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 devilry 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
2. Fabric
3. Indian
4. Evil
5. Tribe
6. Glib
7. Trees
8. Tables
9. Evil
10. IS
11. Evil
12. Slab
13. Suf
14. Fabric
15. Teacher
16. Glib
17. Suffer
18. Tribe
19. Tree
20. Fabric
21. Suffer
22. Slab
23. Fish
24. Clog
25. Fish
26. Suffix
27. Pronoun
28. Dupe
29. Plate
30. Saviour
31. Teacher
32. Ruler
33. Teacher
34. Ruler
35. Laver
36. Bible name
37. Suf
38. Sufficient
39. Fish
40. Plate
41. Saviour
42. Teacher
43. Fish
44. Tree
45. Hair over eyes
46. Combining form
47. Suffix
48. Clip
49. Fish
50. Indian
51. Venice street
52. Festival
53. Hair over eyes
54. Tree
55. Tree
56. Bible name
57. Laver
58. Combining form
59. Suf
60. Alphabet
61. Combining form
62. Combining form
63. Ridicules
64. Alphabet
65. Girl's name
66. Color
67. Liquor
68. Disease

WORD WAYS

Vertice

1. Ap
2. Su
3. Be
4. Tu
5. Wi
6. Fel
7. Ext
8. Insu
9. Mil
10. Sho
11. Dis
12. Piec
13. Orn
14. Mak
15. J. Q. X
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61. J. Q. X
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65. J. Q. X
66. J. Q. X
67. J. Q. X
68. J. Q. X

The four letters J, Q, X, uses all the letters that make up the word 'ARJUZ.

No one has yet found a town on the map of the world that uses these letters.

It seems they have all over the world, but there is none in England, France, Germany, Italy, or Greece.

The Mall of America

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Vertical Clues

1. Apollo’s home
2. Suffix
3. Beat for deer
4. Tumor
5. Wrangle
6. Fish
7. Exercise
8. Instrument
9. Millet
10. Show
11. Discomfort
12. Piece of glass
13. Ornament
17. Make tracks
20. Ideal woman
23. Hook
25. Indian
26. Seat
29. Combining form
31. Wattle
35. Half-breed
37. Subdivision
41. Potter
42. Sprinkles
44. Song
45. Clan
46. Sugar
49. Tribesman
52. Killed for brotherly love
55. Bird
56. Tree
58. Slips
61. Trade
62. Tree
61. 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 SUPER-CALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS, 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 JITQJA-ZZiZEK, meaning, “he does not mind; he does not feel any revulsion.”

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