

PUZZLE

VICIOUS CIRCLES

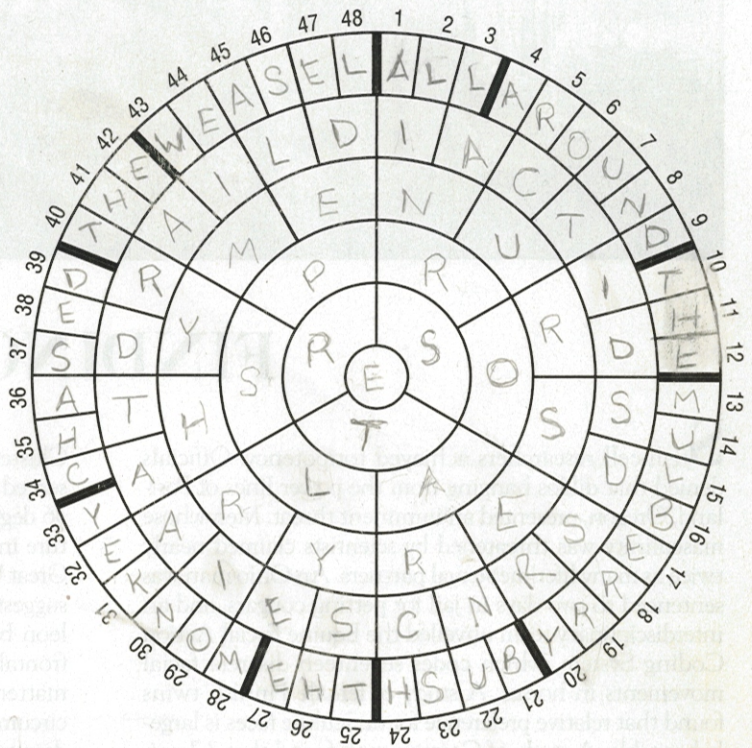
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Answers to all clues are six letters long. They are to be entered radially, that is, from the circumference to the center of the diagram—but with the letters in mixed order. When the diagram is complete, the first (i.e., outer) circle will contain a quotation, reading from 1 to 48. Heavy lines indicate the separation of words.

The twenty-four letters in the second circle may be rearranged to spell **A CIRCLET'S RADIANS DID IT—SAD!** The third circle will contain the source of the quotation. The letters in the fourth circle are all different, as are the letters in the fifth circle. The letter in the center circle belongs to all answers.

Answers include three proper nouns. 15, 25, and 30 are uncommon words. 44 and 48 are variant spellings. 43 is not in all dictionaries, and 17 isn't in any but should be. As always, mental re-punctuation of a clue is the key to its solution. The solution to last month's puzzle appears on page 87.



CLUES

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| 1. An IRS recalculation takes first of exemptions up | 25. It probes how messy home gets rented |
| 2. They're needed when cruising, but keep 'em in your drawers! | 26. The YSL designs for a dog? |
| 3. Field nurses and cons | 27. Sounds like a little key for a small hole |
| 4. Bowls, top quality, having more sensible backing | 28. Let me off by a club, in a proper manner |
| 5. Again: shows regarding dogs | 29. Goldbrick's role is rewritten to include it |
| 6. Place with roughs—sounds rough | 30. There's small interest in a cotton machine? Quite the opposite! |
| 7. In a hospital, a sewer backs up. You and I bothered? True! | 31. Head off someone following you while I'm speaking |
| 8. Turns off, covering English rebellion | 32. Link up for recount |
| 9. Fish from fishing boats | 33. President writing in his first initial (Rutherford) for farmworkers |
| 10. Attack that is, first of all, kind | 34. Pop singer imbibes, like, drink after drink? |
| 11. A few characters found at anchor, despite big crowds | 35. Pop composer takes hour to separate the wheat from the chaff |
| 12. After Pole is inducted, Vatican retrospective grinds down | 36. Centers for most of the arts? |
| 13. Money, or similar supporting exchange-system initiations—they grow on trees | 37. Smart nameless Prohibition agent taken in by prohibitionist |
| 14. Lush and rummy indeed: takes drugs | 38. Cardinal sure changes tone more than once |
| 15. Take part in weirdo's selfie, hanging out in church | 39. They work in salons with doctors, drinking liquor |
| 16. Acted as an employer, put raises in letters | 40. Tyson, losing on taking over fumble from Bradshaw and Gilliam |
| 17. Hot drink—look, it's the one made fun of | 41. Provide interference, making a basket |
| 18. Person eating a lot can't start holiday | 42. Term for a current morning gym ritual, initially, that requires extra energy |
| 19. One making rent in panic, they say | 43. One chickening out partly—how impersonal! |
| 20. In a cocktail, yet are in a canteen, perhaps | 44. Empire builder, someone ahead of his time! |
| 21. Put up money in Britain, but get chaff | 45. Make a vacation ring again? |
| 22. Excellent article covering period of sexual activity put back in Constitution | 46. Some people personified in <i>The Untouchables</i> |
| 23. Roller reacts badly | 47. Sandra, the actress, for one, is relatively abysmal |
| 24. Wheels back in the old country | 48. Salesman—one working cycles, according to reports |

Contest Rules: Send completed diagram with name and address to "Vicious Circles," *Harper's Magazine*, 666 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10012. If you already subscribe to *Harper's*, please include a copy of your latest mailing label. Entries must be received by October 16. The sender of the first correct solution opened at random will receive a one-year subscription to *Harper's Magazine* (limit one winner per household per year). The winner's name will be printed in the December issue. The winner of the August puzzle, "Reconciled," is Aurélie Jacques, Claremont, N.H.