

## *The Amorphous Amoeba*

Have we switched from linguistics to biology? No, not at all; we have merely taken a fanciful view of the irregularly shaped crossword puzzle diagram that follows.

The author of the crossword puzzle being presented at this point is Dr. Jean C. Sabine, of Belmont, California. Dr. Sabine has devised a puzzle noteworthy in several respects:

- (1) Many of the definitions supplied appeal to the intellectual, drawn as they are from the realms of literature, science, and foreign languages;
- (2) The shape of the diagram, instead of being an orthodox square or rectangle, is irregular, somewhat resembling an amoeba with pseudopodia projecting in various directions;
- (3) The pattern is diagramless, thereby providing the would-be solver with a greater challenge, as well as eliminating the funereal appearance of the ordinary crossword that is scarred with *blacked-out* squares.

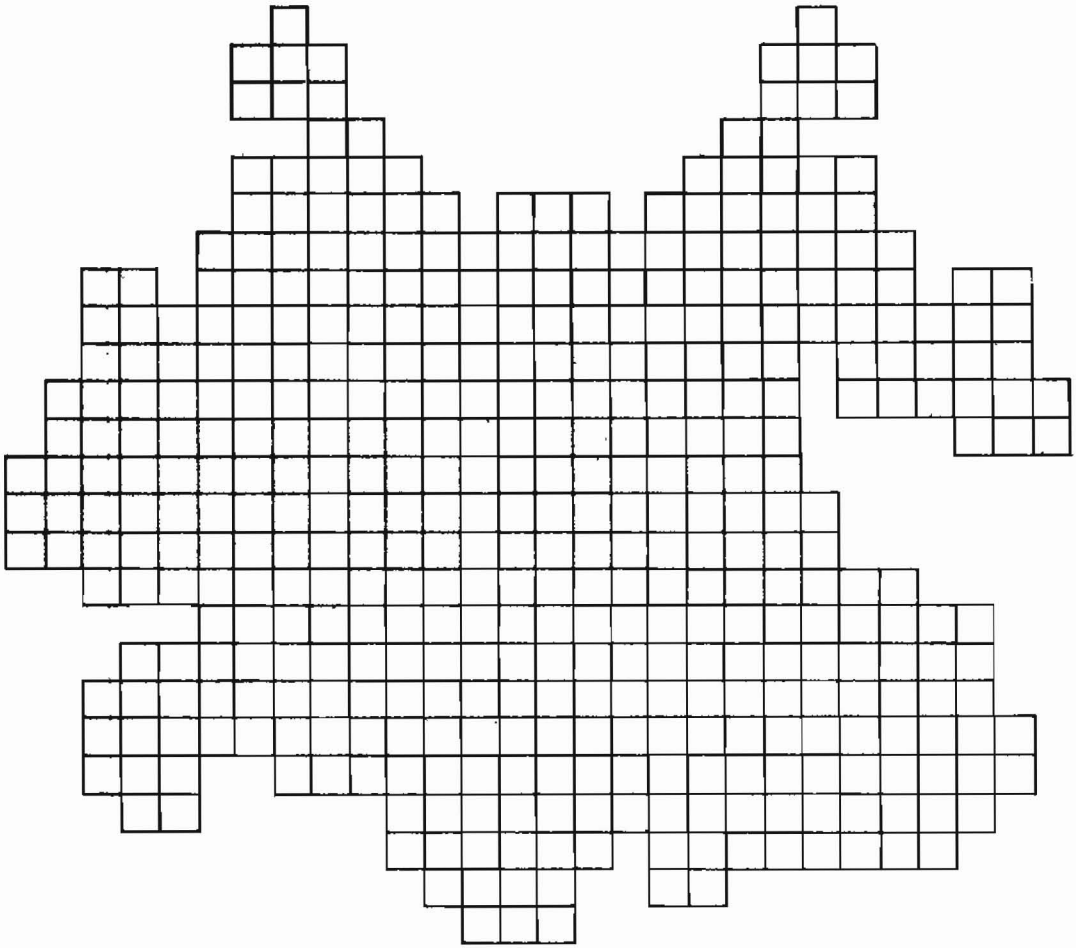
The definitions follow, for you to savor. The correct solution will be published in our next issue. As far as dictionary authorities are concerned, variety is the keynote. You have been warned. . . .

### WORD WAYS

"Amorphous Amoeba"

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*The Crossword Diagram*



*Horizontal Clues*

1. A victorious letter.
2. A serpentine letter.
3. To immerse briefly.
5. A unit of resistance, in electricity.
7. Prefix denoting "upon" or "following."
8. Structure on prow, through which sail stays are passed.
9. French abbreviation for "nitrogen."
11. "Et \_\_\_\_" (an obsolescent bibliographic abbreviation).
12. "\_\_\_\_ulate" (a verb).
15. Death (legal term in Spanish).

