Answers and Solutions (Previous Issues)

Solution to A BIBLE CROSSWORD in Previous Issue

NOTES: The name NAPHISH, at "Q 10 Down," may also be spelled NEPHISH. The name NAHATH, at "K 18 Across," can be replaced by KOHATH, TAHATH, JAHATH, or MAHATH—all are names of Levites.)

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Solution to THE AMORPHOUS AMOEBA in Previous Issue

Solution to ANIMALS IN DISARRAY Quiz in Previous Issue

1. Oorang OR Nagor
2. Serval
3. Onager
4. Raccoon
5. Poodle
6. Nechega
7. Polecat OR Pacolet
8. Pointer
9. Terrier
10. Lioness
11. Echidna
12. Tarsier
13. Spaniel
14. Samoyed
15. Guepard
16. Tamarin
17. Manatee
18. Cumber
19. Man tiger
20. Snow bear
21. Elephant
22. Antelope
23. Wanderoo
24. Cart horse
25. Porcupine rat

(NEW: The NCHEGA IS an anthropoid ape closely related to, or possibly even a variety of, the chimpanzee. The name is also spelled NSCHIEGO, a word that we could have transposed into ECHOINGS, had we felt really vicious.)

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Answers to “Super-Quiz No. 4” (page 200)

The two correctly matched definitions are #10 and #21. Here is the complete word list, alphabetized and properly defined:

1. BICYCLE. A literal translation, a “pony.”
2. BOVINITY. Dullness, possession of the characteristics of oxen or cows.
3. CALABASH. Related by ties of affection rather than blood (a Hawaiian term).
4. COFFEEHOUSE. To make aimless conversation.
5. CUP. A usually iced beverage resembling punch, served from a pitcher.
6. DEBRIDEMENT. Surgical removal of lacerated or contaminated tissue.
7. FOGEATER. The full moon when rising in a fog.
8. GEMS. A small, goatlike antelope, the chamois.
9. HALF. Whole, crux, significant part.
10. HORSE. Large or coarse of its kind, as corn.
11. IRON. One forty-eighth of an inch (a unit used in measuring the thickness of shoe soles).
12. KETTLEDRUM. An informal party at which light refreshments are usually served.
(Comment now, you didn’t really believe that we’d define the word as a kind of drum, did you?)
13. LUNARIA. The honesty or satinpod, a kind of herb.
15. PURPLE. Great wealth or exalted station.
16. SCURVISH. An evening primrose, Oenothera biennis.
17. SHARPIE. A shallow-draft boat, long and rather narrow, with one or two masts.
18. SKOOKUM. An evil spirit, originally among the Chinooks.
19. SONGISH. The language of the Salishan people of Vancouver Island and San Juan Island.
20. STUPRUM. In civil law, illicit intercourse contrary to morality.
21. TEA. A grayish yellow green lighter than Surrey green. (Tea is sometimes, not usually, served iced—you know that!).
22. TEMPEST. A fashionable reception or assembly, a “rout.”
23. THERE. An indefinite substitute for a name ("Hi, there!").
24. TICKING. “Telegraphic ticking is virtually a pure example of referential symbolism.”—Edward Sapir.
25. TUMBLER. A drum for treating hides used in making leather.

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Answers to "The National Philosophy Test—IV" (page 208)

All genuine examples of Aristotle's writing are from The Basic Works of Aristotle, Random House, New York, 1941.

1. Utter nonsense
2. METAPHYSICA, 1057b; lines 5-6
3. POLITICA, 1252a; lines 32-35
4. HISTORIA ANIMALIUM, 608b; lines 7-14
5. Unadulterated nonsense
6. DE ANIMA, 423b; lines 33-35; and 424a; lines 1-2
7. METAPHYSICA, 1009a; lines 16-17
8. Unabashed nonsense
9. Unqualified nonsense
10. METAPHYSICA, 1011b; lines 18-20
11. ANALYTICA POSTERIORA, 99b; lines 9-14
12. METAPHYSICA, 1032a; lines 5-6
13. Ultimate nonsense
15. DE PARTIBUS ANIMALIUM, 639b; lines 10-15
16. ETHICA NICOMACHEA, 1178b; lines 22-24
17. ETHICA NICOMACHEA, 1154b; lines 26-28
18. Unbelievable nonsense
19. METAPHYSICA, 1063a; lines 13-17
20. ETHICA NICOMACHEA, 1153b; lines 7-9
21. Unsurpassed nonsense
22. POLITICA, 1252a; lines 32-35

Solution to "Word Chess With a Vengeance" (page 236)

