



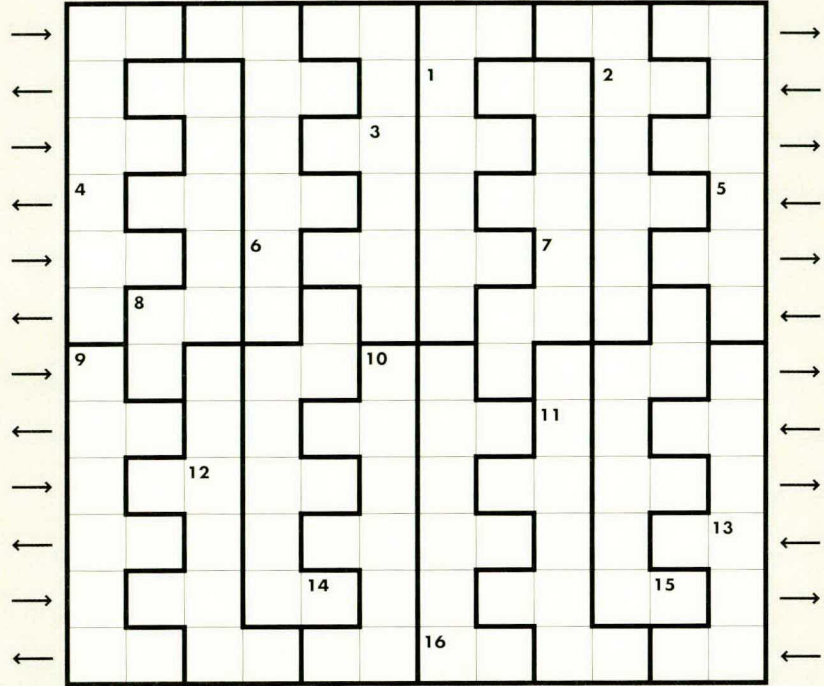
# THE PUZZLER

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## Patchwork

This puzzle diagram is a thing of Threads (clue answers a–r) and Patches (areas numbered 1–16). Solvers must determine the starting point for entry of the Threads, which weave across the grid in the order in which their clues are given, alternating direction from one row to the next, as shown by the arrows. A word exiting the diagram at the lower left will continue in the upper left corner. Each nine-letter Patch’s first letter belongs in its numbered square (these letters should help in weaving the Threads); the remaining Patch letters are to be entered in mixed order. Answers include two capitalized words.

*The solution to last month’s Puzzler appears on page 94.*



### Threads

- a. Crazy quilts are things given in compensation
- b. Take off about one ounce, getting back in shape
- c. Woodwind was brilliant, covering one unknown opus
- d. Elected official was wearing underwear he had thoughtfully changed?
- e. Chewed or left piece of broccoli or cauliflower
- f. Shows insects on the back of leaf
- g. A huge number of doctors acquiring breezy backing
- h. Instant support of a motion
- i. Not so docile around elephant’s primary handler
- j. Go like a bat’s female offspring
- k. Proteins from sponge filling cracked nails
- l. Writes about American knights’ fights

- m. Shark was very dramatic, swallowing ostrich-like bird
- n. Political film rehabilitated thirties musician
- o. One of the team leaders fitting into crack, maybe, almost
- p. Summer house encompassing one common flavor
- q. 9-pound boxes Democrat brought back to be camouflaged (*two words*)
- r. Breaks up college clubs infiltrated by federal agents

### Patches

1. Goal of a place like Amsterdam, to Rev. Spooner?
2. *Evergreen* playwright penning *Northern Sky*
3. Gets rid of black boxes, going around this way
4. Time degrades woolens, ultimately—like some gloves
5. Quit after Athletics pitcher pitched?
6. Northerner I make damaging statements about, you might say
7. Gallant gentlemen and great boxer among spelunkers
8. De Palma embraces Minnelli on return from a South American country
9. A steward’s putting English at the front, looking into the rising sun
10. Ceremony in African country held by two score
11. Put a stop to wrath’s risks
12. Fool around with hip new spacecraft
13. Carriers of disease on swine in sties
14. Completed *Flipper* article Taylor edited
15. Rough ape-like creature straddling draft animal
16. Nickname for quite some lump of coal?

**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, 745 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass. 02116.