

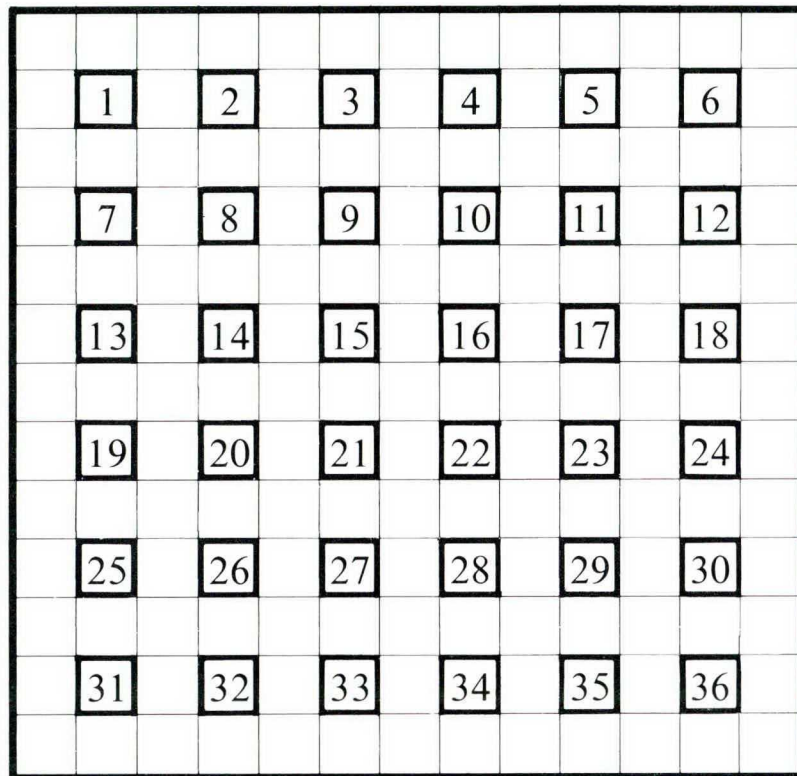
The Atlantic PUZZLER

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“EIGHTSOME REELS”

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Each numbered square in the diagram is surrounded by eight blank squares. All clues lead to words of eight letters, to be entered in the squares around their appropriate numbers; the words may run clockwise or counter-clockwise, beginning anywhere. Solvers will have to determine where each word begins and the direction in which it is to go. One answer, 6, is not common. Remember that punctuation in the clues may be used deceptively.



1. Most spacy items—pet rocks
2. Meat-head gear?
3. On hill, somersault for sum of money
4. Food that may be kept with salt or be pickled
5. Consult alopecist on sure serotherapy for bald spots
6. Diviner to use harp when unraveling unknown
7. Silver bullet's last in a certain "rod"
8. Cricket to chirp when it gets left inside
9. Troll in southeast part of river is the one carrying off kids!
10. Not wearing clothes except at Leslie's, briefly
11. Poison-pensters—true villains
12. Makes a point of thrashing rash writers
13. "Piglet"—Spanish for "king having gained pound"
14. Gardening plot can grow noiselessly
15. Rude manners to eat steak, bone, and scraps
16. All over *Times*—red and black marks
17. Makes agreeable to nose drops
18. Sun rotates inside earth, goddess sternly judges
19. Bit of communication from Zeus has sun god inside globe
20. Debut of pedal-operated instrument of eating
21. Shrouded by gossamer, I, Diana, circle round the earth
22. Restructure Emerald Isle internally for improvement
23. Foggy idea about song for you to play back and identify
24. Count keeps returning nose-ring
25. Keep nearly inanimate, but spirited
26. Person doling out \$1000 for string
27. I act after prayer to statue
28. Don't start killing for amusement
29. Gold ring and guinea briefly kept for fortune telling
30. Soak broken arm in tea
31. "Stormy Sea"—print by Winslow Homer, etc.
32. Result of broken bat triples—on base with none out
33. What led to romance between Mr. Wodehouse's sheets
34. Missing original pieces of eight, king is for war
35. Fruit waste has little character
36. A carpet backed with bark from a tree

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.

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