

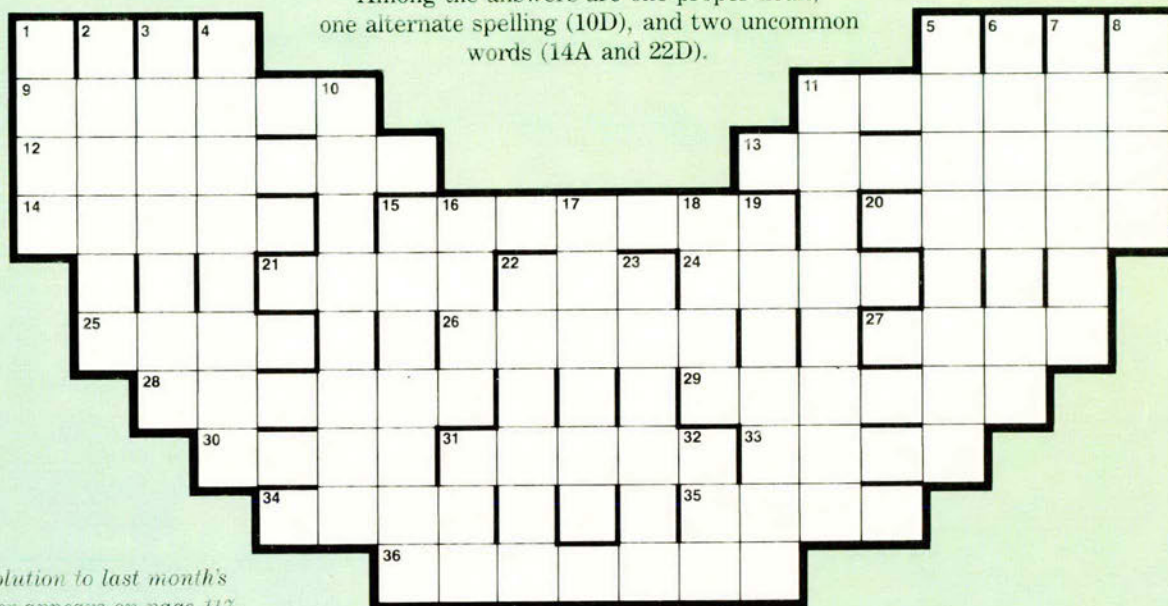
THE ATLANTIC PUZZLER

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NOAH'S ARK

In filling the diagram to this month's puzzle, solvers should not be too single-minded.

Among the answers are one proper noun, one alternate spelling (10D), and two uncommon words (14A and 22D).



The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 117.

ACROSS

9. Get busy putting pair into boat for Noah (6) (2 words)
 11. Money for sailing pieces (6)
 12. Animal with male name . . . (3)
 13. . . . and the female—more luxurious (7)
 14. Mouse's tail came up with a gnawed edge (5)
 15. Pets, in parts of ship, keeping company (7)
 20. Look for danger at sea (6)
 21. Scatter swine (3)
 22. Coop up swan (3)
 24. Ones initially caught in tossing sea (4)
 25. Days and days amid watery earth (4)
 26. Rat circling about was concerned (5)
 27. Bovine knocking front off boat (3)
 28. Flows off in Flood's last downpours (6)

29. Work periods providing color aboard ship (6)
 30. Note bats in shade (4)
 31. Avoid certain fowl (4)
 33. Attending to some of the reptiles (4)
 34. Coin phrase: "Elephants shouldn't often show their heads" (4)
 35. Where missing second member used to be (4)
 36. Nestled among fruit, dog is safe (7)

DOWN

1. Last cuckoo, cat, and horse (8)
 2. Fable about animals in the middle of wild weather (6)
 3. Dove flew around to make love (7)
 4. Creator of drama put vegetation in front of deer (8) (2 words)
 5. Toes lure mongrel resembling a bulldog (8)
 6. Oddly, sick hoot-owl is with groups of fish (7)

7. Train first couple of dirty, squirming eels (6)
 8. Only body of water (4)
 10. Oinkers carelessly consuming last of spare cleaning fluid (8)
 11. Quieter, endless precipitation landing in the water (8)
 15. Pandemonium and rioting during meal (7)
 16. Monkey with scar bends (4)
 17. Where farmyard animals are found in loud song (6)
 18. Serpent finally notices little frogs (4)
 19. Rodent's foe, hidden in shelter, is injured (7)
 22. Centers around frisky pair of goats (6)
 23. Vessel's cook eating bit of eggnog (6)
 31. Bear is back at rear of deck with deer (4)
 32. Grazer finds little room around Ararat's top (3)

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, write to The Atlantic Reprint Department, 8 Arlington Street, Boston, Mass. 02116, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope.