 In the end, personal computers really should set out a clear indication (6,4)
- 16 The sort of person least suitable to hop on Mr Ed, possibly ? (9)
- 17 Diamonds held back among those who don't believe in diamond areas (8)
- 19 Spirited bronco I broke (3,4)
- 21 Tumour starts to spread and render deep unconsciousness (7)
- 22 Blackens a set of cookware with a small piece of jet (6)
- 23 Record the location of extremely large tree (5)
- 25 Contracted aphasia from a huge shock (4)

**VALE:**

**Shirl O'Brien:** From Hugh Stephenson's *Guardian* September newsletter (courtesy Trish McPherson):


"We never met but over almost 15 years of editing her crossword puzzles, often discussing how much Australian English was legitimate in a *Guardian* puzzle, **Shirl O'Brien** became a friend. Her crossword teeth were cut on solving puzzles set for the *Guardian* and *The Times* and then syndicated in Australian newspapers. But she became frustrated at being limited to imported material and in 1985, at the age of 50, she persuaded the Brisbane *Courier-Mail* to run as a pilot some of her own puzzles, which deliberately included Australian content. They were an instant success and she continued to set regularly for the paper as *Southern Cross* until 2009, by which time she had become the doyenne of the Australian setting world. Her final puzzle for the *Courier-Mail* included the clue: 'Constellation setting for the last time (8,5)'. My predecessor, John Perkin, took her on as a setter in 1987 and they jointly decided on *Auster*, the south wind, as her appropriate *Guardian* nom de plume. She continued to send in puzzles with elegant and economical clues until last year, by which time her health was failing her. Her Catholic faith was a vital part of her life and she is survived by Jack, to whom she was married for 61 years, and by their seven children."

**Ted O'Brien:** I was saddened to hear of Ted O'Brien's passing. We will miss his contributions. His annual birthday quiz was always a challenge to look forward to. Please pass on my condolences to his family. Jenny Wenham

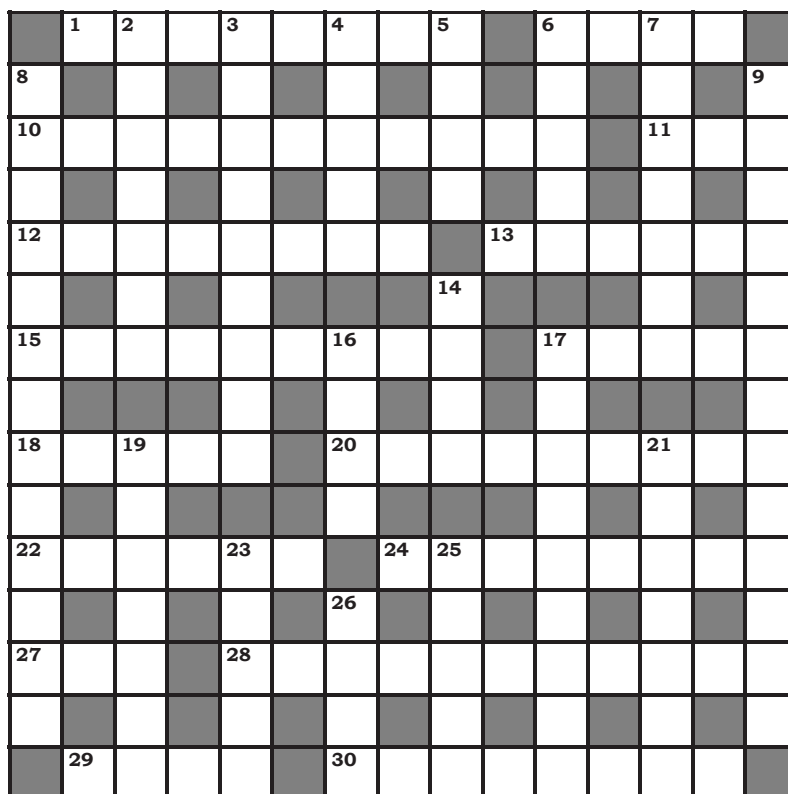
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**Cryptic**  
by  
**Æolian**

**Prize**



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Three of the longer words are synonymous. The everyday version is clued; the others, a scientific version and a Scottish version, are not separately clued.

