ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

MAMA, ME SHEMIGHVINIANEBIA   by Harry Partridge

Common Adjectives 1e, 2a, 3d, 4c. 5f, 6b
Times 1b, 2c, 3e, 4f, 5d, 6a
Names of Immediate Kin 1d, 2a, 3e. 4f, 5c, 6b
Simple Verbs 1e, 2d, 3b, 4f, 5a, 6c
Long Words 1b, 2f, 3a, 4e, 5d, 6c
Words Certainly and Possibly Related to English Words 1c, 2f, 3a,
   4e, 5b, 6d

The infamous speaker is Joseph Stalin, born Djugashvili, Dzhugash-
vili, or Jugashvili, i.e.. son of Juga (a family name; Stalin's
patronymic was Vissarionovich).

The language is Georgian, spoken in the country of Georgia in
the Caucasus, for centuries an independent kingdom, taken over
by Russia at the turn of the nineteenth century, and independent
again briefly from May 26, 1918 till February 11, 1921 when it
was forced to become the Georgian SSR of the USSR.

AUTHOR! AUTHOR! AUTHOR!   by Richard Lederer

1. Edgar Poe 2. Katherine Porter 3. Edwin Robinson 4. Thomas Mac-
aulay 5. Elizabeth Browning 6. Harriet Stowe 7. George Shaw 8.
Clare Luce 9. William Yeats 10. Percy Shelley 11. William Williams
12. Joel Harris 13. Clement Moore 14. Arthur Doyle 15. John Ransome
16. Henry Thoreau 17. William Howells 18. James Cooper 19. Dante
Rossetti 20. John Whittier 21. Laura Wilder 22. Marjorie Rawlings
23. Paul Dunbar 24. Ernest Thayer 25. Edgar Masters 26. Robert
Stevenson 27. William Thackeray 28. Gerard Hopkins 29. Louisa
Alcott 30. John Synge 31. Zora Hurston 32. Sarah Jewett 33. Finlay
Dunne 34. Edgar Burroughs 35. James Lowell 36. Edna Millay 37.
Walter Landor 38. Samuel Coleridge 39. Stephen Benet 40. Henry
Longfellow 41. Ralph Emerson 42. Julia Howe 43. Oliver Holmes 44.
James Riley 45. Arthur Pinero

KICKSHAWS   by David Morice

Time Travel Lovers   Joe is Bill's father and son, and Bill is Joe's
father and son. Furthermore, Joe is his own grandfather, and
Bill is his own grandfather. It's relativity!

Country Talk   "Oh, man, can you lick ten stein? Molly, can he
sweeten   malt dives? You going to sing or pour malt, a can of
the grease? Send a gal, then mark Sue, Dan," our gent in a chil-
ly bar bade us. Gab on! I'll jeer you, I'll ban you. Did you
make a sale on tobacco? Cut our fee, gee, louse. He gypped Britt,
and 1 ran. 1 rack you! Wait! "More rock, oh! Pal, a stein our
way. Yeah, men! Serious pain is real." Nay, pal's got land, saw

the air, a bee, a pole, and can you see air alone? Vic tore you, tans a knee, a toe. Go! Half gone is tan. Fran's going to rush you.

Foreign Correspondence The first sentence is composed of the names of Hebrew letters, and the second, Arabic – according to Elsevier's University Desk Encyclopedia.

Greco-American Graffitti Fraternity boys are called frat rats, as many people know. Sorority girls, however, suffer the more derogatory term sore whores, from the first two syllables of soror-ity. I've only heard that term used by female non-sorority students.

Mixellaneous Quiz 1. The Jefferson nickel, because of the word MONTICELLO, has fifteen words; all the others have 14. 2. Saturn, Uranus, and Venus are the hot planets, since each contains the word SUN hidden among its letters; Saturn is the hottest, with both SUN and STAR. 3. Megadecaphobia = MEGA (big) + DECA (ten) + PHOBIA (fear), means "fear of the Big Ten." 4. SIN (Voice 1 robbed a bank), SIN (Voice 2 robbed a bank), and NATTY (Voice 2 was well-dressed). Thus, CINCINNATI was the scene of the robbery, but the bigger crime was the triple-pun answer.

Mystery Monickers a-1, b-3, c-1, d-2, e-1, f-3, g-3, h-1, i-1, j-2, k-1, l-2, m-3, n-2, o-2, p-1, q-3, r-2, s-3, t-3, u-1, v-2, w-1, x-2, y-3, z-1

Priming the Alphabet (1) The vowels in English have odd-numbered positional values, A=1, E=5, I=9, O=15, U=21, Y=25. The six vowel-less alphabets are formed from even-numbered series (Prime-Plus-Odd) which would never produce an odd number to convert to a vowel no matter how far the prime progression was extended. (2) The thirteen odd-numbered series (Prime and all Prime-Plus-Even) produce vowels because vowels occupy odd-numbered positions. Seven of the even-numbered series (Prime-Plus-Odd) have a vowel, but only in the first position, because the first prime number is 2. Adding certain odd numbers (3, 7, 13, 19, 23, 25) to 2 produces the initial vowels. (3) Fourteen letters. Although only 13 appear in the first 26 primes, the 27th prime (103) converts to a 14th letter. After that, the 13 different letters produced from the 2nd to the 27th prime repeat randomly ad infinitum, and the letter from the first prime is never seen again.

Panning for Bigrams – Can You Do It? Since bigrams are two-letter pairs, there are 26 x 26 of them, or 676, with a total of 1352 letters. By overlapping every single bigram, the lowest panbigrammatic paragraph would have 677 letters (676 plus 1, because the first and last letters cannot overlap with each other to form one of the bigrams. (Examples of such "paragraphs" for two-, three- and four-letter alphabets are AABBA, AABCCACBBA, and DBAABCDDA-CBBDCCAD.)

BRIT WIT: A SLANG QUIZ by Leonard R. N. Ashley

1. tailor's term for a badly-made buttonhole 2. it's snowing 3. convoluted mess of highway interchanges 4. lock someone out 5.

day off from work (when a wife says "Honey, do this" and "Honey, do that" around the house) 6. coastal captain allegedly navigating by sound of local dogs barking ashore 7. flight of English to Eire in late 1940s to avoid heavy taxation 8. tobacco made from butts picked up in the street 9. very skinny 10. open lorry 11. crazy (from disinfectant Harpic's advertisement that it can "clean round the bend") 12. get her pregnant 13. treacle on rice pudding 14. sports car that can "pick up bits of fluff (that is, girls)" 15. Victorian fiction about women who went sexually astray 16. 1 don't care if 1 go blind (from masturbating) 17. demure 18. odd-looking person (compared to a piece of meat shown in a butcher's window) 19. the answer is not affirmative (or bad news) 20. thief of silver plate 21. kiss my behind 22. very campy (effeminate) 23. pert answer to "Do you have the time?" 24. mythical birds more responsible for babies than storks are 25. bribery ("crossing the palm with silver")

CROSS OF UNDERSTANDING   by Walter Shedlofsky

The dictionary contains a peculiar irony. Not only is "confessor" (middle acrostic of cross) defined as "one who confesses," but also "a priest who hears confessions".