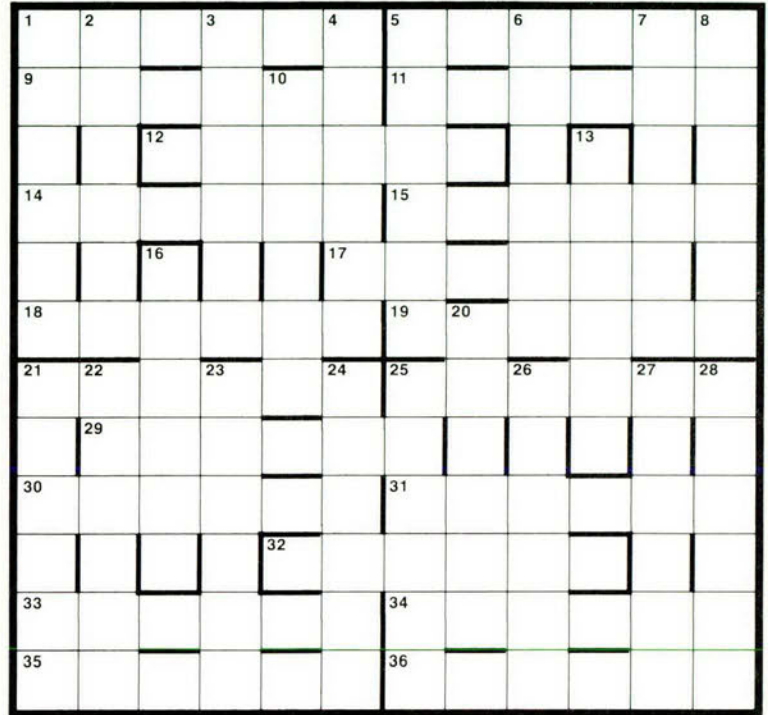


THE PUZZLER

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SIXISM

Twenty of the clues given below lead to five-letter words, while the other twenty lead to seven-letter words. However, in the interests of equality, all words are to be made six letters long before being entered in the diagram. Each seven-letter word may have any one of its letters dropped to form a new word, and each five-letter word may have a letter added anywhere to form its new word. Clue answers include a variant spelling at 34 Across and two proper nouns. Diagram entries include seven proper nouns.



*The answers to last month's
Puzzler appear on page 88.*

ACROSS

1. Planet with hot, wet land
5. Don't start broadcasts for so long
9. French saint during day is armor-clad fighter
11. Stop carrying rod and whip
12. Amateurs wager about it
14. Sound of auctioneer's call gripping one
15. Devouring a container of cookies, ask for punishment
17. Fish that miss hoop
18. Apprentice left with paid worker
19. Thin lens distorted and reflected part of the rainbow
21. Bugs in average American car
25. In your voices, temper
29. Bringing up one fault in sleazy newspaper

30. Went over cryptic grid in the sack
31. Doctor letter with varnish
32. Petitions for some Indians announced
33. Christian let Inge free
34. Roman magistrate's predilection, in part
35. Dumbbells weigh slightly short
36. One German passion

DOWN

1. Curve described by superior inventor
2. Nut set loose—in other words, free
3. Laurel found around one spot
4. Current passenger is more bitter
5. Those who shape wheels
6. Excavated around street in cleanup work
7. Stove operated by appliance corp.

8. Celebrity holds back urge to shock
10. Rolling dice, Tex is hot
13. Does trendy drugs at first in high school
16. British commercials for nails
20. Guaranteed result keeping new user
21. Cloak-and-dagger groups dropping third sources
22. Middle America reviewed wrongdoing
23. Cruel captain's grabbing first of the scourges
24. Fritters (50) consumed by mid-month
25. Dined out with old partner, getting in the back pages
26. Having a fit, third-year student gets a taste of educator's ruler
27. Fix lever so poorly
28. Be sore about a gourmand

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 envelope to The Atlantic Puzzler, 8 Arlington Street, Boston, Mass. 02116.