

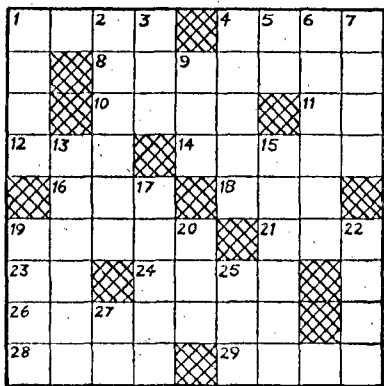
PUZZLE PARADE

Crossword puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Cats and dogs, perhaps. 4 Suik. 8 Re-proved. 10 Way out. 11 For example. 12 Beverage. 14 Probe. 16 Air Training Corps. 18 Female rabbit. 19 Boon. 21 Urban District Council. 23 Pronoun. 24 Deceased. 26 Bulwark. 28 Makes a mistake. 29 Greek name for Cupid.

READING DOWN. 1 Portion. 2 Special entertainments. 3 Ladies are sometimes called the fair. 4 Muffled. 5 All right! 6 Irritated. 7 Rim. 9 Direct. 13 Spring festival. 15 Noisier. 17 Yields. 19 French for help. 20 A number. 22 Felines. 25 The top card. 27 Father.

Answer next week.



PICK THESE FLOWERS

FLOWERS noted for their scent, And lovely to the eye. Suggest a place where rogues were put In distant days gone by.

FIND THE TREES

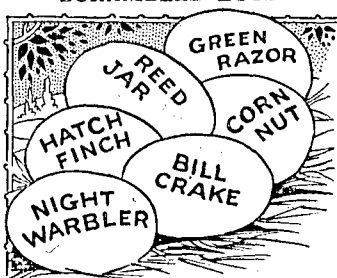
Take two consecutive letters from the words in each line to form the name of a familiar tree.

BUSY: candle, remove, forest. Church, peaches, partner, shout. Tomato, magnet, golliwog, foliage. Amulet, album, father, ferry.

ALL IS LOST

Who lost her slipper? Who lost her sheep? Who lost her pocket? Who lost his hat, wig, and cloak? Who lost their mittens?

SCRAMBLED EGGS



THE names on the eggs appear to have become jumbled. When you have sorted them out, name the bird which is very different from the others.

CATCH QUESTION

WHAT has four legs but only one foot?

AT THE CIRCUS

All the missing words in the story below are made from one or more of the letters PRIMET.

"How lucky am!" said Jim. It was his birthday and, wearing a new shirt, with a smart given him by his sister, he was taken to the circus by his parents. They sat in an upper and had a splendid view. Later, Jim's father got a for them to go behind the scenes. He congratulated the manager on a fine show and said that seemed to him to an even bigger audience.

MIXED DANCES

In the list below six dances and the countries with which they are associated have become rather mixed. Can you sort them out?

- Jig—Poland.
- Mazurka—Italy.
- Bolero—Scotland.
- Czardas—Spain.
- Tarantella—Ireland.
- Reel—Hungary.

JACKO AND CHIMP GET A FRIGHT



It had been so warm and sunny that Jacko and Chimp decided on a camping weekend in the country. They had just settled down for the night when there came strange noises from outside their tent. "Oh, dear! What's that?" cried Jacko, as he sat up in a fright. "What a fearful noise," quaked Chimp. "Must be goblins or something." They grew even more frightened as the flap of their tent began to move—and then three calves poked in their heads! "Phew!" exclaimed Jacko. Then he grinned. "What cow-ards we are."

JUST A FEW WORDS

1. C. To abscond is to hide or get out of the way, especially to escape the processes of the law. (From Latin *abs*, from or away, and *condere*, to hide.)
2. B. Rudimentary means in a rough or undeveloped state. (From Latin *rudis*, rough, unformed.)
3. A. Intermittently means not continuous; stopping at intervals. (From Latin *inter*, middle, to put asunder, to leave a gap.)
4. A. Scrutiny is close, careful examination; a searching look. (From Latin *scrutari*, to search—even the rubbish—*scruta*, rags, trash.)
5. C. To verify is to confirm or prove to be true. (From Latin *verificare*.)
6. C. Inadvertent means unintentional. (From *in-*, not, *ad*, to, and *vertere*, to turn.)

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Complete the flowers. London Pride; Canterbury Bell; French Marigold; Californian Poppy; Japanese Anemone; Siberian Wall-flower.

Changed-word square. S T A R R; P O L E; A M E N; N E S T.

At the circus. I; tie; tier; permit; it; merit. Mixed dances. Jig—Ireland; Mazurka—Poland; Bolero—Spain; Czardas—Hungary; Tarantella—Italy; Reel—Scotland. Pick these flowers. Stocks.

