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young, and American, however, and they succeeded in talking and charming their way out of Persian jails and into a family picnic of the Shah, into a pass which the King of Afghanistan granted them to travel along the narrow, mountainous corridor of that country, and finally into the confidence of a ruthless bandit chief who terrorized a strip of high-altitude hell which separates Russia and Pakistan.

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- A. Genus of anomuran crabs, esp. near the poles or in deep sea.
- B. Cause of much of the antiseptic odor of a hospital.
- C. A group not matched by another similar one (2 wds.).
- D. Stupid person (slang).
- E. One who "takes the words right out of your mouth."
- F. Pick up without disarranging the rest of something (2 wds.).
- G. Tranquillized.
- H. Pianist-composer, director of Juilliard, of Australian birth (1871-1951).
- I. Declare as a fact.
- J. Elaborate, public, high-flown eulogy.
- K. Ulysses' island home.
- L. Covered with broken stones.
- M. To please greatly.

WORDS

29	5	71	36	95	47	75	127
176	37	196	98	80	72	188	165
149	185	4	184	97	106		
62	139	67	88	86	198		
119	193	24	172	11	1	32	
3	160	192	100	84	183	73	
93	171	110	140	74	27	132	
159	38	20	154	51	81	147	164
174	99	28	153	194	113		
146	89	134	33	9	59	150	114
133	35	101	19	31	167		
26	128	108	18	82	48	141	
182	109	83	135	143	124	49	4

DEFINITIONS

- N. Covered with reeds; ridgy.
- O. Dangerous navigation point on Atlantic coast of U.S.
- P. Surname, two Indiana writers of fiction, 19th cent.
- Q. Arab chief.
- R. Enclosed; developed in a direction opposite to the normal one.
- S. Furchas's spelling of the residence of Kubla Khan.
- T. A fingerling.
- U. Contemporary king now in exile as Count of Sarre.
- V. Astronomer who named a comet due to appear in 1959 for the third time (1758-1840).
- W. Startling, but usually short-lived, fear.
- X. Colloq. for newspaper writing.
- Y. Abounding with nettles.
- Z. Multiple achievement of infancy, not repeated in normal adult life (2 wds.).
- Z'. Eluded threatened ill.

WORDS

41	57	197	181	129	23	34			
40	66	170	121	131	111	55	90		
190	39	13	22	195	103	94	144	112	
105	155	142	61	173	157				
178	12	187	63	191	151	168			
78	116	15	58	169	92				
87	115	17	180	50	65	104	156		
162	107	166	43	186	7	54			
10	118	52	6	125	136				
148	138	68	161	122	16				
91	44	53	175	76	123	56	126	120	64
45	145	21	14	163	102	8	77		
96	158	85	130	69	2	79	152		
189	60	112	42	132	30	172			

DIRECTIONS

To solve this puzzle you must guess twenty-odd WORDS, the definitions of which are given in the column headed DEFINITIONS. Alongside each definition, there is a row of dashes—one for each letter in the required word. When you have guessed a word, write it on the dashes, and also write each letter in the correspondingly numbered square of the puzzle diagram. . . . When the squares are all filled in, you will find that you have completed a quotation from some published work. If read up and down, the letters in the diagram have no meaning. . . . Black squares indicate ends of words; if there is no black square at the right side of the diagram, the word carries over to the next line. When all the WORDS are filled in, their initial letters spell the name of the author and the title of the piece from which the quotation has been taken. Of great help to the solver are this acrostic feature and the relative shapes of words in the diagram as they develop. Authority for spellings and definitions is Webster's New International Dictionary, Second Edition.

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Solution of last week's Double-Croctic will be found on page 16 of this issue.