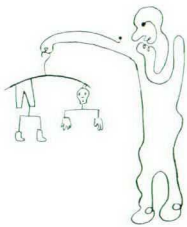


# THE PUZZLER

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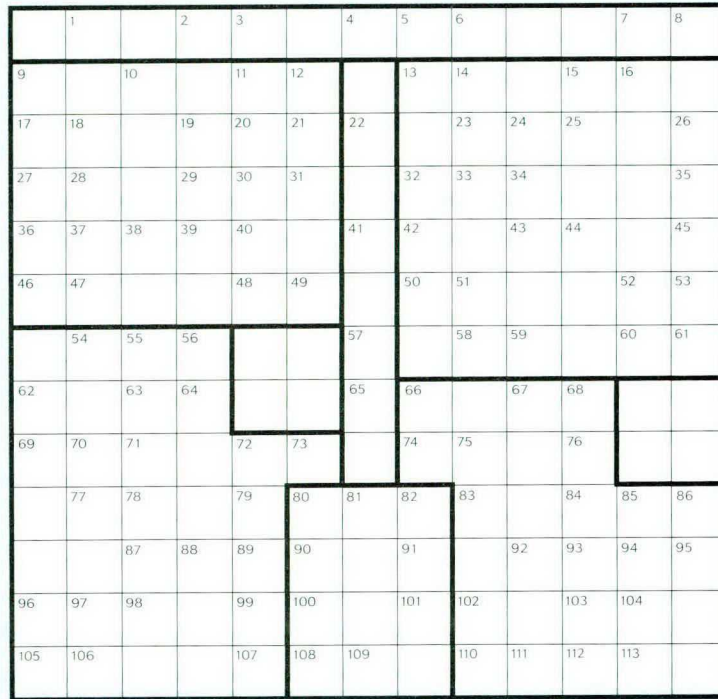
## Floor Plan

Here's the floor plan for our new place. The flat is filled by Across answers starting in the upper left and reading rightward in each row; a word not finished at the end of a row simply continues from the left in the next row down. The Across words are clued in order but without lengths shown. To help you get into the diagram, Keyword answers have their letters distributed to the numbered squares. Letters in unnumbered squares (which you are encouraged to circle for emphasis) identify the rooms. Answers include one proper name.

Last month's Puzzler solution is on page 184.

### ACROSS

1. Home having peak about checked for flaws
2. Talk with Ms. May, the lady of the manor
3. Medical practitioner's house, with round walkway
4. Commotion about a supporting post
5. Domestic drudge recalled in novel
6. Wood slab restorative of microscopic life
7. Set of stairs circling an arcing window
8. Safety rail repaired in unreliable stories (*two words*)
9. Altering average tapestry
10. Guys with gloves meet in back room
11. Fireside mug containing bit of toddy for sweetie
12. House pet keeps plain night spot
13. Got relaxed and cut the grass around extension
14. Mender of a sort renovated that spire
15. Audibly exhaled and drilled dining-room piece
16. Shrubbery tool for gardeners in the way
17. Call about name for room of lighting supplies
18. Farm kid with parent's first chest of drawers



19. Bent softer wood
20. Exercise in silent building of relics

### KEYWORDS

- A. Depiction of beam in doorway (32, 86, 100, 48, 77, 10, 105, 68, 20)
- B. Cellar appliance with jar in front (45, 113, 65, 11, 52, 25, 89)
- C. Powdered gypsum covering one structural column (16, 47, 31, 5, 80, 64, 91, 69)
- D. Tenants form a team in monthly payments (63, 28, 51, 83, 98, 72, 41, 17, 108)
- E. Tossed big chair, so to speak (81, 44, 1, 92, 103, 53)
- F. Large upper room with English trellis work (73, 19, 109, 8, 38, 94, 59)
- G. Require the French spire (97, 29, 70, 6, 42, 107)
- H. Room not on rocks (15, 40, 106, 79, 67, 23)

- I. Did housework with Dee and you in Mexico (90, 21, 57, 35, 12, 76)
- J. Believe swine about socket location (111, 93, 46, 30, 102, 13, 75)
- K. Female attaching sheet metal around a chimney (3, 33, 96, 82, 18, 54, 26, 43)
- L. VIP in a navy, or in water closet (39, 74, 58, 14, 2, 87, 66, 24, 50)
- M. Engineer banged a strip of gauze (85, 49, 37, 27, 7, 56, 99)
- N. Moor plants in niche at home (88, 4, 78, 60, 95)
- O. Couple shell out money, reportedly for rug (71, 36, 110, 101, 62, 9)
- P. Forewarning visitor, she occupies ruin (104, 34, 55, 22, 61, 112, 84)

*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 visit [www.theatlantic.com/issues/puzzclue.htm](http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/puzzclue.htm) or send an addressed, stamped long envelope to The Atlantic Puzzler, 77 North Washington Street, Boston, Mass. 02114.*