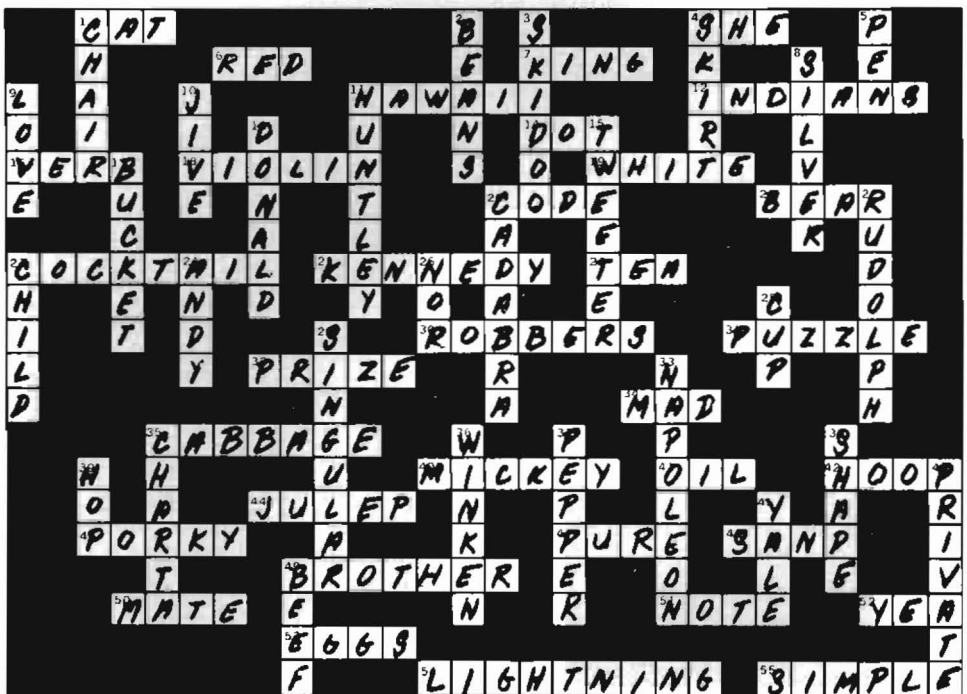


Answers and Solutions

Solution to "Word Association Crossword Puzzle" (page 68)



Solution to "Acrostic Poems in Bloom" (page 82)

In the February, 1926, issue of *Enigma*, the official organ of The National Puzzlers' League, there appeared a beautiful anagram, signed only with the pseudonym: Dreamer.

THE DAWNING
NIGHT WANED

The solution to Mr. Shedlofsky's elegant poetic riddle is to be found in the tenth letter of each line which, when read from top to bottom, spell the first part of the anagram—The Dawning.

WORD WAYS

Answers to "People-ized Bird Words" (page 79)

The western meadowlark, a bird with many melodious songs, sings "Upsy teedily dog," "Red, white, heliotrope" and "It's going to rain today" to one of its commoner tunes. It sings "Spring is here, come hack birdies" to another, and "Hello there, T.W." to a third.

Robins advise every new generation of bird-listeners to "Cheer up, cheer! Spring is here!" They also are said to forecast the weather: "Up CHEER! Up CHEER!" with a rising inflection foretells sunny skies; "GOOD Lord, GOOD Lord" moaned in falling tones says rain is on the way.

To some people, guinea fowls say "Bucket of wheat, bucket of wheat." To a listening carpenter the words were "Monkey wrench, monkey wrench."

The peacock calls "Help! Help! Help!"

Starlings, insolent but musical: "Oh, pull 'er ear. Oh, pull 'er ear."

Song sparrow: "Press, press, honey-honey-honey Sweet! Sweet! Sweet!"

Nighthawk: "Peent, Peent."

Redwind blackbird: "Oak a ree-ee, oak a lle-ee."

Hunters often hear "Look out, look out, look out!" when stalking game, but seldom see the bird that gives the warning. A western hunter, however, has identified it as the raven, which he describes as "the smartest bird of all."

(Editor's question: Who can identify the poem which contains the lines: "Bobolink, Bobolink, spink spank spink"?)

Solution to "Find the Phyla" (page 116)

- PHYLUM 1: protozoa
- PHYLUM 2: mesozoa
- PHYLUM 3: porifera
- PHYLUM 4: cnidaria
- PHYLUM 5: ctenophora
- PHYLUM 6: platyhelminthes
- PHYLUM 7: nemertina
- PHYLUM 8: acanthocephala
- PHYLUM 9: aschelminthes
- PHYLUM 10: entoprocta
- PHYLUM 11: phoronida
- PHYLUM 12: ectoprocta
- PHYLUM 13: brachiopoda
- PHYLUM 14: mollusca
- PHYLUM 15: sipunculida
- PHYLUM 16: annelida
- PHYLUM 17: arthropoda
- PHYLUM 18: echinodermata
- PHYLUM 19: chaetognatha
- PHYLUM 20: hemichordata
- PHYLUM 21: chordata

Answers to "Kickshaws" (pages 118-123)

Anagrams: banalities, polyester, straighten, episcopal

Animal Adjectives: leaving the adjectives in alphabetical order, the correct sequence of animals is: deer, snake, goat, gull, otter, weasel, sheep, squirrel, seal, and civet cat. (If you associated "otter" with the family term "musteline," rather than the more specific sub-family term "lutrine," give yourself full credit.)

Matched Homonyms: meat, meet DEAR, DEER and team, teem READ, REED.

A Subtle Code: Encoding each abbreviation consists simply in substituting the terminal letter of each word for the initial. Thus LBJ is encoded NSN.

Minipuzzles:

F	L	O	P
R	I	P	E
A	V	E	R
P	E	N	T

M	A	R
E	G	O
L	E	T

S	O
I	F

Minicryptogram: Join the Navy.