

# THE PUZZLER

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## MAGIC ACT

In this puzzle ten diagram entries are unclued. Eight of them can be arranged to form three different cryptic clues (minus definitions), as follows:

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25 D   24 D   16 A

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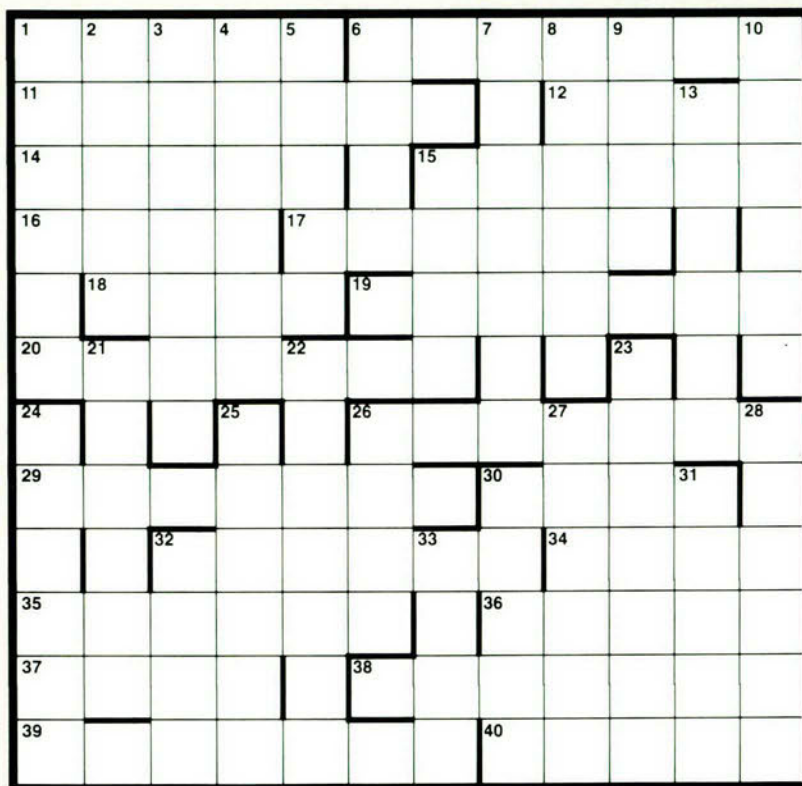
1 D   36 A

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27 D   15 D   1 A

The two remaining unclued entries (20 Across and 26 Across) provide the definition for the three items above. Clue answers include four proper nouns and one common abbreviation.

*The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 127.*



### ACROSS

- 6. Damned villains interrupting work (7)
- 11. Where some French people are in conjunction with deviates (7)
- 12. Fiddler backed rock number (4)
- 14. End of great schism in council site (5)
- 15. Stop after the guy is at this place (6)
- 17. Paint handle aboard train (6)
- 18. Song made a false impression (4)
- 19. Creative finale in film (7)
- 29. Seated female with secondhand clothing (7)
- 30. Lousy pitcher gets hit (4)
- 32. Unresponsive person I move around without resistance (6)
- 34. Dig for lifesaver in garbage (4)

- 35. Fat cats smell inside of collars (6)
- 37. Segment of semirigid ruler (4)
- 38. Pant at topless person who's titillating (7)
- 39. Princess, day after day, started getting fooled (7)
- 40. Unopened pressure lock (5)

### DOWN

- 2. *Casablanca* actor upset with *Captain Blood* actor (5)
- 3. Taverner's fish (7)
- 4. Bill flipped for a cheese ingredient (6)
- 5. Old fruit ultimately dropped (5)
- 6. Rule, getting beheaded after a while (4)
- 7. Make outside of mass burn up (7)
- 8. Agitation right in university hangout (6)
- 9. Red fish go round and round (4)
- 10. Drinks in large quantity, along with chips (6)
- 13. Going uphill wrong in truck (6)
- 21. Around North Sea, I'm in stitches? (6)
- 22. Plagiarism article in second volume, part 3, of *The Writer* (7)
- 23. Vessel sustaining low split (7)
- 26. Upcoming group engages 100 investigators (4)
- 28. Buries rest in ground (6)
- 30. Make muddled wager about Sox losing final (5)
- 31. Hits with purses (5)
- 32. I attempt to win in the same place (4)
- 33. Fat boy captures rook (4)

**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 envelope to The Atlantic Puzzler, 745 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass. 02116.