

DUMB-BRAN-DUMB

NAMESAKE

"Oh, postman! Have you got a letter for Mike Howe?"
 "Who?" snapped the postman.
 "Mike Howe," said Mike.
 "No, I haven't got a letter for your cow or anybody else's cow."

Pair them off

CAN you find eight four-letter words to fit the following clues, then pair them off to make four eight-letter words?

- Chief sway
- leases utter musical notes
- rubbish heap pretend
- pigs kinds of leather

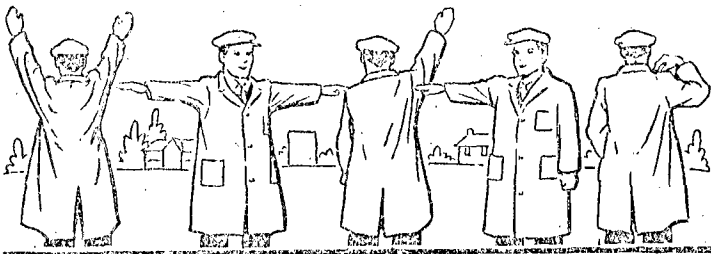
Answer next week

Lasting qualities

"The way to make your shoes last, is this," said Cobbler Hurst: "Simply start to fashion both the heels and uppers first."

WHAT DO THESE UMPIRE'S SIGNALS MEAN?

Answer next week



BEDTIME CORNER

Billy gets the number—and a surprise

As it happened, Billy and Paul were both going away to the country for the weekend.

"Jolly good chance to get some train numbers," said Paul. "I bet I get more than you."

"We'll see," said Billy.

When Billy and his family arrived at the train terminus they found that their train was already in and that they had ten minutes to spare before it left.

So, after finding seats, Billy jumped out of the compartment to get the number of the locomotive. He couldn't let a chance like this slip by.

He was just writing down the number when the driver looked out.

"Well, another train spotter," he said. "I suppose you also want me to sign by the number?"

Billy's eyes gleamed. Even if Paul did get more numbers he would not have a driver's signature.

"Yes, please," he said, handing up his book.

At that moment a boy appeared on the footplate by the driver.

"Do you want my signature, too?" said Paul.

Ready for the Land of Dreams

I AM so tired!
 I've been quite busy,
 And done such a lot today.
 I fed my rabbit,
 And shopped for mother,
 Then many hours I played.
 I've had my bath,
 And said my prayers;
 Now I'm snugly tucked in bed
 Ready to go,
 To the Land of Dreams
 With my darling, cuddly Ted.
 But down in the lane
 A yappy dog
 Is barking at the moon;
 And noisy men,
 And an omnibus,
 And a wireless voice acroon
 Are making me start from the
 edge of sleep,
 While the wind, with a restless
 moan,
 Is rattling at the window latch,



And I'm very much alone!
 But hush! 'Tis quiet—
 I'll cover my ears
 And curl up warm with Ted,
 And fly away to the Land of
 Dreams,
 In my aeroplane—my bed!

PYRAMID PUZZLE

Can you build a pyramid of words with answers to the clues below? After the first, each line contains the same letters as the line before, though not necessarily in the same order, and each new line has one new letter added.

- A B —
- Not direct electric current
- Best in the pack
- Anxiety
- Contests of speed
- Consecrated
- Wrinkled
- Diminish
- To violate something sacred

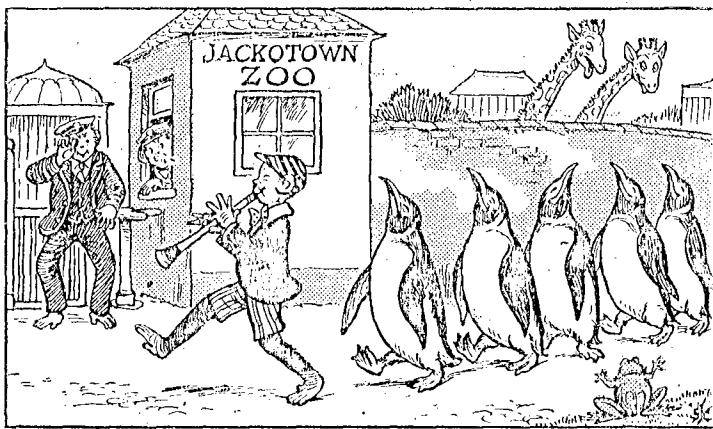
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Swan Song

SAID three happy swans on the lake:

"We do hope there has been no mistake.
 For most days we are fed,
 On small bits of stale bread,
 But today we've had large lumps of cake."