**Across**

- 1 Lecturer gilded and crowned (8)
- 6 What you eat might pay your way (4)
- 10 Troubled one man band needs time – Selkirk's plight (11)
- 11 Rare gas without its symbol makes the grade (3)
- 12 Unbuttoned is a luvly way to look (8)
- 13 Sounds cold for hot stuff (6)
- 15 A UK type – maybe Cutthroat William? (9)
- 17 Capone follows source of original robots in the country (5)
- 18 Two short lads checked for speed (5)
- 20 Lush kind of drink (8)
- 22 Organ stop level with church (6)
- 24 Bird, or dog impersonating lady pig? (8)
- 27 Write endlessly to score (3)
- 28 Synonym of 9 (11)
- 29 Wistful half of a merrythought (4)
- 30 Gluteate mixture for the guardian state (8)

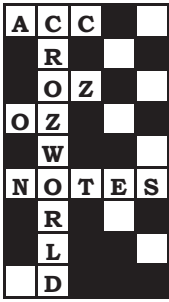
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- 2 Swiss zoologist – a man of the court to the last letter (7)
- 3 New head rider polled the same as Julia (3-6)
- 4 Every year I hear you missed a record (5)
- 5 Looked like a peacock's train (4)
- 6 Go get a ghost (5)
- 7 Routine with a rhythmic beat (7)
- 8 Synonym of 9 (13)
- 9 Disturbed a nice slow tick. Tock tick! (13)
- 14 French copper in loss of licence episode (4)
- 16 A leader, I'm without a degree (4)
- 17 Give Sally another go – it's only a trial run (9)
- 19 Ma tries mysterious Italian masters (7)
- 21 Roll down on one side (7)
- 23 Crowd panic after draw at Welsh finals (5)
- 25 Is Blake's tyger too intense? Adjust tuner! (5)
- 26 Adjust diet – cutout tripe (4)

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**Results of Quiz No 8/2011**

**Follow the Leader by The Eager Beaver (Bev Cockburn). Entries: 40.**

**Winner: Mike Potts. Congratulations!**

**25:** C. Anderson, J. Barbour, D. Butler, G.Cole, L. Colgan, V. Dinham, R. Ducker, J. Evans, L. Fry, P. Garner, K. Harper, S. Howells, A. Jermy, G. Lemon, C. McClelland, J. McGrath, F. Martin, A. Miles, C. Noble, H. Perrow, M. Potts, D. Procter, B. Siegman, A. Simons, M. Steinberger, N. Storey, B. Symons, A. Walter and J. Wenham. **24:** A. Austin, A. Dyer, R. Gardiner, T. De Grys, S.

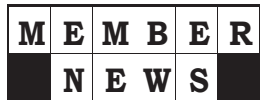
Pinder, S. Roulston, B. Tofoni and N. Wilson. **23:** R. Dorrell, B. Ibbott and C. Wilcox.

**Solutions:** SCRABBLE (checkers, draughts, monopoly) (6), HUBCAP (12), ANECDOTE (18), SLENDER (24), PREFERABLE (favourable, delectable) (21), AFGHAN (9), TOUGH (rough, hefty, harsh, hilly) (11), THIEF (14) HIJACK (abduct) (5), JK (15), BRISKLY (quickly, sparkly) (16), ALMOND (8). AMNESIA (20), HONOR (American spelling) (13) TROPICAL (seething, flushing) (7), KEEP QUIET (4), QR (23), HIRSUTE (17), MASTITIS (25), CREATURE (duckling, antelope) (3), MAUVE (1), VW (10), WX (2), OXYGEN (22), SYZYGY (19).

