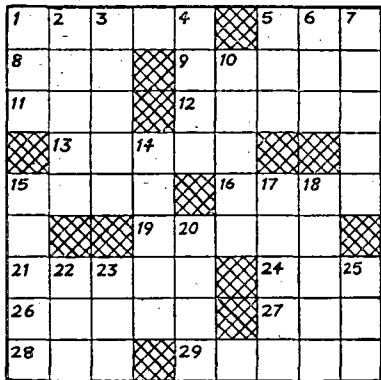


PUZZLE PARADE



Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 People of Arabia. 5 Rodent. 8 Perch. 9 Duration of time. 11 Mire. 12 Farther down. 13 Marine mammals. 15 Gull-like bird. 16 Upstart. 19 Selfish desire. 21 — and Juliet. 24 Portuguese territory in India. 26 Frighten. 27 Hurry. 28 And so on. 29 Of small stature. **READING DOWN.** 1 Limb. 2 Waken. 3 Viper. 4 Exchange for money. 5 Tier. 6 Top card. 7 Pulsate. 10 Strong force. 14 Ire. 15 Concise. 17 Member of an African race. 18 Smell. 20 Fish eggs. 22 Part of next month. 23 Small mackintosh. 25 Industrious insect.

Answer next week

FIND THE FLOWER

I AM a name a girl may bear,
As perfume I may scent the air.

In rays, returning health I bring,
Yet I'm a flower of the Spring.

THE BARN-OWL

THE barn-owl's feathers are soft and white,
He sleeps through the day and hunts at night.

His worth to the farmer is quite beyond price,
For he takes heavy toll of the rats and mice.

Protect this bird if ever you can,
He's a very good friend of the country man.

Two for one

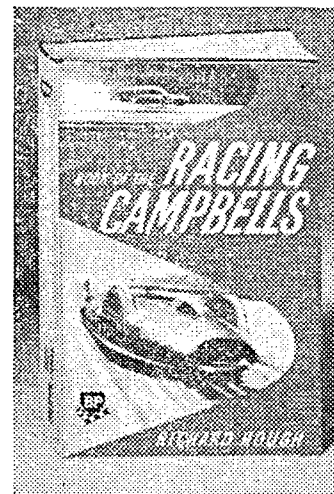
FIND an eight-letter word which means to resign a right; then re-arrange the letters in that word to form two four-letter words, one giving the name of a small freshwater fish, and the other of something which might be used to catch that fish.

Hands beneath the feet



A jeweller of Windsor has fitted a clock into the pavement outside his shop. It is protected by a sheet of plate glass which has to be constantly renewed owing to the scratches made by passing feet.

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AAAAA

By putting the letter A in five places among the letters below, a sentence of seven words can be formed. See how quickly you can do this.

M R Y R N F S T T O C T C H
T H E T R I N .

Two trees wanted

Put the name of a tree above these letters, and another below, to form, reading downwards, five words each of five letters.

R X R P I
E T O P N
A R O A S

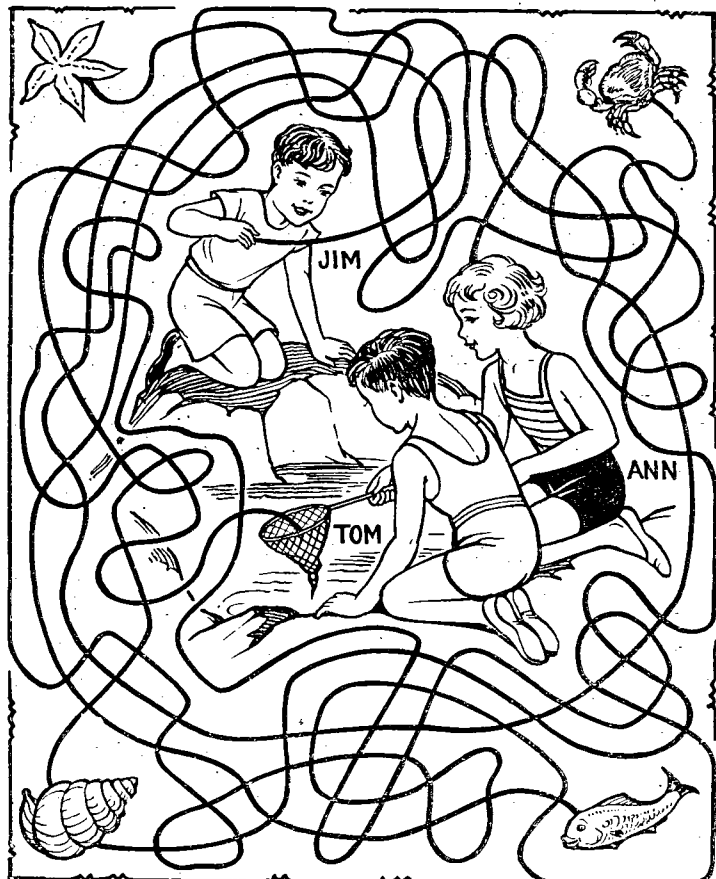
DOUBLE MEANINGS

In each of the following pairs of numbered sentences, the blanks represent a word with two quite different meanings. See if you can name them all.

Answers are given in column 4

- The acrobat turned completely head over —.
A yacht — over before the wind.
- Lawn tennis is played on a —.
He seems determined to — disaster.
- It grew dark after the sun had —.
The baby now has a complete — of teeth.
- Our landiord increased the —.
I have to mend a — in my dress.
- Teachers — the children to be obedient.
We can travel faster by the —.
- He had to — the brunt of the attack.
At the zoo we saw a big brown —.

BESIDE THE SEASIDE



By following the lines you will find what the children found in a rock pool at the seaside.

Nowadays you never know!

It was in Spring that the two otters had come upstream from the sea to their favourite nursery holt under the leaning willow. And there Lutra and his sisters were born.

It was in Autumn that Father Otter returned from one of his expeditions along the age-old otter trails, and said: "I'm off to the sea tomorrow."

"Please let me come," begged Lutra.

The older otter shook his head. "The trail lies upstream and across the hill tops to another river running seawards down that side," he said. "There are diversions across fields and woods, and nowadays you never know what you may find, with man clearing plantations, and building roads and houses."

But Lutra begged so hard that at last his father agreed.

Travelling overland in the hills, where they could wash the dust and tiredness away in the tarns, was fun. Even finding a new by-pass turned out well, for the stream they sought was diverted through a culvert where they could swim.

But when they left the river in the plain to cross a wood leading

to a backwater famous for its eels, Father Otter was worried. Trees had been felled, ditches and drinking pools filled in, and a new road and houses quite confused the trail.

As they scrambled and searched Lutra became so tired and thirsty he felt he could not go on.

But just then, as they crossed yet another garden, his father sat up on his hind legs, and sniffed. "I smell water!" he cried.

But where?

At last they discovered steps leading up to the edge of a huge, blue-lined tank under the trees. And a moment later they were swimming in the sleeping householder's new swimming pool.

"Certainly nowadays you never know what you may find!" said Father Otter, as, mightily refreshed, they found the trail again.

JANE THORNICROFT

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

AAAAA. Mary ran fast to catch the train. Two Trees CEDAR
R X R P I
Two for one. Abdicate—Dace; bait. E T O P N
Find the flower. Violet. A R O A S
M A P L E

DOUBLE MEANINGS

1 Heels. 2 Court. 3 Set. 4 Rent. 5 Train. 6 Rear.