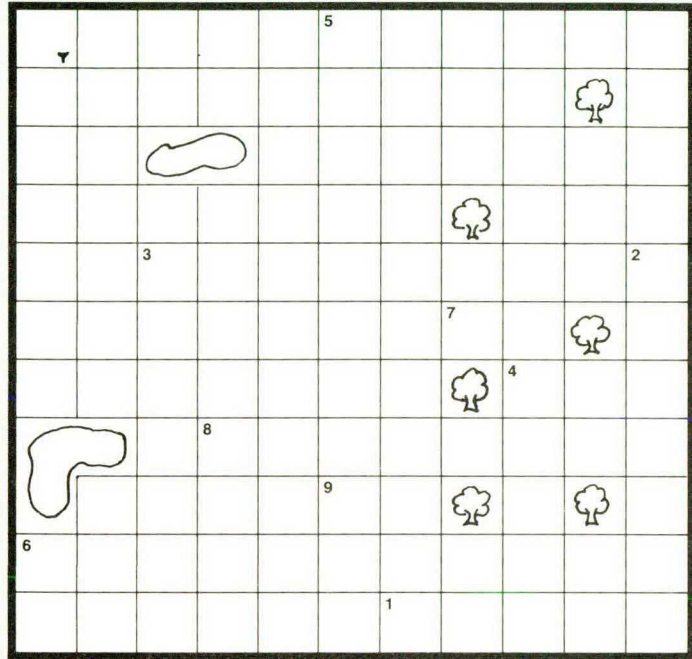


THE ATLANTIC PUZZLER

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CRYPTIC GOLF

The diagram represents a 9-hole golf course, and each answer represents a shot. Each shot is to be entered in a single straight line, up, down, sideways, or diagonally, one letter per square. By starting at the tee in the upper left-hand corner, solvers can reach the first hole (marked 1) in four such shots. Each new shot begins in the square where the last one ended. The first hole (1) is thus the tee-off square for the sequence of shots approaching 2; and so on. The nine numbered squares should not be touched by any shots other than those ending holes and teeing off toward new ones. Avoid shooting into the trees and ponds. And remember that each sequence of clues is numbered for the hole toward which it is proceeding. Answers include four proper nouns and one foreign word; 4b and 8d are not common; 4a is a variant spelling. Punctuation may be used deceptively.



*The solution to last month's
Puzzler appears on page 101.*

CLUES

1. **a.** Short drive in golf course calls for woods (7)
b. Mysterious isle is a region of Eastern Europe (7)
c. Compensate a character (5)
d. Sports program, in part, showing smooth tee (5)
2. **a.** Will related strange tales about morning inside circus building (11)
b. Bond's golf course (5)
c. Legends sink aces (5)
3. **a.** Officer material—a common soldier, perhaps (8)
b. Small group halfway to a Brazilian city (4)
c. Horrible monster could make advancement with PR (6)
d. Persian ruler's quiet sigh (4)
4. **a.** Hails for tools with angled blades—about a 90° angle (7)
b. Oats scattered from porch in Greece (4)
c. A female tennis player (4)
d. Mlle. Colette holds French school (5)
5. **a.** Work for a living around the clay (7)
b. Basketball team's profits (4)
c. Green attracts backing (5)
d. Nasty words for lodgings in England (4)
e. Greatly inclined to soak (5)
6. **a.** Fast talk that's better memorized? (6)
b. More than one spoke of surprise raid on Israel's capital (5)
c. Moved slowly and squeezed behind the piano (6)
7. **a.** Tee off in Reagan's home—President's last to notice (6)
b. For rent: houses managed with an open mind (8)
c. Gangster has heroin in boat (4)
d. Puncture in run-about (4)
8. **a.** Coming out of green, met buggy (8)
b. Device used by a helmsman or farmer (6)
c. Astor's exotic cooks (6)
d. Old English bard cops out (4)
9. **a.** Baby-talked daily about toddler's toy (8)
b. Form a conclusion about peculiar gain in amount of drugs (8)
c. Series featuring Cleveland Indians (4)
d. Arab princes seem upset, having the woman beheaded (6)

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, write to The Atlantic Reprint Department, 8 Arlington Street, Boston, Mass. 02116, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope.