



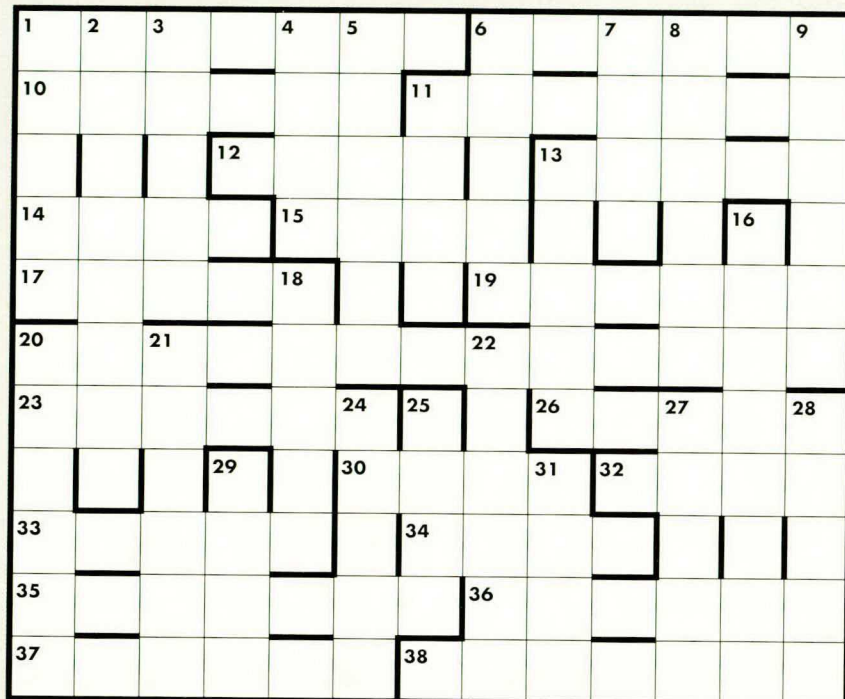
# THE PUZZLER

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## Dress Code

Eighteen of this puzzle's diagram entries should be made to adhere to a certain dress code. The definitions in the clues for those 18 entries are normal, but the wordplay (anagram, charade, homophone, etc.) in each case is missing a common element. The missing element suggests how to dress the affected entries in the diagram, with a shade of inspiration from 20 Across (the unclued central entry in the diagram). Lengths are given for the undressed parts only. Nine diagram entries are capitalized; the answer at 23 Across is an alternate spelling.

*The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 96.*



### Across

- Someone under patronage of peer got dressed (7)
- Without resistance, roots for Army personnel (6)
- Losing face, defame Eskimo, perhaps (6)
- Leave a little shy one with a flower (7)
- Current coming from speakers is a hazard for sailors (4)
- Fight involving southern baseball team's nickname (5)
- Poet's black and blue, beset by age (4)
- Go imitate an instrument (4)
- Star is turning channel (5)
- Northern tribe housed in tin shelter (6)
- Old magistrate ordered porter (6)
- Premium for purchasing cap in Spain (5)
- I'd sounded envious (4)
- Mountain of bones? (4)

- Young fruit's outer peel eaten by monkey (5)
- Petty plan (4)
- Man's mother absorbed by less moving ballad (7)
- Casablanca actor about boarding: "Don't change it" (6)
- Phone cute alien comic-book hero (6)
- Terry, traveling about space, is coming back to Earth (7)

### Down

- Practices balletic moves (5)
- Teacher with test in place for pets (8)
- Over and over, wrapping one scallion (5)
- Fish winds up headless (4)
- Produce seller and recreation organization affected by recession (6)
- Peripheral areas left somewhat wild for Socks (5)

- Tie up counter in theater lounge (4)
- In conclusion, petition resulted (6)
- Japanese company keeping chopper in part of Germany (6)
- Live with one—it's a snap (4)
- Cash most of bad checks (5)
- Trucker bridges unite Amsterdam (8)
- Jewelers ultimately pitch variety of jade (5)
- In frame, place dramatic display (6)
- Look around very quietly for veggie that's not ripe (6)
- Returned watch surfaced with revolutionary moon material? (6)
- Bum steer makes you adjust (5)
- Health clubs (gay) forgetting a woman's address (4)
- Holding hound behind the head (5)
- Nader's group in power having creative pretensions (5)
- Valley is low, in general (4)
- See fruit (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 long envelope to The Atlantic Puzzler, 77 North Washington Street, Boston, Mass. 02114.