JACKO PIPES THE PENGUINS HOME



Jacko heard that the Town Zoo's penguins had escaped, so he went in search of them. Soon he came into sight playing a pipe—with the penguins marching along behind him. "It was easy," said Jacko afterwards. "I think they were hungry. I just played 'Come to the Cookhouse Door, Boys,' and they followed me!"

Answer next week

Touch and go

To say that something is "touch and go" means that there is only the narrowest margin between success and failure.

The idiom has a nautical origin and was first found in Latimer's "Sermons."

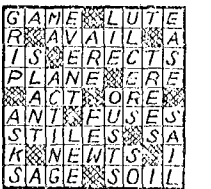
It referred to the course of a ship in troubled waters, where a ship might touch a rock and yet be able to proceed undamaged.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Pyramid puzzle
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 TAR
 RATE
 EARTH
 HEATER
 WEATHER
 WREATHED

Animal puzzle
 Rat—carat, rattle, irate
 pirate, narrate, grate.

Puzzle in verse
 Car(p), (r)low, junk(er),
 S(cilly).



What . . .

. . . coat is put on wet and has no buttons?
 . . . used for mos y

Figure fun

By adding the figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and the same figures reversed you would think you would get a great muddle of figures. But if you write them down like this:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

and add them up correctly, you will get this result:

1, 111, 111, 110

SPOT THE . . .

KINGFISHER as he sits on a favourite perch over pond or stream. The stumpy body, long bill, and brilliant plumage make identification simple. On the back, the colouring is a bright, metallic blue turning to green around the head. The underparts are reddish-chestnut, with white patches about the neck.



A deep hole in a stream's bank provides the nesting site. In here five or six glossy white eggs are laid on an assortment of fish bones.

THREE-IN-ONE

- THE language of the Scottish Highlands
- Urban district of Hertfordshire at the junction of the rivers Chess and Colne
- Capital of Canada
- Type of aircraft or a shooting star
- London street known as centre of Government
- International language
- Shrub with tiny clusters of fragrant flowers
- Chief town of the Shetlands

To find the answers to these clues link three of the letter-groups below. Write the answers in a list and you will find that their first and last letters spell the names of two wild flowers.

ac all el era Esp Ga ic ick I Le Li
 mans Me nto or Ot Rick rw ta te
 teh wa Whi worth

Answer next week

In code

CAN you change these numbers into letters to make words which fit the following clues?

- 1.2.3.4.3.5.6. English coast town
- 2.3.4. Pallid
- 3.5.6. Period
- 1.3.5.6. Wise
- 1.2.3.4. Bird

Answer next week

Vole valse

SAID an animal lover named Rita:

"Did you ever see anything sweeter

Than two tiny voles,
 Popping out of their holes,
 And dancing with grace, the
 Voleta?"

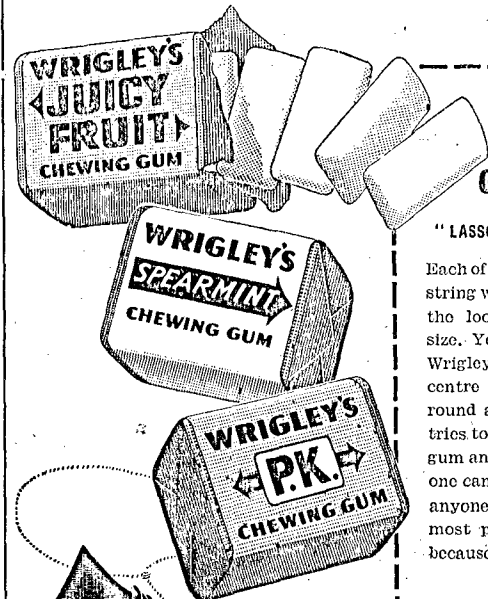
Freshen your Taste!

Enjoy Wrigley's lovely, delicious flavour

Chewing cools your mouth - refreshes you

Quenches your thirst

CLIP ME OUT!



WRIGLEY GAME No. 6

"LASSOING THE CHEWING GUM"

Each of you has a piece of thickish string with a loop at one end. All the loops should be the same size. You put several packets of Wrigley's chewing gum in the centre of a table. Then stand round at a fixed distance. Each tries to lasso a packet of chewing gum and draw it off the table. No one can lean forward or obstruct anyone else. The one who gets the most packets is the lucky one because he gets most of the gum!



Chew

WRIGLEY'S

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