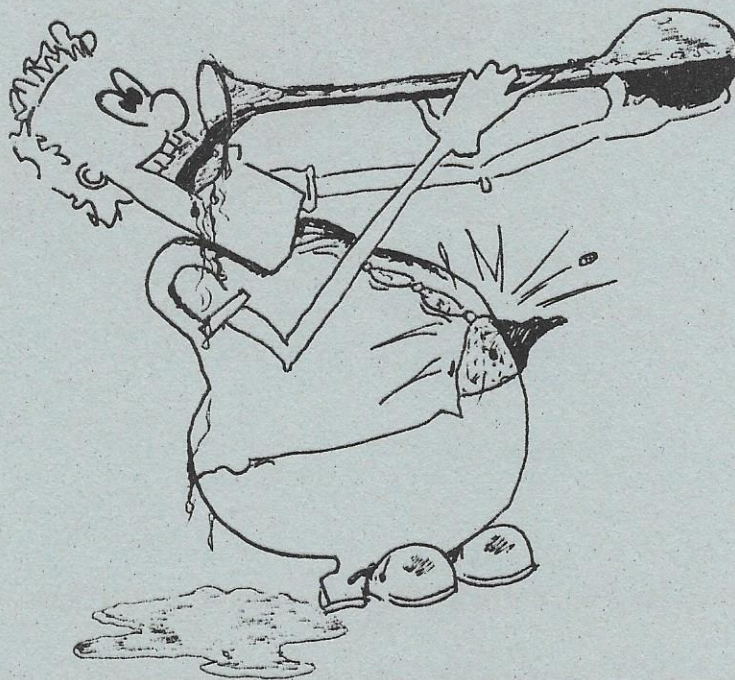


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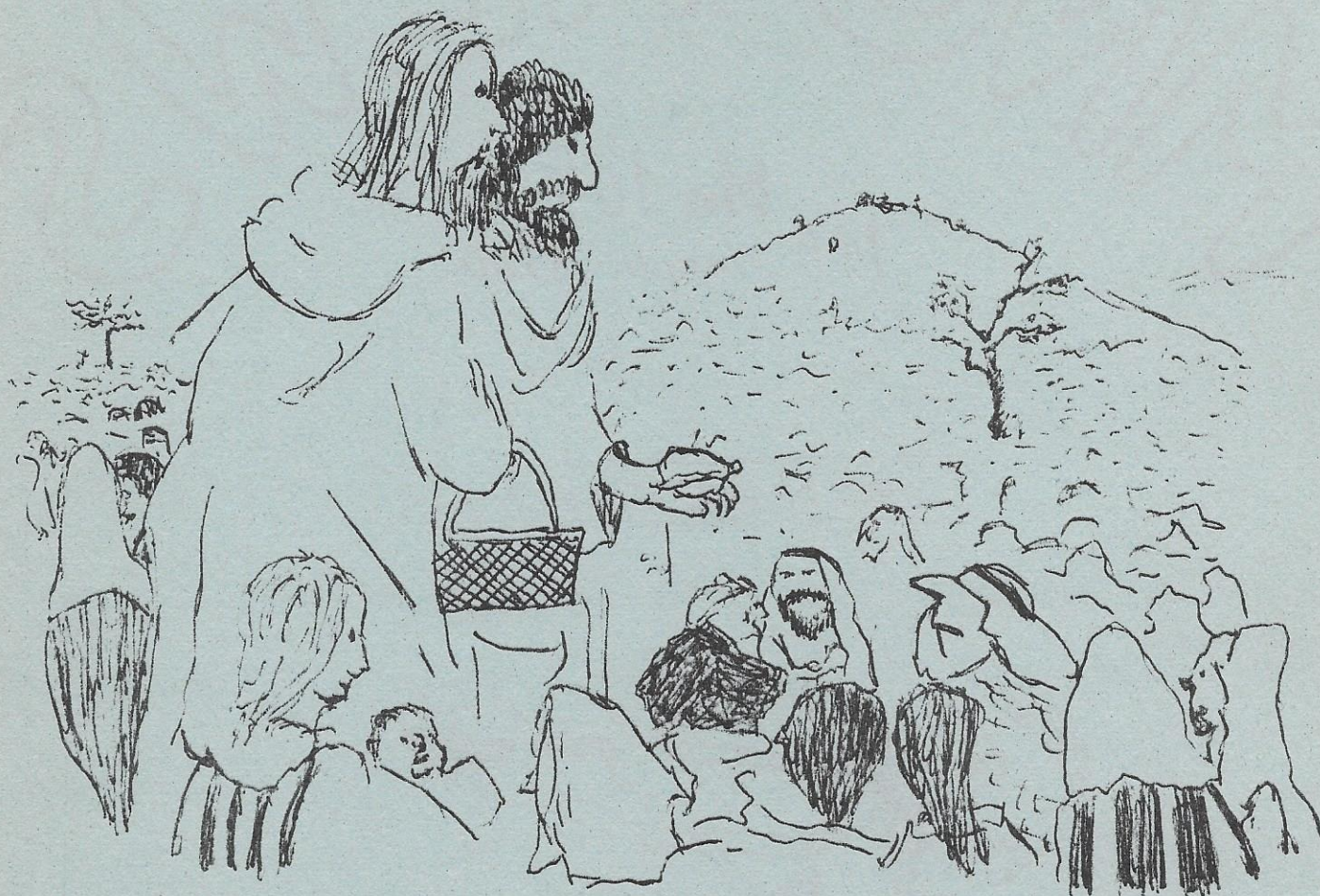
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YARD OF ALE COMPETITION