**Setter's Comments:** As you can see by the above solutions, there were several correct alternatives to quite a few of the clues & due to the ingenuity of many of you, a correct set of answers was obtainable even though they were not the answers I expected! I was aware that 'popular board game' might have led many of you to 'monopoly' which it did but I was not expecting 'draughts' or 'checkers'! 11 entries had my list of answers but 18 others were able to satisfy all the clues & include all the combinations. Well done!

**Members' Comments:**

- All sorts of little tricks to keep us on our toes. I felt MONOPOLY was the word for NO or OP but which one? Turned out to be neither. *Carole Noble*
- Isn't SYZYGY a lovely word? *Betty Siegman*
- I am submitting my first quiz for ages and had such fun with it. Such an ingenious idea! Some were easy but quite a few weren't. *Jean Barbour*
- Changed my mind a dozen times. Some long and very long shots! *Gary Lemon*
- This was great fun with some juggling required. *Anne Simons*
- I found it relatively easy to get the solutions to the clues (although I had a couple of possibilities for some) but choosing which answers to fit each pair of letters was much more difficult. *Susan Howells*
- I think this is the first quiz I have entered. I enjoyed this. *Helen Perrow*
- An interesting quiz which stretched the mind. *Frank Martin*
- Found this quiz VERY difficult but really enjoyed the challenge. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- This was a most enjoyable quiz. The 'board game' presented a few possibilities - MONOPOLY, SCRABBLE & DRAUGHTS. *Andrew Miles*
- Thanks for a neat puzzle. If tropical is wrong, it's because we are in Darwin and I couldn't think of a better word. (Spot on! BC) *Doug Butler*
- The new or full moon period sent me on quite a journey. *Alan Walter*
- If you deliberately set "Popular board game" (8) knowing there were four perfect possibilities, then I reckon that is brilliant! (Not quite!) *Len Colgan*



**New Member: Laurence Kennedy** from Hellyer Beach Tas (a Membership Gift from Michael Kennedy. **Membership Renewals for 2012: Paul Derrington.**

Welcome to 2012!

**Puzzle Adjustment:** September Slot 6: Your editing team regrets that a literal found its way into September Slot 6. If the misspelt word is entered into 9ac the other clues will fit correctly. Our apologies that this slipped through all of the normal checks.

**Dots: Dale McManus** gained a dot for the August Slot 6 puzzle.

**Amusing clue:** Maurice Cowan enjoyed this recent clue from a Gemini crossword published by *The Canberra Times*: Dis duck - or dat? (5) EIDER

**The Australian Oxford Dictionary**

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**Wave Hill** a cattle station, formerly of 15,800 sq. km. on the Victoria River, Northern Territory, 600 km south of Darwin. The aboriginal land rights movement is said to have started there in 1966 when 200 Aboriginal stockmen of the Gurindji people went on strike to push their claims for better pay and conditions from Vestey Ltd, a British meat firm. The strike developed into a demand for the return of the portion of Wave Hill the Gurundji regarded as tribal heartland. Their determination and the support they received from Australians elsewhere led, in 1972, to two small parcels of land being passed over to them. The Whitlam government purchased a further 3237 sq. km and in 1975 passed it over to a Gurundji company that had been incorporated in 1971. After a successful claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act* the traditional owners in May 1986 were given inalienable freehold title to this property, known as Daguragu.

*The Australian Oxford Dictionary*, Second Edition, 2004. Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$115.00 ISBN 9780195517965

**Quiz 10/2011 Movie Linkwords by The Busybodies.**

Complete the two-word phrase in each question and find the hidden two-word movies. They are listed alphabetically.

