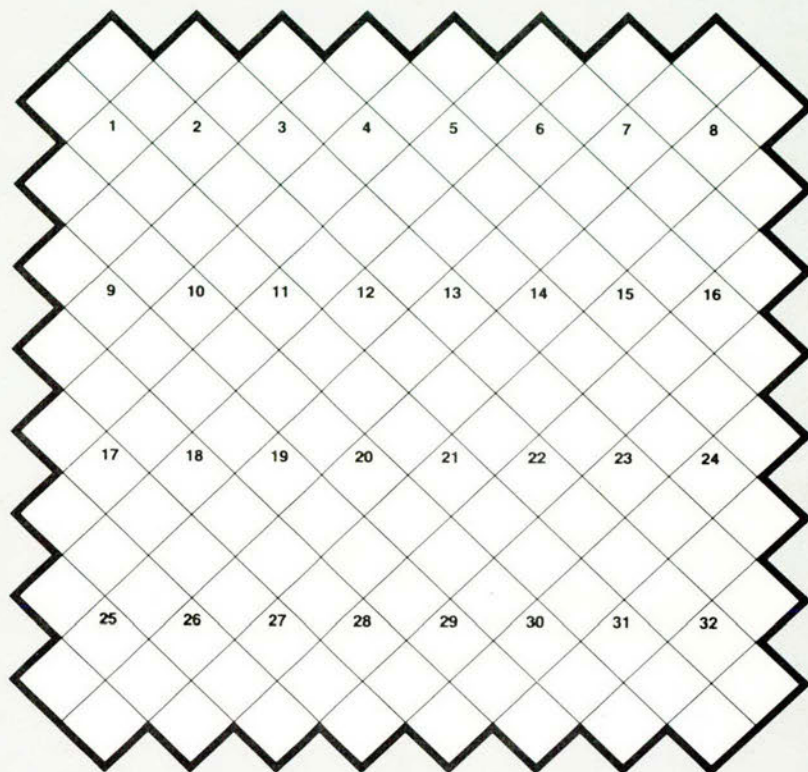


# THE ATLANTIC PUZZLER

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## EIGHTS

Each clue yields an eight-letter answer to be entered into the diagram so as to trace a normal (vertical) figure eight. A word may proceed in any direction from its starting point in the appropriately numbered square, crossing itself at the fifth letter (which is, therefore, the same as the first). The diagram's eight unchecked corner squares contain, in no special order, the letters AN OCTAVE. Answers include one proper noun and a possibly unfamiliar word at 30.



*The solution to last month's  
Puzzler appears on page 149.*

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| 1. Add to layer containing an octave                  | 14. Herd had a new mule                                   | ceremony for pensioners  |
| 2. Gnarled pear tree provokes witty words             | 15. Dinner companion seems upset about cloth on the table | 24. Cryptic clue's about bee and 99 cells                                    |
| 3. Check balance before fall                          | 16. Mountain dwellers, I wager, must wear shades          | 25. Crowd noise surrounds head of distance expert in running event (2 words) |
| 4. Bush shows what riled brass                        | 17. Pagan holds the heart of the bird (2 words)           | 26. Alluded to woodwind covering up loud blunder                             |
| 5. Document Dad's physical activity                   | 18. Insect finally caught by a more clever aardvark       | 27. Athlete, getting bad press, does well                                    |
| 6. Gets word about the shrubs                         | 19. Chief of Police takes copters off search              | 28. One-time oil conglomerate hosts president for coffee                     |
| 7. Let elves rent flat, ultimately                    | 20. Again, emphasize musical notes interrupting pauses    | 29. Progressive regarding past   |
| 8. Memo circulated about five and ten changing course | 21. One cat goes after end of small rope                  | 30. Western women or men describing anger for crop pest                      |
| 9. Trumpeter wearing cravats from the big band era    | 22. North African inhabitant's first catching one disease | 31. Playing evil role is more pleasant                                       |
| 10. One pair gets into coins and stamps               | 23. Facing west, fortune teller holds                     | 32. Freshly laid blacktop requires delay, we hear                            |
| 11. Fence with no opening surrounds hole in hill      |   |  |
| 12. Lowly cop taking judges' garb back                |   |  |
| 13. Droll and quirky apartment owner                  |   |  |

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