LOOK HOW EASY IT IS!

MORE DETAILS INSIDE.



"Alright, Last offer. TWO BREAD AND FISH
FOR A CHEESE AND CHUTNEY!"

Owing to a misprint of the word 'pallet', minutes of a Heathrow airport meeting read:-

"Pilot storage: terminal 2 management pointed out that pilots were unsightly and would inevitably be stored in the area to the rear of the check-out desk. M.D.A. agreed to look at some means of keeping pilots out of sight of the public."

The following extract, from a Daily Telegraph personal column, quotes 'Wisdom 7, 24'. Presumably its present apparent meaning was not the one originally meant!

"For Wisdom is more moving than any motion: she passeth and goeth through all things by reason of her pureness."

MORE LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

At their closest point, the United States and Russia are less than two miles apart.
The site of the Biblical Sin City of Sodom is rapidly becoming a booming tourist area.
The World's oldest national flag is the flag of Denmark, which has remained unchanged since about the year 1219.
The Houses of Parliament were built on the banks of the Thames following the advice of the Duke of Wellington, who thought they should be placed where a mob couldn't surround them.

HAVE YOU GOT GLASSES?

In the last month the bar has had to buy nearly 100 pint GLASSES at the cost of about £25. If you want the prices to stay as low as they are, PLEASE RETURN any glasses you have which belong to the bar. Thank you.

BAR COMMITTEE

LEWISHAM CONCERT HALL PRESENTS -

MY FAIR LADY

Lyrics : ALAN LERNER

Music : FREDERICK LOEWE

Tuesday to Saturday, March 25th - 29th, nightly at 7.30 pm.

Tickets 60p to £1.40. (Tuesday evening and Saturday matinee all seats 60p)

Box Office 01-690-3431

Among the organisations that one can join around the World, according to "Spectator", a magazine published by the Chrysler Corporation, are:-

The International Footprint Association

God's Garden Club (a church in Los Angeles)

The Forum for Cosmic Truth

The National Indignation Society (!)

Simande-Bruderschaft ("Brotherhood of the Hen-Pecked Husbands", Krems, Germany)

Society for the Prevention of Calling Sleeping Car Porters George

National Association for the Prevention of the Practice of Referring to a Bathroom as a John

and

The "What Good Are We" Club (located, appropriately enough, in Washington D.C.)

Is this meant to
demonstrate
sexual equality, do
you think?

(Address from an envelope)

Miss M. Scraggs Esq.
2, 4 miles & 1/2
P.O. Box 100
Ken

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Anyone interested in joining any of these clubs, please sign the appropriate list(s) on the notice board.

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN BY A YARD

Those of you empty in the pocket, why not enter the "Yard of Ale Drinking Competition"

Entry fee only 60p, but you could win £5!

The contest will be held in the Student Bar at 8.00 pm, Thursday 20th March

On Thursday 20th March, Rear Admiral Sir Edmund Irving will be visiting the College to address a meeting of Marine Librarians on the "Transglobe Expedition."

The talk, accompanied by slides, will be given in Room 430/1, commencing at 2 pm, and any member of staff or student who is interested and free at the time is welcome to come along. However, please let Mrs Bolton or Mr. Gordon know in advance so that sufficient chairs are available.

BIKO

September '77,
Port Elizabeth weather fine,
It was business as usual
In Police Room 619

When I try to sleep at night
I can only dream in red,
The outside world is black and white
With only one colour dead.

You can blow out a candle
But you can't blow out a fire.
Once the flame begins to catch
The mind will blow it higher.

PETER GABRIEL

SEEN ON LONDON SHOP WINDOWS

"Breakfasts served all day."
"Don't miss Harry's Funny Hour - 5.30 to 7.00."

