

MYSZKOWSKI

"Cryptographie indéchiffrable" is a French book on cryptography written by Émile Victor Théodore Myszkowski (a retired French colonel) and published in 1902.

His book was based around the description of a cipher that the author had invented and claimed (incorrectly) was "undecipherable" (i.e. secure against unauthorised attempts to read it). It was based around a form of repeated-key transposition.

Text is written horizontally into rows and taken off by key order.

P: Incomplete columnar with pattern word key and letters under same number taken off across.

K: BANANA

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B A N A N A
2 1 3 1 3 1
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i n c o m p
l e t e c o
l u m n a r
w i t h p a
t t e r n w
o r d k e y
a n d l e t
t e r s u n
d e r s a m
e n u m b e
r t a k e n
o f f a c r
o s s
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C: NOPEE OUNRI HATRW RKYNL TESNE SMNME TKNFA WTOAT
DEROO CMTCM ATPEN DEDER URAUB AEFCS

[Excerpt from "The Cipher Exchange and Cipher Standards" from The Cryptogram]