

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

MYSTERIOUS PRECOGNITIONS Martin Gardner

IN THE BEGINNING The word is "God".

NATION, ANIMAL, FRUIT The five words are Denmark, elephant, gray, kangaroo, and orange.

IN PRAISE OF RED The word is "red".

A GENESIS TEST The word in Genesis is "and".

WHAT'S THE WORD? The word you spell is "cage".

THE SIX GLASSES The penny is in the middle glass of the three remaining glasses.

IN PRAISE OF BLUE The word is "blue".

NINE-CARD SPELL The reversed card is fifth from the top.

TWINKLE TWINKLE The count ends on "you".

ELF EYRIE Jan Anderson

- (1) Boustrophedonia (Carroll wrote Jabberwocky backwards, too).
- (2) Each paragraph uses one number: 1, 9, 8, and 4.
- (3) Every sentence rhymes.
- (4) The beginning letters of sentences run through the alphabet.

BANANAGRAMS 2 Edmund Conti

You're listening to Beethoven when someone is paged.
Are you calm? Or like me? Angered. Enraged.

Of bad times in life, I've had a myriad.
But old age has got to be my dopier period.

Spike Lee says to do the right thing.
But as for me, I'll do the night thing.

He loved the movie and he won't stop raving.
I think more negativism would be timesaving.

Seahorses? How stupid! Don't be a fool.
For water polo all you need is a pool.

Downhill skiing? Remember, please,
To steer clear of any trees.

Now that groping's out, forsooth!
Just make sure your touch is couth.

I'm not a prude or as pure as Heidi.
But I find frontal nudity quite untidy.

My poems have been stolen. My speculation?
I'm a victim of unpoetical peculation.

Someone took my purple cow.
I have to wonder who and how.

THE DENTIST (ETH STINTED) William Webster

"Dennis Hurst, Dentist" read the small sign outside the room. "Slogan:
no pain, no gain. Gum disease, plates, dentures."

Those words were not endearing. Rose read mags, not too keen with
being there.

The aide came, smiling. "The doc is ready."

"I'm not," Rose replied.

"Just relax."

(She could mentally review Scrabble words; three letters.)

Doc Hurst grinned, seeing the lithesome brunet.

"The lowers are sound--no dentures, yet. Open wider, please. Ah!
Let's recap the second molar," he appraised.

"Right now?" Rose said, harboring fears.

"Sure!" he smiled.

"Does it hurt much?"

"Naw" was the casual statement.

He medicated the spot. No complaint.

The procedure done, he said, "It wasn't so bad?"

Rose was silent at first. Gesturing, she replied "Expecting the worst,
it was really OK."

ALPHAMETISH CABELL Mike Keith

573 + 18930 + 6 + 286344 = 305853

20 + 794608 + 56 + 14326 = 809010

86 + 689 + 25 + 39913 = 40713

47 + 856 + 49216 + 73 = 50192

8597 + 432 + 94856 + 432 = 104317

36 + 45 + 94706 + 8369 + 20 = 103176

25218 + 714 + 598164 + 360598 = 984694

32 + 95082 + 46 + 647 + 8778 + 46 + 647 = 105278

42 + 607 + 9448 + 41 + 42 + 607 = 10787

6528 + 73 + 497823 = 504424

8967141 + 240 + 67141 + 93 + 67141 = 9101756

4231770 + 4720094 + 6271 + 8965 = 8967100

4082471 + 239 + 2153530 = 6236240

47353 + 81 + 6 + 45860 + 268509 = 361809

12 + 674 + 9324 + 508 + 32 + 674 + 8452 + 497042 = 516718

130 + 9724 + 130 + 1790 + 80998 + 724 + 80998 + 724 = 175218

486 + 198327 + 5483 = 204296

285915 + 215 + 8985 + 706 + 8985 + 31 + 2748 = 307585

41 + 74927 + 60857 + 367 = 136192

539032 + 74738 + 76 = 613846

213 + 255780 + 6465 + 299613 = 562071

LOGOZOLOGY Richard Lederer

The hidden animals are leopard, bison, stag, deer, pig, lion and otter.