# THE PUZZLER

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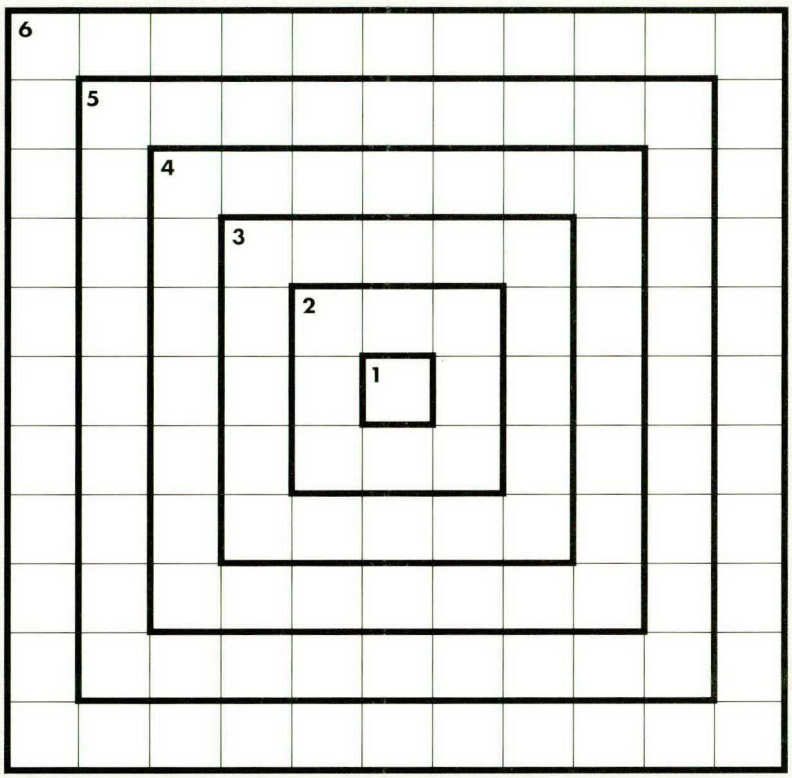
## Target Practice

Answers to clues are to be entered horizontally and vertically without regard to heavy bars. Each row or column contains two words; rows may total 10 or 11 letters, and columns may total 11 or 12 letters. A row whose entries total 10 letters will have an unused square somewhere in its sequence (it may be anywhere). A column whose entries total 12 letters will have a pair of consecutive letters sharing the same square. A square that's shared in a column will be the same one that's unused in a row; one such square occurs in each of the numbered Rings. Each entry's clue is given under the number of the innermost Ring through which it passes, in no special order within each Ring. When the diagram is completely filled, the results of the Target Practice should be evident. Nine answers are capitalized.

*The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 107.*




### Rings

**1. a.** Shot goes by, making some holes (6)
**b.** Mark that's left by a black insect (6)

**2. a.** Otter's tail breaking Polish river's tranquillity (5)
**b.** Bag male animal on a pole (5)
**c.** Take first person after one low-ranking officer (6)
**d.** Thrill is gone after initial bit of excitement (5)
**e.** Giant insect eating one M&M (7)
**f.** A morsel that's left on a large vessel (5)
**g.** Pose in motion, taking a stroll (5)
**h.** Pause, turning train set the other way (5)
**i.** Change baby after putting traveling cot in church office (7)

**3. a.** In "Turnabout," perform in drag for French director (6)
**b.** Borders of two states (4)
**c.** Stars showing in comeback of Nicholas Brothers (4)
**d.** Foremost of executives sure pay dirt—it's not a pretty sight (7)
**e.** Native American brought back a tuber (4)
**f.** Cook makes moist crawfishes (4)
**g.** Knight with strange rod carried by horse on TV (7)
**h.** Crushing objections withdrawn by crooner (8)
**i.** Young socialites leading Socialist (4)

**4. a.** Get rid of water in the ear with a big wad of cotton? (4)
**b.** Run temperature, and deteriorate (4)
**c.** Stooge taken in by group of lawyers is lowlife? (6)
**d.** Engrave in volume, "To a listener" (6)
**e.** Trifle with English pound, weak after recession (6)
**f.** Perfectly traps emcee with prowler? (6)
**g.** Speaker adjusted to roar (6)
**h.** Equal ear given in hearing for baseball player (6) (*two words*)

**5. a.** Choice of colors permitted in poll (7)
**b.** Republican printed in pink pen (6)
**c.** Going before thin, otherwise excellent queen (7)
**d.** Copper and trace of magnesium in spice (5)
**e.** Instrument operator in back of room (5)
**f.** Fat, like Ernest of CW music? (5)
**g.** Rock auditioned for part (4)
**h.** *Boys Town* actor is one interrupting Mr. Rogers (6)

**6. a.** Yawning through *Maude* episode (4)
**b.** Go on and on about silly Dot's car (7)
**c.** New York town in Mailer novel (6)
**d.** Porches with sags? (6)
**e.** Played a recording about return of visitor from outer space (5)
**f.** Fleet gray bats describing circles (6)
**g.** A sailor and I forming electronic game company, once (5)
**h.** Did away with mess (4)

**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.