

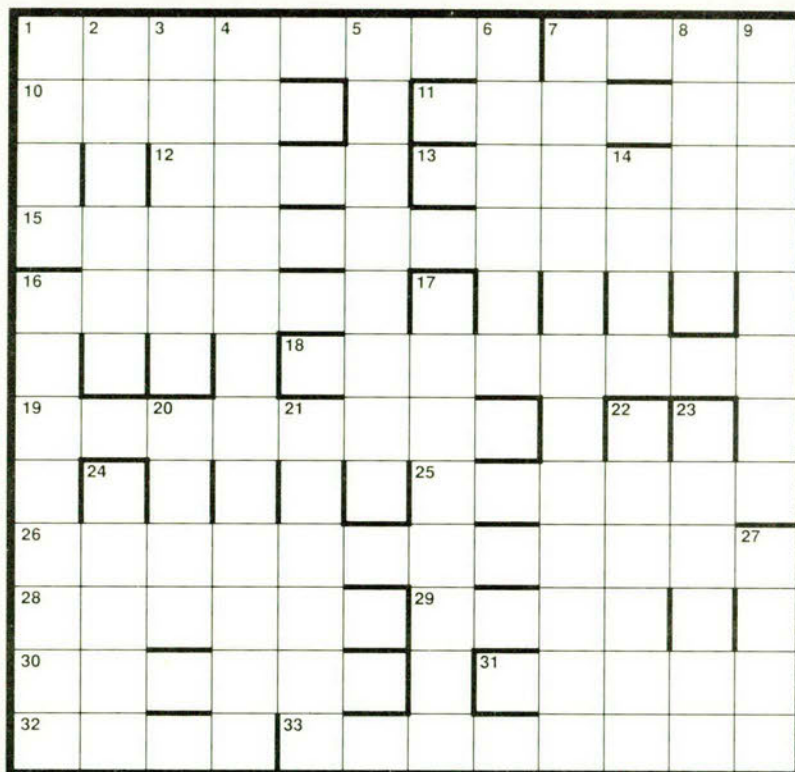
THE PUZZLER

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BORROWERS AND LENDERS

Each diagram entry borrows one letter from its clue or lends one letter to its clue. For example, if an answer were STEW and its clue were "Wild West dish" (anagram), the answer might borrow an S from its clue (leaving the clue to read "Wild wet dish"), with the diagram entry becoming S STEW, STSEW, STESW, or STEWS. Or STEW might lend an E to its clue (making the clue read "Wield West dish"), with the diagram entry becoming STW. Half the diagram entries (18) are borrowers and half are lenders. Clue answers include three proper nouns.

The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 117.



ACROSS

1. After 100, irrational addition sign
7. Loesser musical's beginning in Oregon
10. Note pretty Dotty Hoyle embracing male
11. Nuts mar clear candy
12. Middle of bench has mild crack
13. Spilled teas covering tie, say
15. Amid check for mortar
16. Hero's mean, lean German article
18. Almost naked, niece gets tavern job
19. On piles, lose letter
25. Head of France relaxes in zoos
26. Scattered, partial insect bites

28. Bring, for example, whale back to one river
29. Desert was wet, strangely
30. Plead about wanderer's wise expression
31. Singe most of sofa
32. Said song is grating when rendered backwards by error
33. *Tres grotesque*, Charles

DOWN

1. Heard task is hot in middle
2. Maine environment can produce a cone
3. Sort of aid for a woman's heart in love
4. Family fat kept secret
5. "Slim-O-Tram" exercises for people who never diet
6. Greek character interrupts gangster's gun sale
7. State criminal weirdly given to smothering
8. New Jersey basketball players' ears
9. Salt fed to Communist's sows
14. Sick madmen improve
16. Ape lord shot at
17. Fiend's secret writing about weapon recoiling
20. Bone, for one, held by osteopath
21. Rascal on train makes dive
22. Copper cried out
23. Remit half of debt on organ
24. Scottish lad's low resistance
27. Aboard ship, villain doodles

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