

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

VENERABLE VENERY Richard E. Douglass

1. a sleuth of bears 2. a murder of crows 3. a skulk of foxes 4. a leap of leopards 5. a building (or clamor) of rooks 6. a fesnyng of ferrets 7. a charm of goldfinches 8. an exultation of larks 9. a congregation of plovers 10. a troop of kangaroos 11. a school of fish 12. a parliament of owls 13. a peep of chickens 14. an ostentation of peacocks 15. a shrewdness of apes

1. a rash of poison ivy 2. a mountain of Mohamets 3. a gob of sailors 4. a culture of biologists 5. a shock of electricians 6. a pride of authorship 7. a collection of numismatists 8. a slew of Goliaths 9. a babble of tongues 10. a pile of uranium 11. a ream of pipe-cleaners 12. a slug of worms 13. a crush of oranges 14. a parcel of posts 15. a raft of lifeboats

CLIPPITY CLOP Richard Lederer

bell-hopper, violoncello, escheat, culpable prit, curiosity, All Hallow Even, hobbyhorse, lunatic, maiden, percolate or perquisite, per centum, promenade, public house, radio telegraphy, scramble, hurry-scurry, sister, specifications or spectacles, esquire, Conestoga (Pa.)

KICKSHAWS Howard W. Bergerson

Pangrammatic Word Ladders: WORD, woad, goad, glad, clad, clay, flay, flax, flan, plan, pean, jean, mean, meal, veal, heal, heat, beat, seat, skat, skit, suit, quit, QUIZ

WORD, ford, fond, find, mind, minx, jinx, jink, link, lank, yank, bank, bane, vane, cane, pane, pang, pung, hung, hunt, sunt, suit, quit, QUIZ

WORD, wond, yond, fond, find, fink, jink, gink, mink, minx, mint, hint, lint, lent, bent, vent, cent, sent, spat, spit, suit, quit, QUIZ

A MYTH GOOD FOR A MILE L. R. N. Ashley

1. Halcyon 2. Lamia 3. Titan 4. Hermetic (from Hermes Trismegistis) 5. Tantalize (from Tantalus) 6. Chimera 7. Satyriasis 8. Ech 9. Ganymede 10. Hebe 11. Narcissism (after Narcissus) 12. Hermaphrodite (Hermes + Aphrodite) 13. Gorgon 14. Triton 15. Harpy 16. Nemesis 17. Hyacinth (from Hyacinthus) 18. Cerberus 19. Medusa 20. Tantalus (again) 21. Atlas (shown holding up the globe on early atlases) 22. Plutocrat (after Pluto) 23. Ocean (after Oceanus) 24. Amazon 25. Nectar 26. Hydrant (after Hydra) 27. Chronometer

(after Cronus, also spelled Kronos) 28. Hector, from a character in Homer 29. Mentor (also from Homer, from the work that gave us Odyssey = trip)