



THE PUZZLER

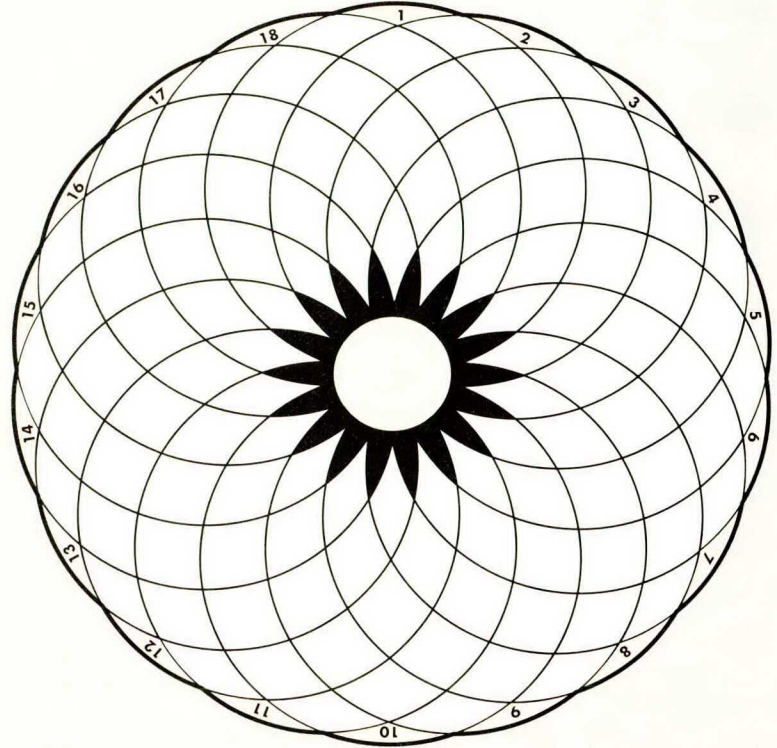
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Flower Cuttings

This puzzle's 36 entries are clued in pairs, one going clockwise and the other going counterclockwise in the arcs from the number they share in the border toward the diagram's center. (No letters fall in numbered spaces.) It is up to the solver to determine which entry goes in which direction. Most answers are six letters long, but some are seven letters long and must have a letter cut before entry. Letters that are cut may be removed to the line below the diagram. Also, each of the 36 clues contains an extraneous letter that must be cut in order for the clue to lead to a correct solution. The 36 letters cut from the clues will spell, in order, a ten-word cryptic clue; letters cut from the diagram entries (also in order) will form its solution.

Clue answers include four proper nouns and an uncommon word at 3 (clued second).

The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 121.



Clues

1. ___ Fad brought back obscure kind of rose
___ Turkey sandwiches set plunk in cleaned house
2. ___ Teddy Roosevelt's wife is behind church coup
___ Loud sound by wren returning for meal
3. ___ Eve's son taking in Eve's collapse (*two words*)
___ Struck in California, leave out of a count
4. ___ Morse silent about telegraph's first lowly voice?
___ Short snapper appeared with shelled crab
5. ___ Oil inside damages food processors?

- ___ School sport cut short
6. ___ All mixed up in some weaving course
___ Guess rum is covered in petition
7. ___ Play includes hit routine
___ Gem for every idiot
8. ___ Gourmet coffee sent after passing river
___ Red tin carries cakes
9. ___ Pass the hat first with French composer
___ Eating doughnut, turned surprisingly plump
10. ___ To get office equipment, I'm interrupting manager?
___ Rib running back: "Houston player is chicken"
11. ___ Dears stocking party ribbon
___ Famous rock musicians attend less

12. ___ Marcel in terror is quieter
___ Prospero keeps *Tempest* extremely base
13. ___ Bit off stem, and pressed rose
___ Member of Juliet's family allowed on the east side of Capua
14. ___ Materials were located by inns
___ Race, not changing pace
15. ___ Grow wilder at end of stint in marsh
___ Picked out copper, large wads first
16. ___ Bonsai going to pot in warm site
___ Planter of fear carrying weapon
17. ___ Half of lead goes into clasps for bracelets
___ Turn set off with audio equipment
18. ___ Plunger, see, for manifold
___ Threaten to go drown computer?

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.