

# The Atlantic PUZZLER

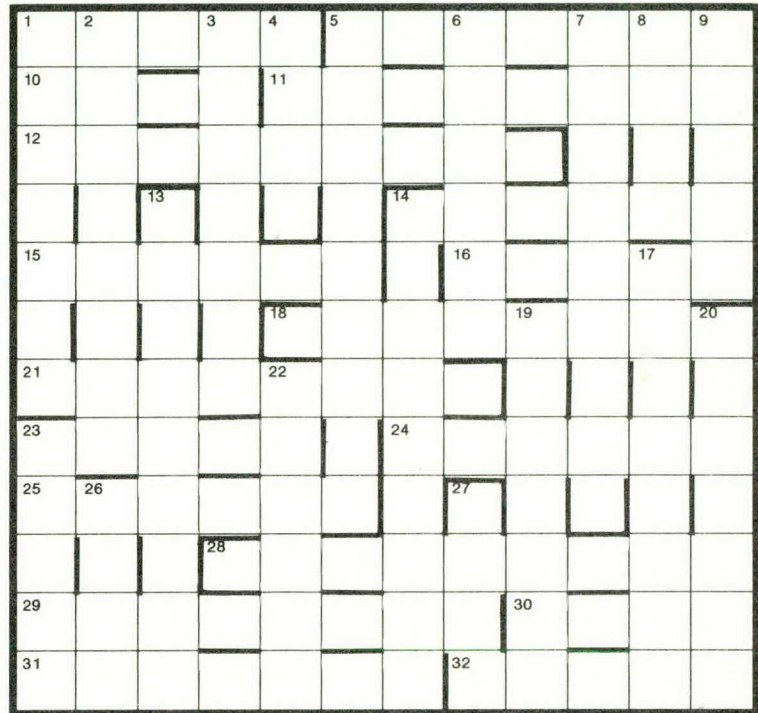
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## WRONG NUMBER

(acknowledgments to Ximenes  
of the *Observer*)

Each clue's answer is to be entered in the grid at a number corresponding to a different clue with an answer of the same length. The appropriate number's clue contains a definition of the answer to be entered at that location. Procedure recommended is to solve a clue and then find a definition of this answer in one of the five other clues to words of the same length; this shows where the answer belongs.

Answers include two proper nouns.  
Punctuation may be used deceptively.



## ACROSS

1. Fashion shop is also . . . wrong number (5)
5. Sentinels will move aimlessly in leaving shelters (7)
10. Furry mammal getting closer? (4)
11. Outstanding example of trained mount carrying soldiers (8)
12. "A requirement of polite society is property renovation," I added (9)
14. Hit men—sad compensation (6)
15. City of gold, with changes in its name (6)
16. A female is imperfect (5)
18. Poets are neatening up works (8)
21. Norm is getting into piano and woodwind set (8)
23. Greek figure with string, you say (5)
24. Snug retreat for a romance outside Canada's capital (6)
25. Retaining rent, let out room for three (6)

28. Transposing notes, or holding a note, for winds (9)
29. Getting smart, pig runs off with piece of corn (8)
30. Short page, in brief, comes before editor that's rushed (4)
31. Foreign king lies protected among secret agents (7)
32. Seed sown about dwelling's terminal boundaries (5)

## DOWN

1. Stir teacups with a point (7)
2. Ring legend reconstructed with one end of marker (8)
3. We lug an unusual vessel's part (7)
4. Horse's gait precipitated Pole (4)
5. Improvements must take place in Roman-made communications (9)
6. Show gives you glimpse of one amid merrymaking (6)
7. Fancy lace is what's fitting in certain homes, we feel (9)
8. Farmyard animal's attack (4)
9. Station on the borders of the Ohio maybe (5)
13. In currently acceptable belief, the limits of arms should be upped (9)
14. P.S.—in Terra storms occur (9)
17. Genet novel should be about right, in beginning (8)
19. Move briskly with apex of Alps just above—I get dizzy, holding on (7)
20. Gad—pirate is in wreck with part of ship (7)
22. Skyscraper customarily will disclose outline (6)
23. Here's room to live without ultimately needing a weapon (5)
26. Once in topless clothing, run (4)
27. Return two fifties with one-time money drawer (4)

**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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