SIDÉ-O-GRAPHS

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In each of the eight puzzles presented below, each line contains three definitions. Find a word satisfying the first definition; drop a letter and rearrange the other letters to form a word satisfying the second definition; drop a letter from this word and rearrange the other letters to form a word satisfying the third definition. Place the first dropped letter in the parentheses at the left end of the line, and the second dropped letter in the parentheses at the right end of the line. For example, the first definition may suggest TROUGH, the second definition may suggest OUGHT, and the third definition, GOUT; the first dropped letter is R and the second one, H. When you have correctly solved all the lines in a puzzle, the dropped letters on the left and right will spell related words reading downward.

Puzzle 1

( ) instructor; make; upright
( ) far from late; depend; kind of bread
( ) walker through water; precious; a color
( ) agree; bird homes; X's
( ) German emperor; garden tools; burn
( ) likely; tag; ringer

Puzzle 2

( ) ruler divisions; be bright; female fowls
( ) body of water; walking stick; high card
( ) squandered; appointments; afternoon socials
( ) bird; metal; not either
( ) residence; necklace piece; social bud
( ) almost; absorb knowledge; true
( ) pendent ornament; writing board; duck

Puzzle 3

( ) be imminent; overalls material; coin
( ) musical play; peel; knock
( ) theater platform; entrance; devour
( ) buccaneer; candle-lighter; saucy
( ) sink to the bottom; kind of iron; other
( ) light fire; bit of color; well-bred man
( ) vitality; always; before
satisfy; temporary decline; open-handed blow

Puzzle 4

struggle; musical instruments; hard fat
ventures a thought; long-billed bird; rotate
decline; liberates; wise man
be present at; put up a stake; girl's name
bodily condition; turning machine; story
infant's garment; made known; to be carried
give; observed; show great love for
pulverized stuff; narcotizer; skin opening

Puzzle 5

Aesop-like story; tree part; man's nickname
goat; of Peruvian Indians; child of Eve
pad of paper; sheep's cry; large bundle
lower arm part; mix; neuter pronoun
fixes on a stake; specimen; lighting devices
stand; beneath; impolite
rock thrower; put away; remainder
not consumed; sand hills; dispatch
nuns; withstand; attempts

Puzzle 6

boat rower; landed estates; standards
of weddings; flexible; braid
a domestic; inn; large black bird
fliers; make bad; liquid refuse
sermonize; very inexpensive; pain
fragrance; wander; limb
kind of nut; man's name; suffering sound
mirror reflection; pastime; Margaret
castle trenches; greatest; man's name

Puzzle 7

blow up with air; involve; shore indentation
adulterated; first; bog
to discipline; is not; metal
crushing device; steel beam; funeral song
tree product; matted grass; animal covering
male title; send; casing
more saintly; lubricator; render turbid
Spanish Mrs.; bay-colored horses; fly upward
opposite of debit; a moment; man's name

Puzzle 8

pass, like time; repose; pare
CRYPTOGRAMS FOR BEGINNERS

Boris Randolph's new book, "Cryptofun", was published by Aegean Park Press in 1981 for $4.95. Aimed at the cryptographic tyro, this 110-page softcover book contains 101 monoalphabetic substitution ciphers with word divisions preserved, the same kind that are published in newspapers. At the start, one cryptogram is worked out step-by-step using letter-frequency and probable-word arguments. Nearly half the cryptograms are famous quotations; the others are useful hints, tricks, jokes and even recipes! Solutions to all cryptograms are given at the end of the book.

LAST CALL FOR ASU HUMOR CONFERENCE

On April 1-3, 1982, the Arizona Humanities Council and The Western Humor and Irony Membership (WHIM) are jointly sponsoring a conference on linguistic humor ("The Language of Humor and the Humor of Language") at Arizona State University in Tempe. An extensive program of approximately 200 half-hour talks on a variety of themes (American literature; language play and education; theoretical linguistics; pop culture and Western humor; film and entertainment; men, women and humor; applied linguistics; British literature; foreign languages; philosophy, psychology and science) has been assembled. Individual sessions are free and open to the public, but those wishing to attend the entire conference, including two luncheon presentations, should send $15 to the ASU Conference Services, Tempe AZ 85287.