



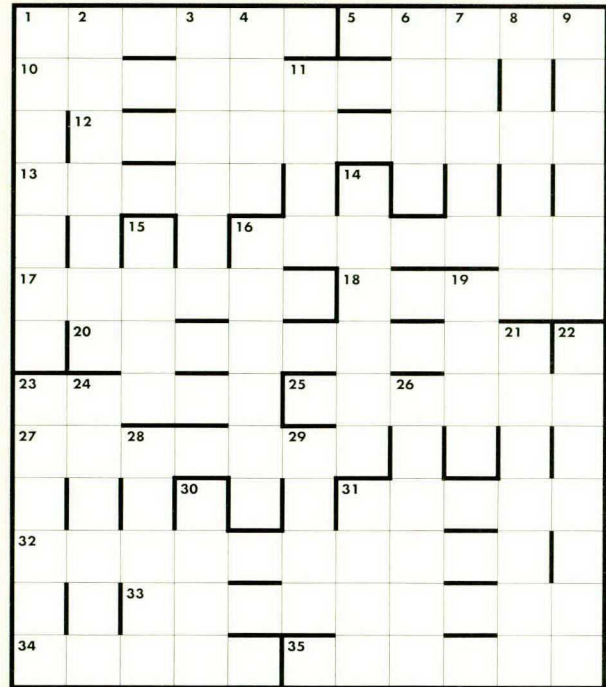
# THE PUZZLER

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## Smorgasbord

Answers to the six Smorgasbord clues represent dishes to be divided into single-letter helpings; answers to the Across clues represent diners partaking of various helpings. Every diner, upon being seated in the diagram, eats (has inserted into it) at least one helping (letter) from the smorgasbord; some eat as many as three helpings. (If a diner eats from more than one dish, all the helpings are eaten as a group.) Diners form words before *and* after eating. When the diners have finished eating, some leftovers will remain. These leftovers can be mixed together to form a two-word phrase, which is the answer to this month's contest. Downs are normal. Answers include seven capitalized words; Across entries include one proper noun.

See page 137 for Puzzler contest details. The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 136.



### Smorgasbord

- One clue concerning smorgasbord of appetizers (9)
- Begin to eat, swallowing pastry (7) (two words)
- Head of lettuce put in tossed salad for TV show (6)
- Eggs I've scrambled with onions, peppers, and such (7)
- Chops covered with cashew sauce (4)
- Food like spinach and peanut butter sandwiches remaining (7)

### Diners

- Drinks from fifth of alcohol taken by drunkards
- An abundance of milk containers behind auto
- Show up carrying cooking vessel with stewed fruit
- Serving wine in bottles only, initially
- Time our group passing around first of gravy boats
- Father Fitzgerald's seafood dish

- Container for food captivates one ancient farmer
- After two olives, composer...
- ...having a meal at home gets into earsplitting sound for all ages
- Drinks back salt water with a slice of lemon
- Peel bananas for a soccer superstar
- Run out of fruit side dish
- Bit of butter in small containers
- Tea for each individual escort
- Look for nuggets to taste in cook's room
- Set in front of McMahon, salt and pepper went fast
- Headless fish jerks

### Down

- Outside of church, adhere to routine (7)
- Drug addict had hope dashed (7)
- American writer crossing Italian river's farthest point (6)
- Beats Dick and Jane's dog up (4)
- Bismarck base not taking sides (4)
- Desire gripping English composer (5)

- Bean casserole ingredient (6)
- Guys who hand out presents without receiving thanks (6)
- Some grass and a drink (4)
- Steps softly at first on some flooring (6)
- Darkness falling across the village (4)
- Too bad about general's messy quarters (6)
- Fascinated by sort of bean, being penniless? (4)
- Rugged ridges claiming airline's fourth aircraft (7)
- Joey's replacing Old English with Irish cows (7)
- Tips from experts about mixed-up type (6)
- Send over joint pursuant to legal matter (6)
- Young Sonics beaten (6)
- In silence, copy form (5)
- Timeless story before the end of *Gone With the Wind* (4)
- Getting up, siestas are over? (4)
- Almost offensively bold underwear (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.