

## MYSTERY MAMMALS

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A form of wordplay antedating the start of the twentieth century, but still alive and well, is that of hidden or buried words. The following sentence, taken from page 31 of the June 1972 issue of the British magazine Games & Puzzles, illustrates the technique:

The greenhorn sheriff ran celebrities out of town

A careful examination of the third, fourth and fifth words in the sentence discloses the fact that they include the name of a country: France.

It is time to escalate the pace of nineteenth-century puzzling. Presented below are three sentences in which the names of twenty-two different mammals have been concealed - at least seven in each sentence. Some mammal names are spelled out in reverse order in the sentences. Be warned that the letters spelling out one animal may also be used to spell out another; that is, overlap is possible.

1. The lumberjack always took a pink glass from the cupboard
2. Ungodly rumors emanate each day a poker game falls apart
3. Did the embattled Catholic infantryman kneel and pray to God?

Explanations can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.