18. Designating convergence of lines of equal magnetic force (shortened, as in professional jargon).
20. Road or street (Latin).
23. The 33rd State admitted to the Union.
24. A type of hull construction.
26. A tropical fish not usually breeding in captivity.
29. Form of the verb "to be."
31. Suffix denoting sugar.
32. ". . . and all\_\_\_ red I'd killed the bird" (Coleridge).
33. Political party advocating racism, force, and totalitarian government.
34. Greek goddess of the dawn.
35. Personal pronoun, first person.
37. Terrifying vehicles.
41. Reddened, as of skin (medical term).
45. Message from Highway Patrol or Scotland Yard (five words).
47. A gradual change in the zero reading of an instrument.
48. ". . . \_\_\_\_\_ . . . spume" (Masefield).
49. Mme. de Stael\_\_\_ Necker.
50. Discontinuity (Spanish, from a Latin word used unchanged in English).
51. Neither, nor (French).
52. Deposited ore with intent to defraud.
54. The part of an anchor between the crown and the fluke.
55. A hand implement for threshing grain.
57. Chooses.
60. Prefix denoting equality or parallelism.
61. Adverb, obsolete except in a phrase containing "and."
62. Any delicate color.
63. Members of an illustrious Indian family.
64. Done with "19 Vertical" in parliamentary procedure.
65. To render brilliant or gay.
68. English measure of length (plural).
70. An acid destroyed in the body except by humans and Dalmatian coach hounds.
72. Indefinite adjective, pronoun, or adverb.
73. Heroine of "The Rape of the Lock."
75. Adjective, pronoun, adverb, or conjunction.
76. A 16th-century spelling of "skull."
77. Daughter of Oceanus, when she was a young girl (two words).
81. With "75 Horizontal," hyphenated: indifferent, neither good nor bad.
83. Desirable holding in a bridge hand.
86. To place out of or protect from contact.
87. A short sentence, akin to "Let me alone!" (more than one word).
90. Micro-organism from the Greek name of which the word "enzyme" is derived.
93. Scottish\_\_\_ (of a secret fraternal organization).
95. Later surname of Vladimir Ilich Ulyanov.
96. When the sun transits the meridian.
97. River causing vast damage to art and literary treasures in 1966.
98. An erstwhile dictator.
100. Abbreviation indicating a Holy Scripture.
101. Preposition.
103. Common name for a ragout.

- 104. Another preposition.
- 105. Stupid and usually loquacious.
- 108. Singular of "108 Vertical."
- 109. A function of Pooh-Bah (Gilbert and Sullivan).
- 111. A mixture of gases.
- 113. A bovine castrated early in a short life.
- 114. Animal of the Family Cervidae.
- 115. Pronoun, second person.
- 117. Abbreviation for English equivalent of "chemin de fer."
- 118. Ambary; also, the familiar appellation of the father in the play "John Ferguson."
- 119. A duct, in anatomy.
- 121. One that failed to detonate.
- 122. Broke faith by revealing or designating.
- 126. A choral musical composition.
- 128. With "to": employed an unaccustomed or desperate measure.
- 129. \_\_\_\_\_ de force.
- 130. A man's nickname.
- 131. A foot, in Latin.

#### *Vertical Clues*

- 1. Four stars.
- 2. Pronoun, third person.
- 3. Preposition (Latin, French, Spanish).
- 4. Musical instrument (plural).
- 5. To accommodate or to compel.
- 6. Pronoun, first person.
- 10. Cinnamon, in German.
- 11. To encourage or incite.
- 12. Noxious air, formerly believed to cause malaria.
- 13. "The \_\_\_\_\_ Papers," by Henry James.
- 14. Runs in the same direction without converging upon.
- 15. Combining form denoting "bird."
- 16. Emblem or symbol.
- 17. Where traffic accidents occur.
- 19. A kind of mallet (see "62 Horizontal").
- 20. Famous palace and gardens.
- 21. Pronoun, first person.
- 22. Linking, especially of species, in biology.
- 23. An egg before formation of polar bodies (a German term in embryology).
- 24. Descriptive of good garden soil.
- 25. A square scarf.
- 27. An aperture for listening.
- 28. Stars, in Latin.
- 29. One of the higher alcohols.
- 30. Tumult or fury, in German.
- 35. Civilian attire.
- 36. Park in Colorado Rockies.
- 38. A period of historic time.
- 39. To possess legally.

40. Two Scandinavians (three words).
42. A large, domestic, female bird.
43. In spectroscopy, — as opposed to absorption.
44. Liquid lipid.
46. Reduplicated and hyphenated: admonition signifying "hands off!"
48. — WRAP, a commercial product.
53. Any of several large districts into which Japan was formerly divided.
56. A preposition in English, but an adverb in Latin.
58. Interrogatory exclamation.
59. Outer solidified portions of planets.
61. — Lippo Lippi (ca. 1406-1469).
62. Suspended so as to swing freely.
65. A feminine proper name.
66. An episode of impaired health.
67. Tries to outdo.
69. In histology, a dye beloved of certain granules.
71. The opposite of "24 Vertical."
73. A nobleman, an academic degree, or "purchased" (abbreviation).
74. "Man of —," documentary movie of strenuous, primitive life.
78. Pronoun, first person.
79. On the move while plying one's trade.
80. Transmitted by directing the eyes or the attention.
82. In comparative anatomy, the pterygoid bone of a bird.
84. Desist.
85. A planet.
88. Secured by money deposited or guaranteed.
89. — den Linden.
91. Snicker —, property of the protagonist of "109 Horizontal."
92. Preposition of Anglo-Saxon origin.
93. A frog.
94. Pronoun, third person.
98. A snake, or a fur piece.
99. Shortest of declarative sentences (a contraction).
102. Gold, in French.
106. That is: abbreviated Latin.
107. A shade of brilliant, saturated green.
108. A cow has four of these.
109. Aaron or Raymond.
110. Form of address based on an academic degree, abbreviated.
112. Egyptian sun god.
115. Affirmative.
116. Combining form designating "ear."
120. Come to a halt, or arrest.
122. Of coals, of a river, of flowers, of oysters.
123. Same as "56 Vertical."
124. Archaic definite article.
125. A personage wielding a blue pencil, abbreviated.
127. Any shade of any color.
129. In regard to, also used with "in."