

The Atlantic PUZZLER

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“VICIOUS CIRCLES”

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The answers to all clues are six letters long. They are to be entered in the diagram radially—that is, from the circumference to the center—but, with the lone exception of 41, in mixed order.

When the diagram is complete, the first (i.e., outer) circle contains a famous line of poetry, reading from 1 to 48. Heavy lines indicate the separation of words.

The second circle contains the letters necessary to spell the phrase: PRACTICAL DUDS FIT GIRL TO A “T.”

The third circle contains, clockwise, the name of the quotation’s author.

The fourth circle contains six different letters.

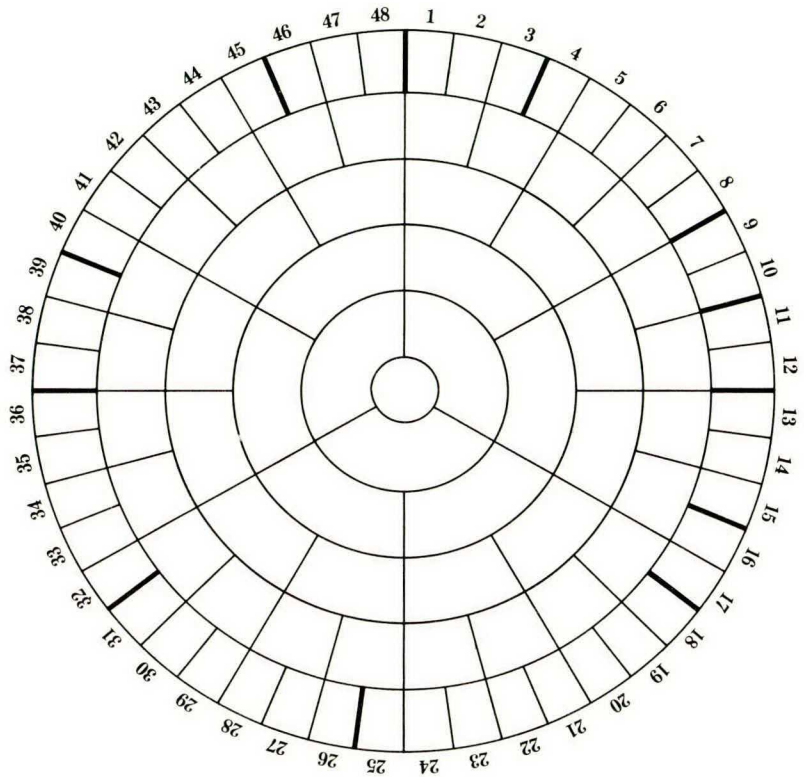
The letter in the center circle belongs to all answers.

Answers to clues include two proper nouns. 43 is not a common word. Remember that punctuation in the clues may be used deceptively.

1. Extorts money and runs
2. Escapes enemy initially in mock duels
3. Bum rested in bars
4. Find reward in ditch
5. Dasher, as Dancer, was a Communist!
6. Red Sea, unfortunately, has dried up
7. People in taxis, once on street, become pedestrians
8. Want Dreiser’s unfinished novel
9. Artists (but not pop) like what A. Sexton does
10. Ends of unbending curve
11. Transgressor is half spiritual
12. Badly schooled, I snore in class
13. Joker and Jack set out with Queen
14. I make music in trees, dizzy with love
15. Yes, Dotty, in Germany it’s Spring
16. Wiser geisha comprehends Rach-

17. Bumping ends—as in cars
18. Save fifty damsels in distress, all grouped together
19. Dad exercises and rests
20. They make holes in a quarter-deck?
21. Lack fare for street car, missing about five pence at the end
22. Are its caricatures burlesque?
23. Numberless tentacles coiling with spikes
24. Medieval setting for Chaucer’s first lively tales
25. Time alleviates worries
26. Pours right out, is boiling hot
27. Musical pieces with at least two flats
28. Insert: Wind circling SouthEast
29. Laugh at lady’s chops
30. Hurries—has setback
31. Brush? Yes, though apparently not in the extreme!
32. Grand master’s game has square boxes

33. Capone’s high card in France
34. Balances plates
35. Authenticated seance assembled on the periphery
36. Slayed horses around stalls
37. Elf seen from behind: short and fat
38. Smash fleas with a club without causing harm
39. Sets out to embrace lady—heartless, most foxy
40. Ways of writing with pens
41. I buzz Prufrock’s maker—briefly but repeatedly
42. Future hamburgers for pilots
43. Extracts from *Last of the Mandolins*
44. Group subsuming the French elite
45. Hit-and-miss
46. See Sally Saturday (or Tuesday that is)
47. Devious routes for attaining legal dispossession
48. Animals protest—nervously and unquietly



Note: The instructions above are the special instructions for this month’s puzzle. It is assumed that you know how to decipher clues. For a complete introduction to clue-solving, write to The Atlantic Reprint Department, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

*The solution to last month’s
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