

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

THE HAM GRAM Hamilton V. Huster

Across 1. sarg 5. sleb 9. puree 10. wires 12. erect 13. emote
 14. lene 15. gander 16. transit 18. elf 19. tires 21. mna
 24. streams 28. eighth 30. dram 31. scree 32. eagle 33. shear
 34. stole 35. eels 36. Sens
Down 1. surer 2. arena 3. recent 4. get 5. sweater 6. limn
 7. erode 8. betel 9. pelt 11. serf 15. girth 17. sisters
 20. sedate 21. mess 22. niche 23. agree 25. argon 26. malls
 27. smee 29. heal 32. ess

KICKSHAWS David L. Silverman

Pictorial Quiz (Types and Parts): Quiz I (Types) A. elephant
 B. hatchet C. inflorescence D. lure E. note F. rivet G. roof
 H. root I. samara J. scissors K. screw L. trowel
 Quiz II (Parts) A. anchor B. clam C. file D. fly (as in fishing)
 E. harness F. jet engine G. plow H. shoe I. supercharger
 J. tick K. tire L. type

Alphabetic Eleusis: 1. the n consonants that follow the nth vowel
 2. consisting entirely of straight lines 3. script capitals can be
 formed with one continuous stroke 4. names don't rhyme with those
 of other letters 5. completely asymmetric letters 6. name begins
 with consonant 7. letters contain curved portions (cf. 2) 8. Russian
 look-alikes 9. wholly or partly enclosed 10. single letter abbrevia-
 tion of chemical element

Three-Way Connections: X ray (n. electromagnetic radiation of ex-
 tremely short wave-length), X-ray (v. to photograph with X rays),
 Xray (a communications code word for the letter X).

A Problem of Relations: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Sat-
 urn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto (you). Variant creation legends
 make Venus either the daughter of Jupiter and Dione or of Uranus and
 the Sea-Foam. If there is, indeed, a planet inside the orbit of Mer-
 cury, it would bear the traditional name Vulcan. If, as has been
 claimed, there is another planet outside Pluto's orbit, the names
 Vesta and Ceres have both been proposed for it (although this would
 introduce some ambiguity, for these names have already been given
 to two of the largest asteroids).

Miscellany: locus classicus

No-Go Logos: 1. Anchor Hocking 2. Baskin-Robbins 3. J. C. Penney 4. International Rectifier

Curious Couplings: What Walter Penney did for Latin and Solomon Golomb for Danish in prior issues of this journal, Ralph Beaman has done for French. Each of the twenty words is French and when translated back into English, word by word, these ten combinations emerge: garlic bread, short hand, soiled oven, corner tooth, gold country, sand tower, your thing, leap year, field goal, bear cat. What is the longest coherent English sentence you can concoct, each word of which is a French word? You may neglect diacritics.

UNUSUAL, OBSCURE AND PREPOSTEROUS Ralph G. Beaman

1. acomia, atrichia, calvities 2. abacinate, chionablepsia, exoculate
3. hirr, recheat, staboy 4. meacock, nithing, quakerbuttock
5. accubation, cenacle, deipnosophist 6. fescennine, immund, moll
7. khamsin, shamal, simoom 8. ariolation, jadu, mantology
9. firkin, jerrican, kilderkin 10. nide, paddling, sord
11. catamite, ingle, pathic 12. pornerastic, rammish, ruttish
13. eric, manbote, wergild 14. ait, eyot, holm
15. barbaralalia, popoloco, xenoepist 16. cairn, scopelism, scree
17. anhidrotic, desudation, ischidrosis 18. appanage, baksheesh, bonamano
19. mijnheer, mirza, rab 20. bletonism, phreatic, swallet
21. fud, mortling, mungo