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| <b>2</b>  | wild     | _____ | _____ | come (6,7)     |
| <b>3</b>  | human    | _____ | _____ | there (5,5)    |
| <b>4</b>  | Cilla    | _____ | _____ | lake (5,4)     |
| <b>5</b>  | Dodge    | _____ | _____ | out (4,6)      |
| <b>6</b>  | common   | _____ | _____ | range (4,8)    |
| <b>7</b>  | second   | _____ | _____ | stretch ((6,4) |
| <b>8</b>  | medical  | _____ | _____ | -hoper (2,2)   |
| <b>9</b>  | founding | _____ | _____ | bread (6,5)    |
| <b>10</b> | pillow   | _____ | _____ | Med (5,4)      |
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| <b>12</b> | cultured | _____ | _____ | lights (5,6)   |
| <b>13</b> | west     | _____ | _____ | dance (5,5)    |
| <b>14</b> | deep     | _____ | _____ | dance (6,4)    |
| <b>15</b> | basic    | _____ | _____ | lily (8,3)     |
| <b>16</b> | cake     | _____ | _____ | final (3,3)    |
| <b>17</b> | chewing  | _____ | _____ | rage (7,4)     |
| <b>18</b> | Berlin   | _____ | _____ | corner (4,6)   |
| <b>19</b> | snow     | _____ | _____ | wave (5,4)     |
| <b>20</b> | shift-   | _____ | _____ | Friday (7,4)   |

## September 1-2011: Half 'n Half by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

• Thanks Audrey for an engaging 'half & half' puzzle. Liked 27ac Cereal reportedly from a holiday Isle (BALI) =BARLEY.

*Alan Walter*

• A very good ½ & ½.

*Brian Symons*

• 21ac: ALSO was not difficult, but is this an indirect anagram? (IMO it is Roy: JS). I enjoyed this straightforward slot 1.

*Roy Taylor*

• Loved 28ac: "Triple Double U". Thanks for all the new words too.

*Dale McManus*

• 25ac: I assume TRIBULATE is a word not in the standard references. Why is this so Joan? (The only dictionary I found it in was the *Shorter OED*: JS). 7dn: In the clue, is Anti-climatic a word? Should it be Anti-climactic? (Gremlins crept in, it was meant to be anticlimactic: JS)

*Graeme Cole*

• I was side-tracked by 7dn, at first I read it as anti-climactic (from climax), then realised it was anti-climatic (from climate). But the answer I have is 'bathetic', which I think would fit the meaning anti-climactic. (Explanation above Betty: JS).

*Betty Siegman*

• Putting LAOS for 21ac held me up briefly.

*Peter Dearie*

• I liked 28ac and 30ac.

*Nea Storey*

• Clue 7dn: Anti-climatic conjures up thoughts more akin to Tony Abbott's alleged comments. Otherwise a good starter.

*Jim Fowler*

• Slot 1: 21ac: Vientiane Kingdom can now change too: Is this an indirect anagram. I'm only very new to cryptic crosswording but thought this was a major no-no. [Normally, yes, but see Ian's comment on Slot 2 in last September's CrOZworld] Lila Fry

• Made more difficult by the typo in the 7dn clue and the less than precise clue for CANNIBAL.

*Mike Potts*

## September 2-2011: Cryptic by Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)

• A good cryptic thanks Fortuna 48. Clue 10ac seems non-cryptic for ACQUIT. Liked 24ac LO+M+BARD+Y clue.

*Alan Walter*

• 21ac: HEELBONE – a clever clue.

*Graeme Cole*

• Liked ULULATED.

*Max Roddick*

• An enjoyable puzzle.

*Peter Dearie*

• A very neat puzzle.

*Tony Dobebe*

## September 3-2011: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

• RE=ON, T+ER= TEMPERATURE backwards on in 27ac. In 24dn: Unit = APART+MEN+T lacking army & time, delete MEN+T.

*Alan Walter*

• Many excellent clues – especially TERMS, RAISE, SADDENS, BETRAYED & my COTM KINGS.

*Brian Symons*

• Most enjoyable. Not easy. Terms was a tricky clue. Spell = terms! Backward on = ER!

*Roy Taylor*

• I am having trouble justifying 1dn CARDINAL (Sorry Graeme Endless sin on the rise = IV inside unspiritual CARNAL = CARN(IV)AL: JS). 4dn: ORIGAMI ('Rules' also refers to the lines marked on paper, Rules of paper bending = ORIGAMI: JS) 14dn: VOICE OVER (Say (VOICE)+ ancient history (OVER): JS).

