



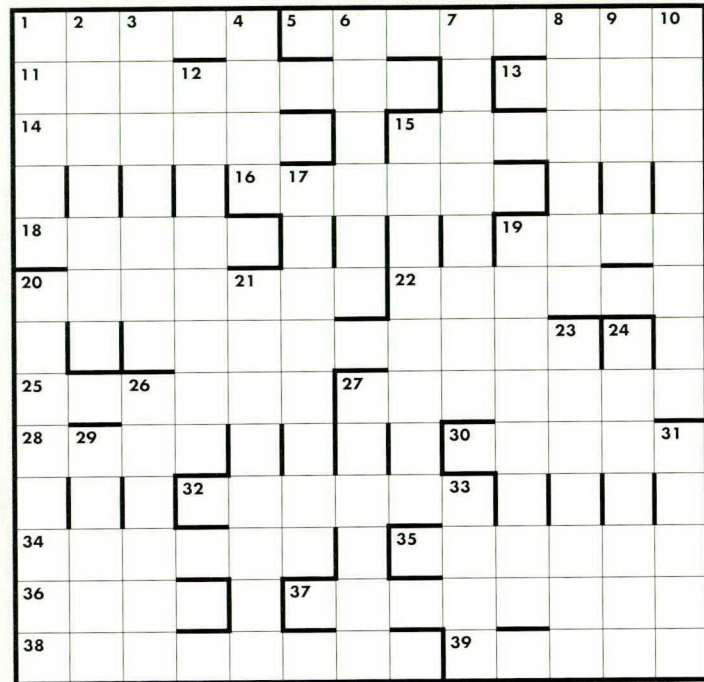
THE PUZZLER

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Puzzle Warranty

We hereby certify that our crossword puzzles for *The Atlantic Monthly* are cryptic. That is to say, each one of them involves anagrams, charades, homophones, and other forms of wordplay warranted to be enigmatic. In addition, as new solvers may be assured, our puzzles often involve a theme or gimmick in which clue answers—or some of them—will not fit into the diagram until a particular mystery has been unraveled. You have our word on this, and the unclued central entry in this month's puzzle specifies the kind of guarantee we are willing to extend. Answers include seven proper nouns and an alternate spelling at 35 Across; 15 Down and 19 Down are uncommon forms of common words.

The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 113.



Across

1. In reality, turned down drinks (5)
5. In island hills, first of pigs in corrals (8)
11. Lift empty container, in part, to the left (8)
13. Bars in an ornamental pattern become worn away (4)
14. Cut around exterior of Oklahoma tree (3, 3)
15. Part of a pie chart including UHF's first channel (6)
16. Piece in a store for both sexes? (6)
18. Learning Clinton's middle name (5)
19. One Mexican maintaining large part of your support system (4)
20. Without ceremony, writer with a baby seals conclusions (4-3)
22. Fifty-one of the Romans almost arranged in a row (6)
25. Run inside concert halls before end of sensational trial (6)
27. Vehicle carrying back sick English cows (7)
28. Rogue's unfinished swindle (4)
30. Highland sweetheart—no jinx (5)

32. You might say fairy-tale hero makes an impression (6)
34. Tablet with a newspaper's final column (6)
35. Blackfoot digs beverage and veggie on the tongue (6)
36. One said you work with needles (4)
37. Common note's beginning in surgery journal? (8)
38. Secretion from alien predator (8)
39. Southern constellation guys almost made out (5)

Down

1. *Pioneer's* pilot penetrates closer part of the cosmos? (5)
2. Like an egg appropriate to put in orange punch (7)
3. Study object aimed at a part of Europe (7)
4. Swedish wheels make an unhappy sound audibly (4)
6. Prophet fences small plants (6)
7. Early American: Iowa clan's second member (8)

8. Producer of a song or one cheer (6)
9. Some kind of a nut from California put in jail (5)
10. Flight attendants worry while holding doctor up (8)
12. Oddly move Pole with words of passion (4, 4)
15. Bush's quiet massage permitted (8)
17. Risk involving a royal (8)
19. Dad's brother almost comes with roaster, whole (8)
20. To wise up, Rocky falls off a surfboard (5, 3)
21. Bold United Nations air force attack (8)
23. Bigwig in shocking pink (7)
24. Germs covering a building's first floors (7)
26. Unevenly, Dean held diva's bloomer (6)
27. Kind, round movie star. . . (6)
29. . . .one appearing in film! (5)
31. Response to a joke about hankering animal (5)
33. Some stitches appear in the ear (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.