Have we switched from linguistics to biology? No, not at all; we have merely taken a fanciful view of the irregularly shaped crossword puzzle diagram that follows.

The author of the crossword puzzle being presented at this point is Dr. Jean C. Sabine, of Belmont, California. Dr. Sabine has devised a puzzle noteworthy in several respects:

1. Many of the definitions supplied appeal to the intellectual, drawn as they are from the realms of literature, science, and foreign languages;

2. The shape of the diagram, instead of being an orthodox square or rectangle, is irregular, somewhat resembling an amoeba with pseudopodia projecting in various directions;

3. The pattern is diagramless, thereby providing the would-be solver with a greater challenge, as well as eliminating the funereal appearance of the ordinary crossword that is scarred with blacked-out squares.

The definitions follow, for you to savor. The correct solution will be published in our next issue. As far as dictionary authorities are concerned, variety is the keynote. You have been warned. . . .

WORD WAYS
Amoeba

I have merely drawn as they are projected in or rectangle, a unit of resistance, in electricity. A victorious letter. serpentine letter. To immerse briefly. Prefix denoting "upon" or "following." Structure on prow, through which sail stays are passed. French abbreviation for "nitrogen." "Et ___" (an obsolescent bibliographic abbreviation). "___ uate" (a verb). Death (legal term in Spanish).

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18. Designating convergence of lines of equal magnetic force (shortened, as in professional jargon).
20. Road or street (Latin).
23. The 33rd State admitted to the Union.
26. A tropical fish not usually breeding in captivity.
29. Form of the verb "to be.
31. Suffix denoting sugar.
32. "... and all ___ red I'd killed the bird" (Coleridge).
35. Personal pronoun, first person.
37. Terrifying vehicles.
41. Reddened, as of skin (medical term).
45. Message from Highway Patrol or Scotland Yard (live words).
47. A gradual change in the zero reading of an instrument.
48. "... ___ ___ spume" (Masefield).
50. Discontinuity (Spanish, from a Latin word used unchanged in English).
51. Neither, nor (French).
52. Deposited ore with intent to defraud.
54. The part of an anchor between the crown and the fluke.
55. A hand implement for threshing grain.
58. An acid destroyed in the body except by humans and Dalmatian coach hounds.
60. English measure of length (plural).
63. Members of an illustrious Indian family.
66. To place out of or protect from contact.
68. An erstwhile dictator.
69. Scottish (of a secret fraternal organization).
72. A short sentence, akin to "Let me alone!" (more than one word).
74. Scottish (a form of which the word "enzyme" is derived).
76. To render brilliant or gay.
80. A commonplace for a ragout.
82. Enzyme (of a type of chemical process).
84. French (of a type of chemical process).
86. Micro-organism from the Greek name of which the word "enzyme" is derived.
87. A type of chemical process.
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**The Amorphous Amoeba**

WORD WAYS
104. Another preposition.
105. Stupid and usually loquacious.
106. Singular of "108 Vertical."
107. A function of Pooh-Bah (Gilbert and Sullivan).
108. A mixture of gases.
109. Stupid and usually loquacious.
110. Animal of the Family Cervidae.
111. Pronoun, second person.
112. An abbreviation for English equivalent of "chemin de fer."
113. A bovine castrated early in a short life.
114. A duct, in anatomy.
115. One that failed to detonate.
116. Broke faith by revealing or designating.
117. A choral musical composition.
118. With "to": employed an unaccustomed or desperate measure.
119. A man's nickname.
120. A foot, in Latin.

Vertical Clues

1. Four stars.
2. Pronoun, third person.
3. Preposition (Latin, French, Spanish).
5. To accommodate or to compel.
6. Pronoun, first person.
7. Cinnamon, in German.
8. To encourage or incite.
10. A kind of mallet (see "62 Horizontal").
11. A kind of engine.
12. Descriptive of good garden soil.
13. Descriptive of good garden soil.
15. An aperture for listening.
17. One of the higher alcohols.
18. Tumult or fury, in German.
19. A period of historic time.
20. To possess legally.
40. Two Scandinavians (three words).
42. A large, domestic, female bird.
43. In spectroscopy, ___ as opposed to absorption.
44. Liquid lipid.
46. Reduplicated and hyphenated: admonition signifying "hands off!"
48. ___WRAP, a commercial product.
53. Any of several large districts into which Japan was formerly divided.
56. A preposition in English, but an adverb in Latin.
59. Interrogatory exclamation.
61. ___Lippo Lippi (ca. 1406-1469).
62. Suspended so as to swing freely.
65. A feminine proper name.
66. An episode of impaired health.
67. Tries to outdo.
69. In histology, a dye beloved of certain granules.
71. The opposite of "24 Vertical."
73. A nobleman, an academic degree, or "purchased" (abbreviation).
74. "Man of____."
78. Pronoun, first person.
79. On the move while plying one's trade.
82. In comparative anatomy, the pterygoid bone of a bird.
85. A planet.
88. Secured by money deposited or guaranteed.
92. ___den Linden.
94. Snicker___,
96. Pronoun, third person.
98. A snake, or a fur piece.
99. Shortest of declarative sentences (a contraction).
100. Gold, in French.
102. That is: abbreviated Latin.
103. A shade of brilliant, saturated green.
104. A cow has four of these.
105. A man of ____.
107. Form of address based on an academic degree, abbreviated.
108. Egyptian sun god.
110. Affirmative.
112. Combining form designating "ear."
114. Of coals, of a river, of flowers, of oysters.
116. Same as "56 Vertical."
118. Archaic definite article.
120. A personage wielding a blue pencil, abbreviated.
122. In regard to, also used with "in."

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Note that ord disconnected words are not reordered. The relative column, however, is sequenced, and the related section is alphabetical. This is in case of multiple possibilities, an interesting academic focus, or if the word is a shade of another word, possibly, a twist.