*Graeme Cole*

• 9ac (AC) CLAIM which nearly fits the clue held me up for awhile. 16dn BETRAYED. The only dog Tray I know, lived on the green banks of Shannon. Not an English dog!

*Max Roddick*

• Some strong candidates for COTM in this one but I can't understand 22dn whichever way I spell 21ac (meerkat/meercat). (22dn KINGS - Empty Knapsack = KK = two chess pieces: JS)

*Brian Tickle*

• I really enjoyed this puzzle and thought it very well clued. In fact, I had trouble selecting one for my COTM but finally settled on 1ac.

*Margaret Davis*

• 27ac, I hope, is TERMS, but as I don't understand the clue, TURNS is also a possibility. (Having written this, I just figured it out and can't believe I didn't see it straight away!)

*Peter Dearie*

• Loved this one. I had trouble deciding which clue to give my COTM vote to. Enjoyed 6 & 13ac and 4, 5 & 7dn. But I have

no idea about 27ac & 22dn. Hope I've guessed them correctly. In 28ac is there an S missing from the anagram? [Whoops, sorry – Yes: Adjj]

*Jenny Wenham*

• Not sure about a couple! Three clever anagrams: 1ac, 13ac and 17ac.

*Nea Storey*

• Took me a while to get on the setter's wavelength. Manveru is a master of the anagram. I loved ADVERTISEMENT (also an &Lit?) and ORCHESTRA.

*Tony Dobebe*

• Can't go past Slot 3's ADVERTISEMENT for COTM – it was Manveru at his best!

*Jeremy Barnes*

• I liked WILDGOOSECHASE – my COTM.

*Mike Potts*

## September 4-2011: Alliterative Jigsaw by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

• V. clever clue for SENSE = Tenor, and for Surly = SUR(E)LY with E removed. – 'that's it' is an unfair definition of a SUBTRACTION SIGN. Liked S+ELF+REGUL+A+TORY.

*Alan Walter*

• A great challenging A-J variant.

*Brian Symons*

• Terrific variation on the usual slot 4. Great cluing. Subtraction sign COTM.

*Roy Taylor*

• "Spot pronounced Spot" – great clue!

*Graeme Cole*

• 'Spot pronounced spot' was the last word I got – and my choice for COTM.

*Max Roddick*

• Sssssso clever! My first attempt at the 14-letter anagram was 'stack your email'. 'Stake your claim' makes much more sense.

*Brian Tickle*

• I am still trying to decide if having all the words begin with the same letter was a help or a hindrance! Whatever, I liked it. Len does like to include a few 15-letter words each time, doesn't he?

*Margaret Davis*

• At least I knew 24 letters to enter in the grid. – that's it! Is a cleverly hidden definition.

*Peter Dearie*

• Loved the S clue!

*Jenny Wenham*

• This alliterative jigsaw was much harder than the usual AJ in slot 4. Like drawing teeth!

*Nea Storey*

• An AJ JIm, but not as we know it'. Some very clever and challenging clues. Interesting to see the AJ taken boldly where none have gone before. I think the down clue could be either SUPERINTENDENCY and SUPERINTENDENCE [but see adjudicator's comment].

*Tony Dobebe*

• Another very satisfying puzzle from Crowsman. I did pause for contemplation on the reference to Del Shannon. OK for old toppies such as I but a bit obscure, perhaps, for the Young Ones. Delighted to find another mathematical symbol clue (following on from last month's Factorial) in SUBTRACTION SIGN.

*Jim Fowler*

• I liked Len's variation of the AJ.

*Trish McPherson*

• This must have been interesting to compile!

*Mike Potts*

## September 5-2011: Cryptic by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

• Thanks Roy for a v. thought-provoking puzzle. Clue 33ac took ages to deduce that 'pools' were PLASHETS.

• As usual Praxis taught me a few words: EUPATRID, PLASHETS etc.

*Roy Taylor*

• I guess the only answer/clue I can't justify is 24dn – PRONGS I assume a PRONG can be a Vietnamese family, though I can't verify on the internet. (For = PRO + Ng a common name for Vietnamese families: JS).