Find the trees. Sy-ca-mo-re; ch-es-ta-ut; ma-gn-o-l-i-a; mu-ll-er-ry. All is Lost. Cinderella, Bo-peep, Lucy Lockett, John Gilpin, Three Little Kittens. Scrambled eggs. Green-finch; razor-bill; reed-warbler; night-jar; corn-crake; nut-hatch. The razor-bill is a sea-bird. Catch question. A bed.

MRS WATER-VOLE LISTENS

"Be quiet, children! I want to listen to the weather forecast," said Mrs. Water-Vole, popping her head back into the burrow built low in the river bank.

Three of the babies stopped their squeaking, but the fourth said: "Must you? Do come and play with us instead."

Mrs. Water-Vole almost agreed. Then something made her go out and listen to the wireless of the wild folk once more; to whispers of the night wind and the weather gossip of the reed birds.

During the past week she had been listening for a storm warning. For if there was another period of heavy rain the river would rise rapidly and her nursery would be flooded. And none of her babies could swim.

Now, as she listened again, the night wind turned gusty and the reed birds fell silent. Then came the storm warning—a distant crackle of thunder in the hills.

She hurried back into the

nursery. There was only one thing to be done; but she must not alarm the children.

"Come along," she cried: "You are coming adventuring, in turn, with me."

Gripping one gently by the neck in her teeth, she hurried out of the burrow. Across the river she swam with him to a high, hummocky island. There she scrambled up to a hole above the flood mark.

She had taken three babies across safely when it began to rain, and by the time she reached the nursery tunnel again the rising, swirling river followed her in.

"Close your ear flaps quickly, son," she said. "We are going under water. It is more exciting that way."

It certainly was. But at last they got ashore. "Thank goodness I did stop to listen and not to play," she said as they all cuddled together in their new home.

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LUCKY DIP

THREE NAUGHTY FROGS

HOP, Skip, and Jump were three little frogs Who were naughty every day. They paid no heed to their mother when She told them never to stray.

Over the meadow they went one morn' When the sun shone big and bright.

"We'll travel the countryside," they croaked, "And we won't go home till night!"

All of a sudden they heard a voice Noisily calling "Quack-quack!" The three naughty frogs turned round at once, And soon were hurrying back!

HOWLER

QUEEN VICTORIA was the longest queen to reign.

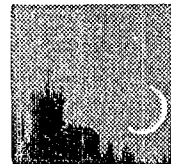
HOME IS BEST!

THE sparrow likes to build his nest. Of feathers, twigs, and leaves, And he's as cosy as can be Tucked underneath the eaves. The tortoise and the snail are wise, For, when they wish to roam, They take their houses on their backs—

They're never far from home! The squirrel likes to climb, and so He lives up in a tree, While Mr. Mouse prefers a hole— That wouldn't do for me! And yet, no matter where we live, House, tree-top, shell or nest— Not one of us would change, because We all think ours is best!

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Mars is low in the east and Saturn and Jupiter are in the south-west. In the morning Venus is low in the east and Mercury is in the east. The picture shows the Moon at it may appear at eight o'clock on the evening of Tuesday, September 16.

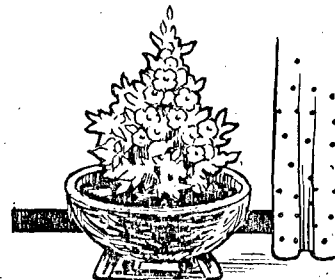


SKY HIGH!

ONE day a young lady named Foster Went to stay on a farm up in Gloucester. "Right of Way" in the field To the bull she'd not yield. So high in the air he then tossed her.

COCONUT PLANT POT

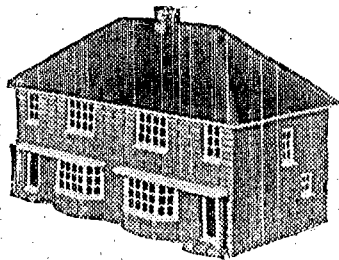
WHEN next you have a coconut shell, try making an attractive pot for plants from it. Saw away any broken or rough edges until the rim is true, and then smooth



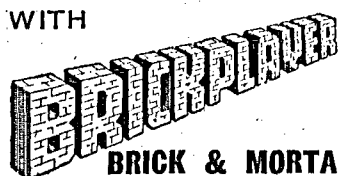
the edges with sandpaper. Use four corks as legs, which can be fixed in position with liquid cement. When they are firmly set, you can put little plants in the bowl, as seen in the sketch, to make an attractive decoration.

THE SECRET

O MY, what excitement there is in the zoo! The lions and tigers, the polar bears, too, Are singing and shouting the whole of the day— While even the hippo's unusually gay! The penguins, the monkeys, the long-necked giraffes Are filling the air with their loud, happy laughs— While large Mr. Rhino, a gloomy old soul, Now looks just as jolly as merry King Cole! The zebras are dancing, the elephants, too, O, what can be happening here in the zoo? Well, I know the secret, so listen to me— The chimps have been asked to appear on TV!



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