AND ON A SHOP WINDOW IN AMERICA -

"Our boast: we never allow a dissatisfied customer to leave this store."

IN THE OUTER OFFICE OF A HAMPSHIRE VETINARY SURGEON:

"Please do not put your pets on the receptionist's desk - she bites."

ON A STALL IN A SAN REMO MARKET:

"Best Scottish knitwear. Jock McPhoney.
Made in Scotland."

FROM AN ISTANBUL HOTEL'S BROCHURE:

"All our waiters have a course of instructions in European eating ways and customs so that they can do their bests and serve you right."

WHILE IN BAGHDAD:

"Steaks and chops are grilled before our customers."

From a periodic report written by an officer on a sailor in his division at a time when the mid-day issue of rum was a regular part of ship-board life in the Royal Navy:
"In the mornings this man is an idiot. In the afternoons he is a gibbering idiot."

Station Announcement at Waterloo:

"The 08.14 from Shepperton will not now arrive until approximately some time after to due time of departure."

(Surely Dr. Who could do something about that!)

According to the Daily Telegraph of February 28th, the latest delay to the completion of the giant new Isle of Grain power station is due to a "shortage of ladders".

ADVICE ON ABANDONING SHIP!

On hearing 6 shorts and 1 long, the abandon ship signal, I would don my lifejacket and look over the side to see where the waterline is. If it was high I would jump overboard, if it was low I would go to my lifeboat.

I would go to my boat and make sure that the plug and the crew were in.

See that the hands muster at their stations and are properly told off.

Every man will proceed to put on a lifejacket and proceed to his station, which he can find from any notice board.

On hearing the signal for lifeboat stations I would immediately don my lifejacket and uniform cap and proceed to the boat deck.

In case of fire a wooden boat will go up in smoke, but a steel one will be fairly safe.

NOTES FOR YOUNG CONFEREES

The Conference is a military institution in which all officers at one time or another find themselves involved. Yet, there appears to be no instruction available in training manuals on the art and practice of conferring. The M.N.C. News aims to fill this obvious gap in the education of officers.

The Principles of Conferring:-

1. The object of having a conference is to avoid making a decision. Just as in the days of ancient armies a Council of War was only called when the General did not wish to attack the enemy, so, today, a conference is called only when a Commander or his staff do not wish to make a decision.
2. The more people there are present, the easier it is to come to no decision, but, conversely, the longer it takes to achieve this.
3. A conference should be attended by the most senior and distinguished officers available, regardless of whether they know anything about the subject under discussion.
4. No conference is complete without tea or coffee. This is a ritual which must be observed without fail. (Biscuits are optional)

Personnel at a Conference

1. The CHAIRMAN is normally the most distinguished officer present, he is usually the representative of the branch which does not want to make a decision. He steers the conversation into lengthy and irrelevant discord to prevent others agreeing with each other.
2. The BRIGHT YOUNG FANATIC (B.Y.F.) is usually a young officer making his first appearance at a conference. Thinking his brilliance and enthusiasm unique, he is surprised to find the B.Y.F.'s tend to come in pairs. One is normally the originator of the project under discussion and is fervently convinced of the correct solution; the other is provided by the conference organisers to balance the first, and to ensure the meeting cannot be stamped into agreement.
3. The TECHNICAL EXPERT is invited to speak if the conference seems in danger of coming to a decision. He promptly delivers a long, incomprehensible lecture which causes other conferees to lapse into comas, and all risk of a decision at once disappears.
4. The BRANCH or DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE normally knows nothing about the subject under discussion, nor has any interest in it. He is present solely to show that his branch or department is so important that it must be represented. He intervenes in discussion whenever he sees a chance to plug the party line of his branch.
5. The WRONG CONFeree, often a member who is, in fact, at the Wrong Conference, but, as his interventions are no more irrelevant than many others, neither he nor the other members realise this. It is normally possible for him to leave at the end convinced that he attended the right meeting.
6. Last but not least, the SECRETARY. This role is usually given to a new conferee. His/her main job is to write the minutes. To this end he/she should be seen making copious notes throughout the meeting. The experienced Secretary, however, tears these up as soon as he/she gets back to the office and then writes what they would have said if they had thought of it at the time.

SEEN IN TELEGRAPH

I recall the old Scottish Minister who thus admonished his flock: (Scottish accent required)

"Fornicatorrs! Gamblerrrs! Blasphemerrrs! Drrunkarrds! Desecratorrrs of the Sabbath! In the Lord's guid time ye'll all end up in Hell! And there, from the eternal torment of the flames, which burn and torture but consume not, ye'll cry up, "Oh Lord, sparre us - we didna' ken'.". And the Lord will luik down in his infinite maircy and thunderr, "Well, ye ken the noo '.""

