

# ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

**Playing The Numbers Game** Al Greengold, Richard Lederer (Nov 1994)

1. E (one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight) 2. Four
3. Thousand 4. 20: nine, nineteen, twenty-nine, thirty-nine, forty-nine, fifty-nine, sixty-nine, seventy-nine, eighty-nine, ninety, ninety-one, ninety-two, ninety-three, ninety-four, ninety-five, ninety-six, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine (that's two) 5. Ten 6. Nine, ten, eleven 7. Number (pronounced with the B sounded and unsounded) 8. L (eleven, twelve)
9. Eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two 10. sEvEnty-thrEE and sEvEnty-sEvEn 11. V and X are the next two Roman numerals in alphabetic order 12. Two-to-too, four-for-fore, eight-ate-ait (an island) 13. one-fourth (one-quarter) 14. Demi-hemi-semi 15. Pi 16. The number of letters in each word corresponds to the sequence of pi 3.14159265 17. Forty 18. One
19. F-our, S-even, T-en 20. On-e, fort-y 21. Two + eleven = one + twelve 22. One (eon) 23. Infinite-simal 24. Minus-cule
25. A dozen, a gross, and a score / Plus three times the square root of four / Divided by seven / Plus five times eleven / Is nine squared, and not a bit more 26. Two to second, twenty to twentieth 27. Fifth and seventh 28. First 29. Eighth
30. Eight-h

**Dr. Pangloss's Puzzle** Nyr Indictor

ARMENIAN mean rain, BURMESE mere sub, CANTONESE cannot see, DANISH shad in, ESPERANTO ape tenors, FLEMISH he films, GERMAN manger, HOTTENTOT not the tot, ITALIAN tail in a, JAPANESE jane's ape, KOREAN one ark, LATIN a lint, MANCHU munch a, NORWEGIAN wagon rein, OSTYAK to yaks, PORTUGUESE o pure guest, QUICHE quiche, ROMANY no army, SWEDISH ed's wish, THAI hit a, UGARITIC i cut a rig, VENEDIC evinced, WENDISH new dish, XHOSA has ox, YORUBA bar you, ZAPOTEC pet a coz

ALBANIA i a banal, BOTSWANA want boas, CHINA chain, DENMARK dark men, ENGLAND and glen, FLORENCE corn flee, GUATEMALA mauil agate, HUNGARY gray hun, ISRAEL is real, JORDAN jo darn, KAMPUCHEA up ham cake, LAOS also, MALI mail, NEPAL plane, OMAHA o a ham, PERU pure, QUITO quit o, RWANDA and raw, SPAIN pains, TURKEY rut key, UNITED STATES unstated ties, VIET NAM vet am in, WARSAW saw war, XI'AN ax in, YEMEN men ye, ZEELAND zen deal

**Kickshaws** David Morice

**Over Sea, Under Land** As the title tells you, you should oversee Wonderland. The poem "means" a list of characters from the two Alice books by Lewis Carroll: Alice, White Rabbit, Jabberwock, Mad Hatter, March Hare, Carpenter, Cheshire Cat, Mock Turtle,

Duchess, Caterpillar, Walrus, Red Queen, Humpty Dumpty, Alice, Dormouse. And here's what the two means mean--that the end justifies the means.

**I Can't Believe It's Playtex** The letter R. It looks like an A, but it's bigger at the top, and it looks like a B, but it's not perfect at the bottom. Placed between B and A, it helps to spell BRA. One more full-sentence title: T.C.B.Y., the national chain of yogurt shops, is an acronym for This Can't Be Yogurt. To which I reply, "S.W.I.I.T." (So, What Is It Then?)

**T.G.I.F. And Other Weekronyms** Sure Happy It's Thursday; Piss On Everything - Tomorrow's Saturday; Monday Again? Damn!

**The Proper Name In The Proper Use** Leonard R. N. Ashley

1. George 2. Peter, Paul 3. Haines 4. Alice 5. December, May 6. Patsy 7. Pollyanna 8. Skid Row 9. Annie Oakley 10. Dan O'Leary 11. Dora 12. Pat, Mike 13. William 14. Richard 15. Nellie 16. Hart, Shaffner, Marx 17. Ed 18. Peter Funk 19. Stavin Chain 20. Zelda 21. O. Henry 22. Elmer 23. Charlie 24. Benjamin 25. Mae West

**BALANCED DREAMS** Susan Thorpe

The two-word balanced phrases are: shopworn brie, unsloped stalls, streetwise hero, loquacious Marx Bros., white Volta, last spring, a Vermont, SU of A's, busy Montevideo.