The Amorphous Amoeba

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
The Crossword Diagram

Horizontal Clues

1. A victorious letter.
2. A serpentine letter.
3. To immerse briefly.
4. A unit of resistance, in electricity.
5. Prefix denoting "upon" or "following.
6. Structure on prow, through which sails are passed.
7. French abbreviation for "nitrogen.
8. "Et ___" (an obsolete bibliographic abbreviation).
9. "___ ulata" (a verb).

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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. Political party advocating racism, force, and totalitarian government.
36. Greek goddess of the dawn.
38. A hand implement for threshing grain.
41. Reddened, as of skin (medical term).
43. Message from Highway Patrol or Scotland Yard (live words).
45. A gradual change in the zero reading of an instrument.
48. "... ______ spume" (Masefield).
49. Mme. de Stael ______ Necker.
50. Discontinuity (Spanish, from a Latin word used unchanged in English).
51. Neither, nor (French).
54. The part of an anchor between the crown and the fluke.
57. Chooses.
61. Adverb, obsolete except in a phrase containing "and."
63. Members of an illustrious Indian family.
66. To render brilliant or gay.
68. English measure of length (plural).
70. An acid destroyed in the body except by humans and Dalmatian coach hounds.
72. Indefinite adjective, pronoun, or adverb.
73. Heroine of "The Rape of the Lock."
75. Adjective, pronoun, adverb, or conjunction.
76. A 16th-century spelling of "skull."
77. Daughter of Oceanus, when she was a young girl (two words).
80. Micro-organism from the Greek name of which the word "enzyme" is derived.
82. Later surname of Vladimir Ilich Ulyanov.
85. River causing vast damage to art and literary treasures in 1966.
88. An erstwhile dictator.
90. Abbreviation indicating a Holy Scripture.
91. Preposition.
93. Scottish ______ (of a secret fraternal organization).
95. A type of hull construction.
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101. Preposition.
103. Common name for a ragout.
104. Another preposition.
105. Stupid and usually loquacious.
106. Singular of "108 Vertical."
109. A function of Pooh-Bah (Gilbert and Sullivan).
110. A mixture of gases.
112. A bovine castrated early in a short life.
113. Animal of the Family Cervidae.
114. Pronoun, second person.
115. Abbreviation for English equivalent of "chemin de fer."
116. Ambarry; also, the familiar appellation of the father in the play "John Ferguson."
117. A duct, in anatomy.
118. One that failed to detonate.
119. A choral musical composition.
120. To encourage or incite.
121. To accommodate or to compel.
122. Runs in the same direction without converging upon.
123. An egg before formation of polar bodies (a German term in embryology).
124. Linking, especially of species, in biology.
125. Combining form denoting "bird."
126. With "to"; employed an unaccustomed or desperate measure.
129. A kind of mallet (see "62 Horizontal").
130. Descriptive of good garden soil.
131. A square scarf.
132. Famous palace and gardens.
133. An aperture for listening.
134. Stars, in Latin.
135. Tumult or fury, in German.
136. Cinnamon, in German.
137. A foot, in Latin.
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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).
65. A feminine proper name.
66. An episode of impaired health.
67. Tries to oust.
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____.", documentary movie of strenuous, primitive life.
75. Pronoun, first person.
76. On the move while plying one's trade.
78. In comparative anatomy, the pterygoid bone of a bird.
84. Desist.
85. A planet.
86. Secured by money deposited or guaranteed.
88. _______den Linden.
91. Snicker____, property of the protagonist of "109 Horizontal."
92. Preposition of Anglo-Saxon origin.
93. A frog.
94. Pronoun, third person.
96. A snake, or a fur piece.
99. Shortest of declarative sentences (a contraction).
102. Gold, in French.
104. That is: abbreviated Latin.
106. A shade of brilliant, saturated green.
108. A cow has four of these.
110. Form of address based on an academic degree, abbreviated.
112. Egyptian sun god.
115. Affirmative.
116. Combining form designating "ear."
122. Of coals, of a river, of flowers, of oysters.
123. Same as "56 Vertical."
124. Archaic definite article.
125. A personage wielding a blue pencil, abbreviated.
127. Any shade of any color.
129. In regard to, also used with "in."

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