*Graeme Cole*

• Liked ENTRAP and PRONGS, and PLASHETS goes in the must-remember box.

*Max Roddick*

• Loved it as usual Roy.

*Brian Tickle*

• I don't think it is any secret that I always enjoy Roy's puzzles and usually find at least one new word. This time it was EUPATRID, not that I can see myself using it at all frequently.

*Margaret Davis*

• A pleasure to solve.

*Peter Dearie*

• 6dn NEWEST was cleverly constructed.

*Nea Storey*

• I liked Praxis's ASSAIL in Slot 5. It was clever, funny and tied in with Crowsman's alliteration.

*Doug Butler*





**August 6-2011: Cryptic by *Whynot* (Tony Dobele)**

**Entries: 70. Correct: 64. Success Rate: 91%.**

**Prizewinner: Denis Coates. Congratulations!**

**Setter's comments:** ACC members are not only clever solvers, they're kind-hearted and generous with feedback and comments. My grateful thanks – it puts the icing on the setter's cake!  
—*Whynot* (Tony Dobele)

**Explanations: Across:** 1. jo = 'a beloved one'; 4. in (at home)+ ex (outside)+pert (impudent person); 10. charade-type clue; 11. also char; 12. dbl def; 13. pa(old man)+perch(high chair)+ain(own in Scots). I was taken to task by a member for using obscure dialect words so have promised never to use any again; 15. co-landers in the sense of co-travellers; 16. wake = watch/vigil us. lasting all night; 18. ANNU{a}L; 19. play on words; 21. char; 23. on**E** PICTURE; 26. def+cryptic def; 27. ette=suffix small; 28. DES+ROD+NE all rev; 29. char; **Down:** 1. GS = grammar school; 2. dbl def; ac=account/bill; 5. "def by example"+N(UMBER)S; 6. set+arc+on+ex all rev; 7. ex+art rev; 8. twee=sentimentally quaint; 9. last letters of the me**N** startin**G** + **AGE**; 14. anag; 15. CRABS+IDLE; 17. def+cryptic def; 19. anag; 20. def 'latest' TR(EN)DY; 22. {d} OWNED; 24. **CH**urch+**EER** (hom 'ear'); 25. **cONCE**aled;

**Solvers' Comments:**

• What a challenge to solve! At first I put XENOPHANES for the philosopher, later adjusted. Loved clues for ANKLE-BITER, CRAB-SIDLE, PAPER CHAIN, SNOWBALED & A BAD PATCH.  
*Alan Walter*

• Great workout. 4ac and 28ac are superb clues with exemplary surface reading combined with clever wordplay each worthy of COTM if only eligible.  
*Len Colgan*

• The first half of the puzzle filtered in fairly straightforwardly, the next quarter, difficult, but gettable, albeit with a strain of the grey matter. Last six clues in took me half the total solving time. Love it.  
*Raoul*

• Thanks Tony for a challenging cryptic & great clues. Especially liked ACHE, TRENDY & ENGAGE.  
*Brian Symons*

• Thank you for a challenging puzzle: not sure of a couple of answers, hopefully guessed right.  
*Joan Smith*

• Thanks for the puzzle. I particularly enjoyed 3dn & 20dn. I have one concern. In 25dn, "concealed" appears to be doing double duty as both the indicator and the container of the hidden word. If that's the case I don't think that's quite fair. (*I guess it is doing double duty but I'm not sure it's unfair – unlike e.g. an anagind that also forms part of the anagram! TD*)  
*Jenny Wenham*

• Thank you for this crossword. It was set at a level that most members could work out. Loved ANKLE-BITER and SNOWBALED. I had A BAD PATCH trying to remember what we used to call a PAPER CHAIN as children.  
*Carole Noble*

• Thank you for your innovative slot 6. Almost every clue had great surface reading & there were many gems including 16ac AWAKE & 10ac NOW THEN.  
*Bev Cockburn*

