

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

N-Ciphered Texts Donald E. Knuth

1. To illustrate my point I had meanwhile drawn a picture of a crocodile, and explained to Stalin with the help of this picture how it was our intention to attack the soft belly of the crocodile as we attacked his hard snout. And Stalin, whose interest was now at high pitch, said: "May God prosper this undertaking." —Winston S. Churchill

2. Like all other arts, the Science of Deduction and Analysis is one which can only be acquired by long and patient study, nor is life long enough to allow any mortal to attain the highest possible perfection in it.

—Sherlock Holmes

3. I most emphatically, in this instance, made a fool of myself. I have now come to the conclusion never again to think of marrying, and for this reason—I can never be satisfied with any one who would be blockhead enough to have me.

—Abraham Lincoln

4. Said an ape as he swung by his tail
To his children, both female and male,
"From your offspring, my dears,
In a couple of years,
May evolve a professor at Yale!"

5. Said a calendar model named Gloria,
"So the men can enjoy real euphoria,
You pose as you are
During Jan., Feb., and Mar.,
Then in Apr. they want to see moria!"

6. A man hired by John Smith and Co.
Once loudly declared that he'd tho.
Of the men that he saw
Dumping dirt near his store.
The drivers, therefore, didn't do.

7. **Game:** 1. Amusement, fun, sport. 2. A diversion of the nature of a contest, played according to rules, and decided by superior skill, strength, or good fortune. 3. Wild animals or birds such as are pursued, caught or killed in the chase. —Oxford Universal Dictionary

KICKSHAWS Edward R. Wolpow

Special Categories Quiz: 1. face 2. fill 3. four 4. fall 5. free
6. fine 7. frog 8. fork 9. feed 10. flap

Overlap Word Chain:

P A S|T E R N E|S T O N E|R I T E S
P A S T|E R N E S T O|N E R I|T E S
P A S T E R|N E S T|O N E R|I T E S
P A S T E R N|E S|T O N|E R I T E S

Quiz: The 1987 Boston Metro Yellow Pages. Boston Home Medical Inc is the first listing under ABDOMINAL SUPPORTS, and Wellesley Fix It Shop is the last entry under ZIPPER - REPAIRING.

X-Verbs: xanthate, x-irradiate, x-radiate, x-ray

1 HEAR AMERICA TALKING: NOW SLANG Leonard R. N. Ashley

1. nervous or anxious 2. askew or slanticular 3. inferior hospital for the unwanted (terminally) ill 4. truck transporting automobiles
5. Double Income No Kids: yuppie with discretionary income
6. options or perks holding one to one's job 7. astronaut's seat
8. injected drug 9. continual complaint or kvetch 10. vomit into the toilet bowl
11. pantomining jogging in place as exercise
12. stupid or naive 13. retrial or pardon 14. overemotional actress or her film vehicle
15. high on drugs 16. shortchanging (as a cashier)
17. any mucky substance or nasty stuff 18. raw recruit
19. People Like Us: our social set 20. very beginning or Square One
21. study of women 22. reduction in force (involuntary layoffs)
23. environmentalist 24. opportunity 25. difficulty
26. steal 27. take the Fifth Amendment to avoid self-incrimination
28. black person 29. twisted with anger 30. Black Upwardly Mobile Person

WRITING ON THE WALL Walter Shedlofsky

"An instinct for word play, Mr. Stanton. The acrostic formed by the first letters of each line gave me the category. The phrase 'task Herculean' could refer only to that great fictional detective, Hercule Poirot. The other vertical acrostic and the anagram formed by the last three words of the verse verified my deduction."

Stanton closed the book. There on the dust cover he read: "Curtain by Agatha Christie."