

A NEW CHARADE CROSSWORD

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*Editor's Note: In the August 1970 and August 1971 **Word Ways**, Ernst Theimer introduced the charade crossword to readers. The first two paragraphs below, explaining the nature of this puzzle, are repeated from the 1971 article.*

Of all crossword puzzles, I find the charade crossword the most enjoyable. In this type of crossword, the clues do not directly define the word to be found. The word is buried as a charade in a sentence; for example, the word **outing** is contained in the seventh, eighth and ninth words of the sentence "It costs money to keep a runabout in gas, every young man soon learns." If this sentence were presented as the clue, the solution would be relatively simple. Instead, the word is removed from the sentence, and a new clue sentence (or set of sentences) is formed using the remaining letters in the same order: for example, "It costs money to keep a run, a base very young man soon learns (6)." The integer at the end of the sentence indicates the number of letters removed. The reader now has the much more challenging task of deducing the word from its absence instead of its presence. The more normal-sounding the new sentence, the more difficult the solution.

Proper construction requires that the word to be determined by the reader must fit inside a word of the clue, not between two words. Also, it is desirable that the word be a true charade in the original sentence, that is, tied at each end. Thus, the **out** of **outing** becomes a part of the word **runabout**, and the **g** becomes a part of **gas**. Naturally, these requirements add to the difficulty of construction.

In the puzzle presented below, all but ten of the entries are alluded to in the cleared sentences. The five horizontal and five vertical entries where this is not the case begin with the consonants of **CENTRAL** and **PROFITS**, respectively.

Among the entries, there is one trademark, one medical prefix, one Latin plural, and two other less-than-common words. 3 Across, a two-word phrase, is not in Webster as such.

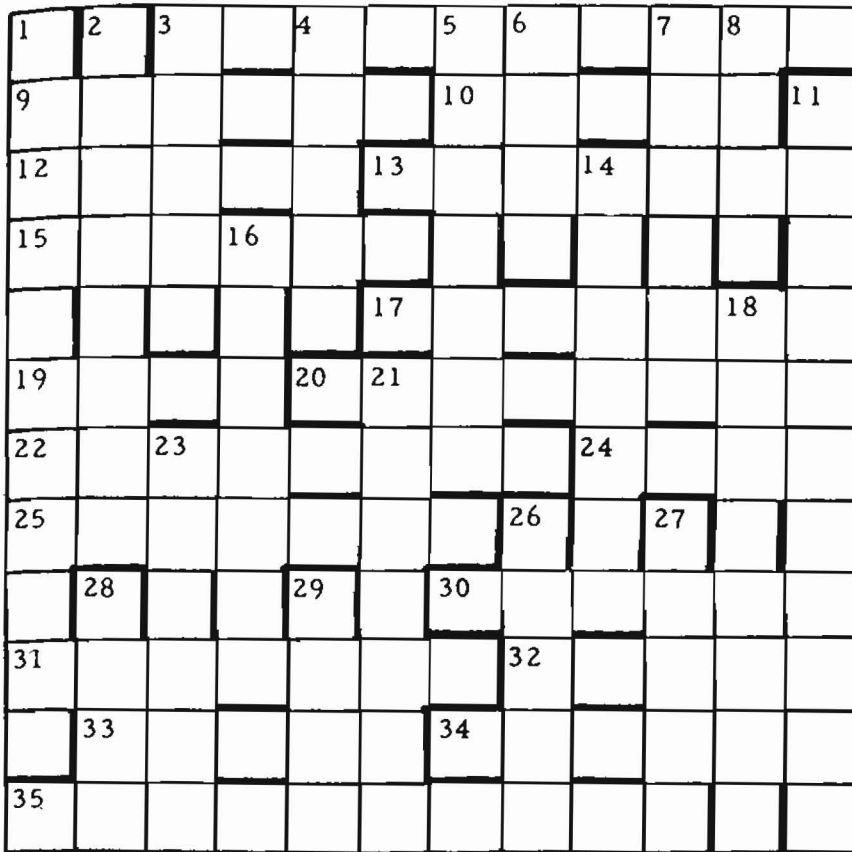
The answer to the puzzle given below can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

ACROSS

3. Admirers of Americana might consider it unpatriotic to despise orders (4,6)
9. "For Mary, these cinchona pills," suggested the ranch foreman (6)
10. In mythology, there was excessive use of pipe and reed in a fat recital (5)
12. Believe me, shiny screws are expensive, buy nails, are cheap (5)
13. The cog to pull off will include becoming president of a Greek letter fraternity (7)
15. The prosecution win case- all evidence- oft he shot without difficulty (6)
17. In the palace were ornate footstools, belike Michelangelo carvings (7)
19. I would not choose to bear his every pain; fully aware of my lack of grace, I would be depressed (4)
20. "That's a fan cycling," agreed the dean, noting the expensive cars of the new students (8)
22. "My ma mails her dedication to the Nurse's Guild," shouted her son proudly (8)
24. To open a classic wine, one might make a nick do in place of a corkscrew (4)
25. My farm equipment salesman who tried illegally to get met, hear absconders were apprehended (7)
30. The smoke from the cellist spills, even others in the Basque octet on edge (6)
31. The reason I fell into the cult? Dizzy! (7)
32. She wears a silk dress that is blue, but hat of purple hue (5)
33. While the toreador rides against the bull, the arena stores his cape effectively (5)
34. According to experts, the beers top others already on the pin (6)
35. Missed cues will ordinarily display with amateur actors (10)

DOWN

1. Some travelers don't haggle, but on the other hand if tourists to the islands wish tops, oft a hit, I will be happy to oblige (11)
2. When we decided to keel over, of sheep the vet was cautiously optimistic (8)
3. The whippet ma deaf. Asian wolfhound looks low (5)
4. The numbers player, hearing there was as yet none winner, had a nightcap and retired (5)
5. I assume the model dresses for pictures and leaves the studio (7)
6. Although the speaker handled his topic tiresomely, amid the audience was a wake (4)
7. Even mashed toast - ill - was meat too tough to chew (6)



8. Some popes prefer butter, but our Ely is a good substitute (4)
11. The captain secured his pad, went ashore, and took the freeway to Los Angeles (11)
14. The ailing sonar expert said that test hat may hold monsters. Can be investigated. He would delay his trials (7)
16. True to the reporter's code, never were marks, even if actionable, made off the record (7)
18. Miners who have wasted a lion extra rely on social security (8)
21. One lumberman pays his workers daily, another pays his by the week (7)
23. The co-ed met her cousins and took the many shopping for nylons (8)
26. Plague take it, that tent is leaning too much, so you must tighten the roll more (5)
27. Now that I have rented the garment, it led to its use for the dance (5)
28. The chemist grew small sick crystals in his ice-bath (4)
29. Our kicker is good, but their punt - even higher and longer (4)