• Thanks for an interesting and well constructed puzzle.  
*Jim Fowler*

• Thank you for a fun and challenging puzzle.  
*Robyn Caine*

• I really enjoyed it and am looking forward to more of your work. Thank you for sharing your talents with the club: it's really appreciated.  
*Roy Wilson*

• Many thanks for a challenging crossword. Took me quite a while to get into your rhythm. The top left hand corner was my *bete noir*. I laboured long and hard to find acceptable answers. I took ages to justify St Joan for 1ac. I never knew a sweetheart was a JO. Shows we're never too old to learn.  
*Trish McPherson*

• Thank you for the challenging crossword. 5dn is an excellent clue.  
*Nea Storey*

• A few curly ones there and not at all sure about 16ac. 1dn took some thought too.  
*Robyn Wimbush*

• This was a genuine Slot 6, with lots of difficult answers but all very fair. I particularly liked the 14dn anagram and the reading of 3dn and 7dn. Thank you for quite a few hours of entertainment.  
*Jean Barbour*

• A most challenging puzzle – thank you.  
*Andrew Miles*

• Thanks for a challenging but fair puzzle. I found I had to think not only in circles but backwards as well, but I got there in the end.  
*Kath Harper*

• Some of your clues were very devious! But that is part of the joy of crosswords, provided they are fair.  
*Margaret Davis*

• Almost gave up on this one. 8dn & 16ac took ages, unsure of 1ac & 2dn.  
*Anne Simons*

• Herewith your quite tricky slot 6. Enjoyed the very good clues.  
*Bob Hagan*

• Thanks for an interesting puzzle – I liked NUMBERS and NOWTHEN, and SPAN took quite a while to be apparent. I almost had AWAKE for 16ac, and just as I was about to send, I AWAKENED to a better answer.  
*Mike Potts*

• I enjoyed your puzzle but didn't find it easy.  
*Joan McGrath*

• This was an enjoyable well-clued puzzle.  
*Peter Dearie*

• Thanks for the challenge. A good puzzle; tough but no outlandish words and some cracking clues. My favorite was 25dn ONCE.  
*Doug Butler*

• Thanks for an enjoyable challenge – I particularly liked ANKLE BITER.  
*Jeremy Barnes*

• It was worth the effort.  
*Andrew Patterson*

• Much work must have been done in compiling this puzzle. I liked the back to front XENOCRATES and the anagram tribal knee-bend for ANKLE\_BITER. Not overly difficult for a slot 6. Well done!  
*Tony DeGrys.*

**Word of the Day by Kel Richards, 2004**

**Mollycoddle:** Today the word **mollycoddle** is used as a verb to mean 'to treat with indulgent care; to pamper'. However, **mollycoddle** appears to have begun its life as a noun meaning 'an effeminate man'. So any noticeably effeminate, weak or cowardly man or boy could (in the 19th century) have been labelled 'a mollycoddle'. It seems to have grown out of an earlier English regional dialect word mollycot, which meant 'a man who performs a woman's domestic duties'. This word, in turn, came from two others: cotquean (with much the same meaning – it was like calling a man 'an old woman' and molly, which was a nickname for 'Mary' (and was also used more widely to mean a girl, a lass, a wench or, occasionally, a prostitute). Put together, those elements produced our word mollycoddle, which has slowly changed its meaning from 'effeminate' to 'pampered'.

**Oxymoron:** An **oxymoron** is not an idiot from Oxford (except, perhaps, in a PG Wodehouse novel), but an expression that appears (literally, on the surface) to be a self-contradiction. Examples would be: 'hasten slowly', 'thunderous silence', 'a cheerful optimist', 'harmonious discord' and the like. Some people have suggested that an even better example is an expression such as 'military intelligence'. Oxymoron comes from two Greek roots and means (literally) 'pointedly foolish'. It comes from *oxu* ('sharp') and *moros* ('dull, stupid, foolish'). On the whole, oxymoron should probably be avoided. *Fowler* says that in conversation people can be inclined to say that they are 'terribly pleased', failing to notice the absurdity in the expression.



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