'ORRIBLE CROSSWORD

Clues Across

1. (6) God of the corn and the dead in Egypt.
5. (8) Card game - for the very young perhaps?
10. (8, 3) Ancient source of trouble while hope remained.
11. (5) Slice the joint - or do woodwork
12. (9) I, in France, am the one with the money, with a little manipulation.
14. (8) Smelling strongly suggestive.
18. (5) Put away one behind the other.
20. (3) Colour to annoy a bull.
21. (3) Earth-bound bird is popularly anarchic.
22. (8,4) The place to see close action.
23. (4,4) Secure anchors for those under canvas.
25. (4) A gas arrangement tells of Viking heroics.
26. (2-3) Stand on its head, or its feet, maybe.
28. (5) Rush by the water, or south side -
29. (5) - and to the east repair to correct error.
30. (7) Mere monster and no match for Beowulf.
32. (5) Raid, but don't stop.
33. (5) To nag may become a dance.
34. (4) Tribe opposed to Foreign Legion?
35. (5) Went decimal from twelfth to fifth.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

A R O L L I N G S T O N E S
 E E A I O E T
 E S C A P O L O G I S T A
 L N B E N T H I N K
 G S I L A E E
 I N C A N T A T I O N L A V A
 G R G T R O A C
 L E A D T H E H O U N D S L
 A P O N T U B A
 M I W A R N I N G T I
 P A R T E D C L R U M
 B O A R D A A U N
 B E N T A B L A C K M A R K
 A T O M B I P E
 S M E L L L E A
 E D G E S F O R W A R D

TRELLIS PUZZLE

Four-letter words hidden in the sentence below fit into the grid as shown:

"STOP, you PEST, it's OPENING"

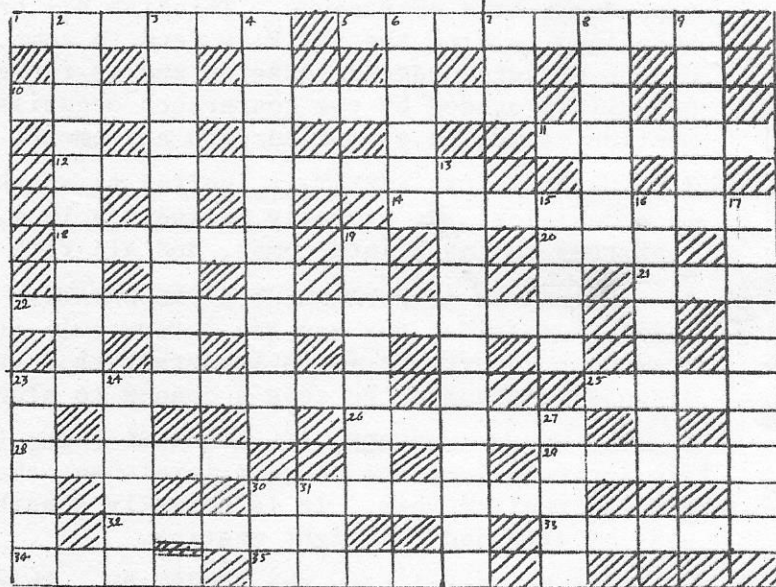


PEST, STOP OPEN

Archaic though her gown appeared, as of one of the Muses escaped the pages of legend, the sight of her would stop us in our tracks and surely her EARS would go red and burn under our gaze as we peered through each opening in her garden wall.

Clues Down

2. (5,2,4) Vital support provided by a baker.
3. (6,5) Jockey without weights to be seen at anchor.
4. (6,6) And goes like clockwork.
6. (6) Three games together, and chance to erase mistake.
7. (3) Private seat at the theatre.
8. (7) Good natured, but querying own fitness.
9. (6) Odd number for cricket team.
13. (3,6,3) When Comrade hears good news - unless its the Bank.
15. (5) Speak out for an audience.
16. (8) Lacking bite - better get false teeth.
17. (5,3,2) A near thing - can't stop!
19. (8) Buried with a "Yo, ho, ho!" and trove when dug up.
23. (6) Bed-curtain to give sleeper a trying time?
24. (3) Curtly dismiss? Being tired, apparently.
27. (5) Spreading mouth of a river.
30. (3) Space between.
31. (3) Ancient Town could make 2D.



Last Week's Trellis SIR IS PLEASED, but I AM IRate, for this new LAID egg had ZEphyrus such as to give me the IDEA that sometimes what you sell IS Less fresh than you pLEAD, in which caSE AMmunition is given to the argument that I should shop elsewhere.

To help, the middle word is given.