



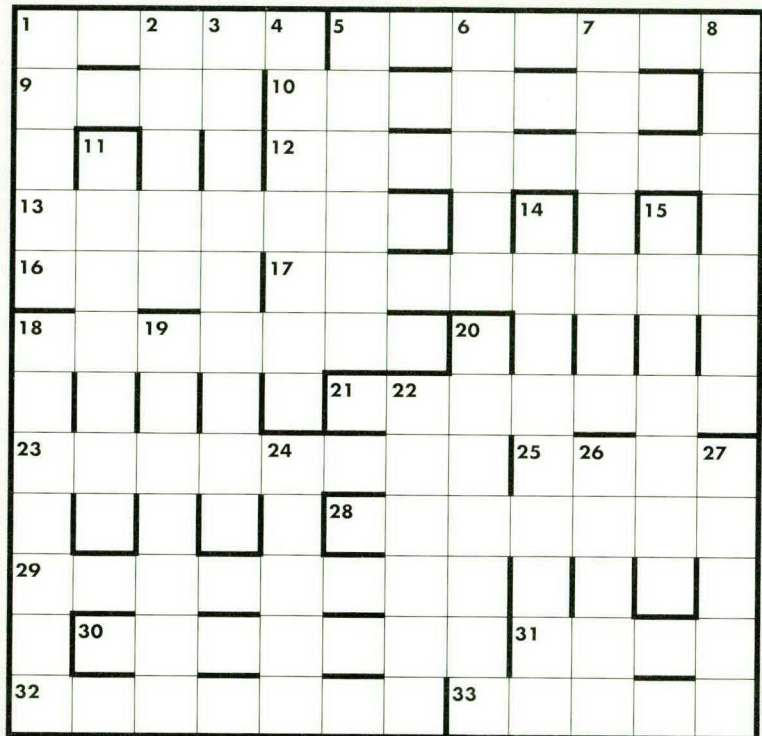
THE PUZZLER

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Spoonerisms

In a spoonerism two consonant sounds in a word or phrase are transposed, creating new words. For instance, CHOPSTICKS would be STOP CHICKS, BEAN CURD would be KEEN BIRD, and BILL OF FARE would be FILL OF BEAR. Note that spelling changes appropriately in the newly formed words. In this puzzle one third of the clues (12) must have their *answers* spoonerized before entry in the diagram; another third are written with spoonerisms occurring in the *definitions* of the answers; the remaining third are normal cryptic clues. Answers include four proper nouns; 10 Across is an uncommon word made of common elements.

The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 121.



Across

1. To sing jazzily, mostly with soul, for a ringer (5)
5. Kid about a favorable part of a tree (7)
9. Pest and I will elicit no voter? (4)
10. The French search for lasso around a gam (7)
12. A figure of speech about popular poison (8)
13. Junket could make Pa dirty (3,4)
16. Positive response about Ladd's initial pout in *Shane* (4)
17. Striking a jerk after shot (8)
18. Bum ferried around England's capital in a courtesy jaunt (4,4)
21. What fun led Dizzy to use flattering terms (7)
23. Hard-to-miss item for Wilder or Brando (4,4)

25. Cow of a butter farm finally following trio of steers (4)
28. Up late, Augustus pens *Hat Flight* (7)
29. Where Clark Kent gets his clothes changed wrong: in a boneyard (4,4)
30. Given toe nip, the husband of Aunt Dee embraces half of us (7)
31. Trade Max for bit of tackle and pole (4)
32. Take heed of conflict in contest (6)
33. Bow and lace in water—goodness (5)

Down

1. Sign to favor town with a pen (5)
2. Palm Springs—ultimately blue (5)
3. Nice-looking youngster will acquire love before long (6,4)
4. A toy in a bale is a shaver with a loud sound (7)
5. Wit quirk regarding part of a car (6)

6. Dance involving a sports competition (3-2)
7. A poet: "I'd sadly die on hope" (7)
8. Sweet stuff for a class in corner (7)
11. Unknowingly reveal stake and beam (6)
14. Draw straws at last, and then lie to spouse (9)
15. Crazy about key trick (7)
18. Comic strip about a "Doctor Spawn" (4,3)
19. Device enabling you to call Cape Horn when traveling (3,5)
20. Ushers in a lobby initially surrounded by crowds (7)
22. That woman collects love lines to make a crowd lie (6)
24. Anger about blue book (5)
26. Earth in greater ranges (5)
27. Mummy making the first MD substitute for the real thing (5)

Note: The instructions above are for this month's puzzle only. It is assumed that you know how to decipher clues. For a complete introduction to clue-solving, send an addressed, stamped long envelope to The Atlantic Puzzler, 77 North Washington Street, Boston, Mass. 02114.