An Easy (?) Crossword Puzzle

Some of you may have felt that the crossword puzzle offered in the first issue of WORD WAYS was unreasonably difficult. Accordingly, we are presenting a substantially easier puzzle in this issue, both for the benefit of "novices" and as a breather, giving you a chance to rest up for the deviltry you are going to encounter in future issues of the Journal.

Our current puzzle looks most conventional. The diagram is the standard 15 x 15 size found in newspapers; the pattern of blacked-out squares exhibits perfect symmetry; the black squares represent slightly less than one sixth of the entire diagram; the definitions are entirely straightforward, and typically short; and all answer words are taken from Webster's New International Dictionary of the English Language, Second Edition, 1961 Printing.

Yet, the puzzle is no ordinary one, as you will discover when you start working on it. To give you an idea of what you are up against, someone skillful enough to solve the average newspaper puzzle in 15 minutes, without using any reference books, will need approximately 40 hours of intensive effort, aided by dictionaries and other reference material, to solve this puzzle completely.

If you can turn the trick in less than 40 hours, consider yourself a genius! The correct solution will be printed in our next issue.
The Crossword Diagram

**Horizontal Clues**

1. Harmonize  
6. Fabric  
12. Tables  
14. Indian  
15. Evil  
16. Glib  
18. Tribe  
19. Tree  
21. Suffer  
22. Slab  
24. Clog  
27. Pronoun

28. Dupe  
30. Plate  
31. Saviour  
32. Teacher  
34. Ruler  
35. Ruler  
36. Bible name  
38. Sufficient  
43. Fish  
47. Suffix  
48. Clip  
49. Fish  
51. Venice street  
52. Festival  
54. Hair over eyes  
55. Tree  
57. Laver  
59. Combining form  
60. Alphabet  
63. Ridicules  
65. Girl's name  
66. Color  
67. Liquor  
68. Disease

**Vertical Clues**

1. Ap  
2. Su  
3. Be  
4. Tu  
5. Wr  
6. Fil  
7. Ext  
8. Ins  
9. Mil  
10. Sho  
11. Dis  
12. Piec  
13. Orn  
17. Mak

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Vertical Clues

1. Apollo's home
2. Suffix
3. Beat for deer
4. Tumor
5. Wrangle
6. Exercise
7. Instrument
8. Millet
9. Show
10. Discomfort
11. Ornament
12. Piece of glass
13. Ornament
14. Make tracks
15. Ideal woman
16. Hook
17. Seat
18. Combining form
19. Wattle
20. Half-breed
21. Merchant
22. Subdivision
23. Garment
24. Potter
25. Hook
26. Seat
27. Combining form
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39. Merchant
40. Subdivision
41. Garment
42. Potter
43. Hook
44. Seat
45. Clan
46. Sugar
47. Tribesman
48. Killed for brotherly love
49. Bird
50. Tree
51. Tree
52. Slips
53. Trade
54. Trees
55. Rulers
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69. Rulers

Credit for constructing the foregoing crossword puzzle goes to Mr. Edward L. Lee of St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. Lee is one of America's outstanding puzzle constructors.

IMPROBABILITY ENFLESHED

The four letters of the alphabet least frequently employed in English are J, Q, X, and Z. It has always been a challenge to try finding a word that uses all four letters.

No genuine English dictionary word satisfying the stipulated requirement has yet been found. However, *The Times Atlas of the World* (1955) shows a town on the map of southwestern France, some distance south of Bordeaux, by the name of ARJUZANX. If we needed an adjective describing the style or manner characteristic of this town, that adjective would certainly be ARJUZANXESQUE, fulfilling the desired conditions.

ARJUZANXESQUE is truly a lovely word, and it should be brought into common usage. If Julie Andrews was able to popularize the jawbreaker SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOUCIOUS, then it must be equally possible to arrange for Elizabeth Taylor to scream at Richard Burton, at a crucial, emotion-packed moment in their next picture, "Charles! Don't be so ARJUZANXESQUE!" Presto! The word would be heard all over the country, even all over the world.

It seems almost as difficult to find a genuine J-Q-X-Z word in foreign languages, but we have succeeded in doing so. Maltese, the Semitic language of the Maltese people, an ancient dialect of Arabic and Italian elements, now written in Latin characters, is full of weird words. One of them is JITQAZZEX, meaning, "he does not mind; he does not feel any revulsion."

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