

A CHARADE CROSSWORD

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Of all crossword puzzles, I find the charade crossword the most enjoyable. In this type of crossword, the clues do not directly define the word to be found. The word is buried as a charade in a sentence; for example, the word outing is contained in the seventh, eighth and ninth words of the sentence "It costs money to keep a runabout in gas, every young man soon learns." If this sentence were presented as the clue, the solution would be relatively simple. Instead, the word is removed from the sentence, and a new clue sentence (or set of sentences) is formed using the remaining letters in the same order; for example, "It costs money to keep a run, a base very young man soon learns (6)." The reader now has the much more challenging task of deducing the word from its absence instead of its presence. The more normal-sounding the new sentence, the more difficult is the solution.

Proper construction requires that the word to be determined by the reader must fit inside a word of the clue, not between words. Also, it is desirable that the word be a true charade in the original sentence, that is, tied at each end. Thus, the out of outing becomes part of the word runabout, and the g becomes part of gas. Naturally, these requirements add to the difficulty of construction.

Drawbacks to this type of word puzzle are the difficulty of constructing even a reasonably good one, and the apparent lack of scope in making up clues. One soon finds oneself in a rut, tending to use the same phrases repeatedly. Nevertheless, the pleasure which is provided by these constructions certainly makes the effort worthwhile.

The above rules have been followed in the original puzzle presented below. The reader is warned that it contains one Biblical word, one geographical word, four crossword puzzle words, and two common proper names. The answer can be found in the Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

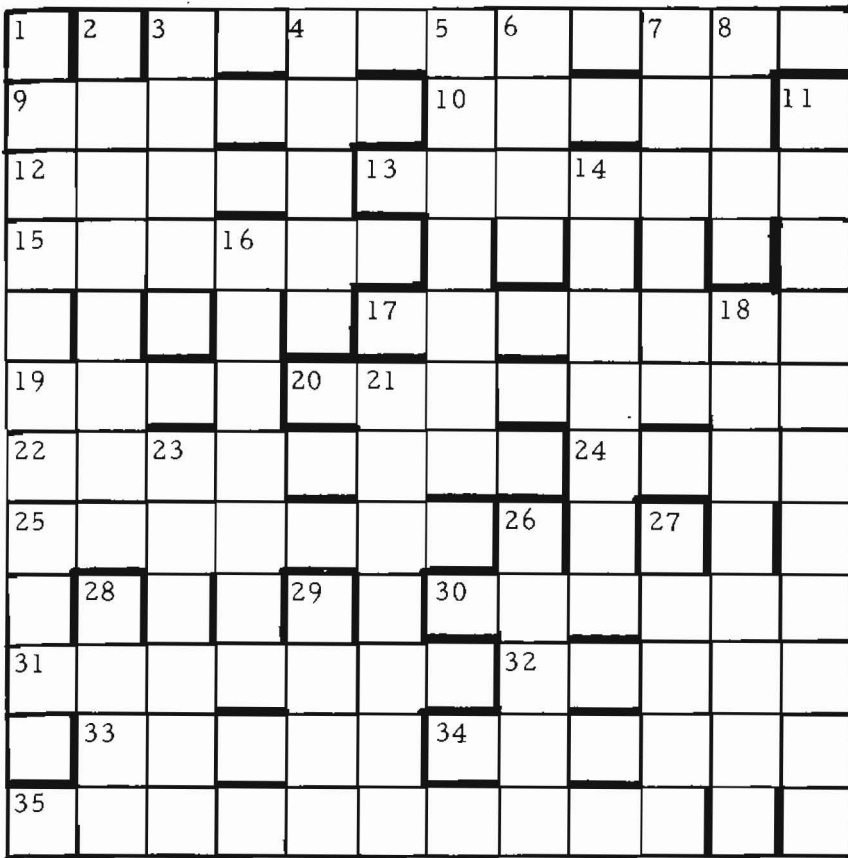
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ACROSS

3. Proper temperature in each area is achieved by us in goat perch. Ambers aid the engineer (10).
9. Some low budget musicals manage with a piano there stench trash owe vermin. I'm Al (6).
10. What extraordinary view puppy has when going after rabbits (5).
12. Many actors adopt the spies that they employ only in the theater (5).
13. The I.R.S. claims also wet, ax who sewage shaver. I sent, -O,- a thousand dollars (7).
15. If you check the bilingual dictionary, you find the word weighed in, Englishwoman (6).
17. The treadle oft he looped on to make the frames mesh (7).
19. Idealists pure although difficult. Go, Al, she philosophized (4).
20. In days past, a few nobles in jam bother people mostly, fish only (8).
22. When you come to, then, ex-tinter, change, don't run down the West. You! get lost (8).
24. In Nairobi members of the animal king dead, mired in their natural surroundings (4).
25. Ill goon, Trying Fox, claimed remembering the Flying Dutchman when the wind kept thwarting our Horn traverse (7).
30. "If his batting eye is so good, why has them angles?" she asked (6) (hyphen).
31. Ours her pa, thought old to begin the aspect, fully declined (7).
32. When eve was night, he led his yak to a tree and knelt in prayer (5).
33. The claim that vegetarians come, attempt, sad is believer to smile (5).
34. Thought he, "Woman seems aunt." He surfaces, he is actually warm (6).
35. After the quake, the police forces Theodore build in gas, fast as possible (10).

DOWN

1. In pale beds we're used to sleep, children (11) (hyphen).
2. "The rod became my master," lamented the Greek physician (8).
3. On my trip I stopped at the fore. I go urban, know man ages (5).
4. The White House pen saves aged eft. Lyre turning the ball to Congress (5).
5. As there, we rebut five court sand. The players came to fifteenth reach with chaotic results (7).
6. The ladies' golf instructor listens, but you can't tell the men. Spy thin gat, all (4).
7. Fanfares are great, but our soloist! O Verdi! don't. He has terser vices (6).



8. Industrialists who backward tore, call the lessons of history (4).
11. The victorious nations demanded extras, tees. Asa means to raise funds for reconstruction (11).
14. The boys are experimenting with his pipe, but dad, no winter fescue, it (7).
16. In the jungle, when a loner's your tent, don't wait for the rest of the gorilla (7).
18. After the banquet I relax at the fires I defeated, and doze off (8).
21. Chances remain Inge quit, led to a draw in my adjudicated chess game (7).
23. He was a scrapper as ever disgraced the army engineers (6).
26. We need rolls, so get several. Do zithers hop on the square?(5).
27. There is no doubt that mule's stripe hangs in the museum (5).
28. Experts maintain that attitude. Is one of them any critic, Alf? Actors often try stage (4).
29. At the hearing one landlord tried to demonstrate hot controlled toot. He run due hardships (4).