1. BEMOCK 29. ENTRY 56. LIRATE 84. SMOCK
2. BESOM 30. ESTRAL 57. MEANT 85. SOCKET
3. BESTAR 31. FILAR 58. MEATY 86. SOCMEN
4. BESTIAL 32. FIRST 59. MENALD 87. STAIR
5. BESTIARY 33. FIRST MEN 60. MENTA 88. STAIRY
6. BESTIR 34. FRAIL 61. MENTAL 89. STAND
7. CENTRAL 35. FRANK 62. METAL 90. STANK
8. CENTRAD 36. FRAITE 63. METRA 91. STARRY
9. CENTRAL 37. FRIGATE 64. METRIA 92. STARY
10. CENTRIFUGAL 38. FUGAL 65. METRIAL 93. STEAD
11. CESTRA 39. GANTRY 66. MOCKEST 94. STEAL
12. CHOSE 40. GIANT 67. NATES 95. STRAND
13. CHOSEN 41. GIANTRY 68. NESTY 96. STRIA
14. COMEST 42. GLAIR 69. OCEAN 97. STRIAL
15. COMET 43. GLAIRE 70. OMENTA 98. STRIG
16. COMETARY 44. GLAND 71. OMENTAL 99. STYRIAN
17. COPSE 45. GLARY 72. OSTEA 100. TEARY
18. COSEN 46. GUILD 73. OSTEND 101. TEMPO
Solution to “Crisscross Words” (page 241)

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Answers to “What’s In a Name?” (page 242)


Answer to “Computerized Poetry” (page 243)

The name of the versifying computer suggested by Mrs. Pachter is ELEANOR LEANDER. Did you devise a better name?

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Solution to “Extract the Quotation!” (page 244)

“Words are the most powerful drug used by mankind.”—(Kipling).

Answers to “Words Within Words” (page 245)


Answers to “The Word Watchers’ Test” (page 245)

1. ASPIRATE. Start at the beginning and lop off one letter at a time as you go along; you will always remain with a complete word: SPINATE, PIRATE, IRATE, RATE, RATE, TE, E.
2. BILLOWY. The letters of this word are arranged in alphabetical order.
3. BOATHOUSE. You can divide the word into three 3-letter words unrelated to the original word either in meaning or in pronunciation: BOA, THO, USE.
4. BOOKKEEPER. This word features three consecutive pairs of like letters (OO, KK, EE).
5. BRIGHT-FACED. An 11-letter word including the first 9 letters of the alphabet.
6. CHOCOLATE. Write it twice, as follows: CHOCOLATE CHOCOLATE
   HOT COCOA is, of course, a synonym for CHOCOLATE.
7. COMMEMORATIVE. The consonants of this word are arranged in alphabetical order.
8. DEIFIED. A palindrome, reading the same backward as forward.
9. FACETIOUSLY. Includes all six of our vowels, arranged alphabetically.
10. HORSESHOER. The last five letters duplicate the first five letters, but in a different order.
11. IDEALITY. A short word pronounced in five syllables.
12. NOWHERE. Can be divided into two words reversing its meaning: NOW HERE! Also, if you replace each letter with that letter one half the alphabet away, you convert NOWHERE into ABJURER.
13. PASTERN. Start at the end and lop off one letter at a time as you go along; you will always remain with a complete word: PASTERN, PASTER, PASTE, PAST, PAS, PA, P.
14. REPAIRS. You can rearrange the 7 letters of this word to spell at least 7 other words: ASPRER, PAIRERS, PARRES, PRAISER, RAPIERS, RASPIER, and SPARIER (more sparing).
15. RIDICULOUS. Delete one “I” and rearrange the remaining letters into LUDICROUS; both words mean “absurd.”
16. SATAN. The symbol of evil; move the last letter into the middle of the first four and you have SANTA, the symbol of good.
17. SEQUOIA. A short word using all 5 vowels (A, E, I, O, U).
18. STARTLINGS. Cancel one of the inside letters of this word, always leaving a complete word, until only the first and last letters remain: STARTINGS, STARINGS, STRINGS, STINGS, SINGS, SINS, SIS, SS.
19. STRENGTHS. One of the longest words employing only 1 vowel.
20. STRESSED. Read it backwards, and you have DESSERTS.
21. SWEETHEART. Consonants and vowels alternate; but in pairs.
22. UNCOPYRIGHTABLE. One of the longest words in which no individual letter is used more than once.
23. UNITED. The word means "joined." Switch the two middle letters, and you have UNTIED, meaning "separated.”
24. UNORIENTAL. The five vowels A, E, I, O, U appear in reverse-alphabetical order in this comparatively short word.
25. USHERS. A word containing five common pronouns: US, SHE, HE, HER, HERS.

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