



THE PUZZLER

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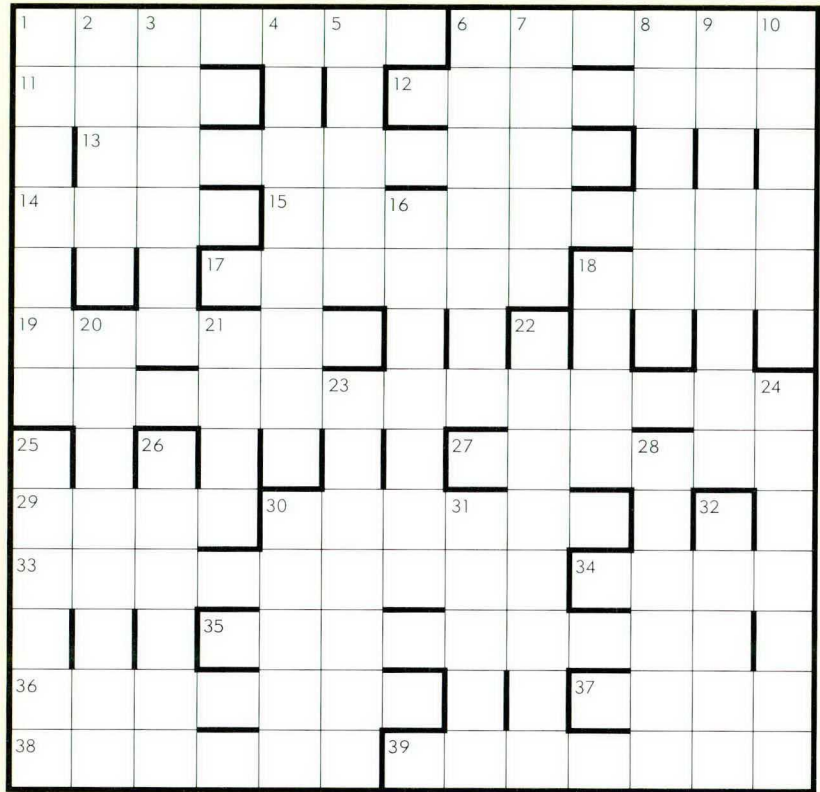
Our Cryptic Hobby

Puzzle-makers must have their avocations, and ours is encapsulated in this cryptic crossword, as ten diagram squares will reveal. The central Across entry, otherwise unclued, names the hobby in question. Answers include 11 capitalized words.

Last month's Puzzler solution is on page 181.

ACROSS

1. Shock police back in some trees (7)
6. Someone who jokes about first of ships from outer space (6)
11. Lawyer for Scopes, after his initial pointer (5)
12. Knowledge about wet conditions in part of France (8)
13. Hairstyles following current figures on the silver screen (9)
14. Jet into Kentucky (4)
15. Choose pilaf, perhaps, with the Spanish fish (8, 3)
17. Article wrapped by flower in a graceful way (7)
18. Mister Riley retains a woman's first name (5)
19. Miserable lunatic, regressive tyrant (6)
27. Eponym of a foundation for poor Greeks (6)
29. Patricia, keeping hot or cool (4)
30. Instrument's protector mostly carrying it (6)
33. Rare, briefer, shifting hazard for sailors (7, 4)
34. Fashionable Christian bar accruing interest the wrong way (4)
35. Girl in love charged items, making goofs (9)
36. Dwarf constrained by one nickname (7)
37. Stone slab found in wastelands (5)
38. Scoundrels consent to returning early satellite (7)
39. Gad all about in turn with toy (3, 4)



DOWN

1. Careful in the extreme, writes a novel (7)
2. A Republican tirade, unmitigated (6)
3. Timed after the starter is fixed (6)
4. Not trusting moving in neutral (9)
5. True small-time chick's comment? (5)
6. Elvis companies reveal nothing (8)
7. Martyr erroneously holds back spacy model (6)
8. Chopped and dug around cave's opening (6)
9. Concluding in failure, making mistakes (9)
10. Handle ice Alec crushed (7)
16. Gent with headwear eating hot tart (7)
18. Kid with empty bag (4)
20. Fear change, like somewhat holy chief (9)
21. Legislature's daily fare (4)
22. In sequence, Air Force attacking with planes (8)
23. Small vibration that is right for a maker of rider's gear (8)
24. Wake up lass having to be in Paris (3, 4)
25. Happy at last, you have a snack, making a sandwich of peanut butter (6)
26. Some empty land for noblemen by the sound (7)
28. Suggest entering true religious practice of the East (6)
30. Bud Stone and Pa's wife (5)
31. Inventor of wild tales (5)
32. Sportscaster and hawk together? (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 send an addressed, stamped long envelope to The Atlantic Puzzler, 77 North Washington Street, Boston, Mass. 02114.