

# PUZZLE

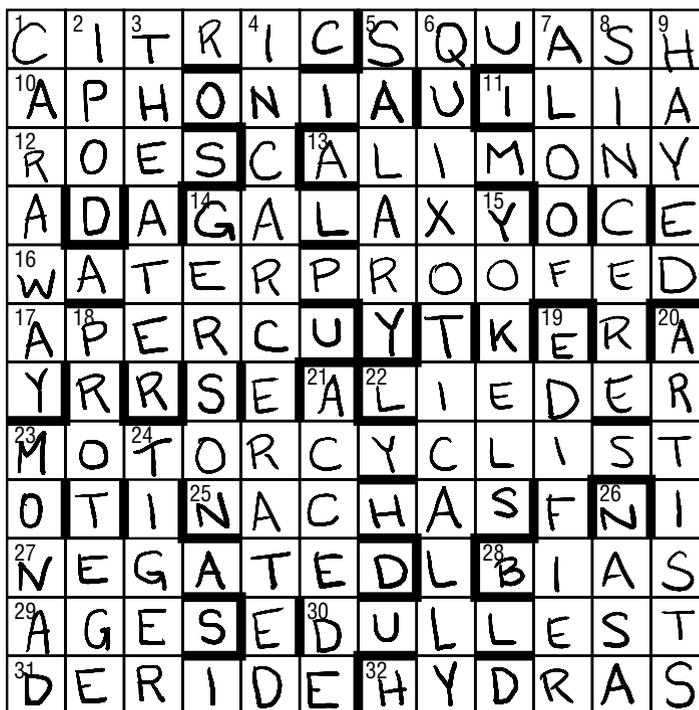
## SIXES AND SEVENS (AND TWELVES)

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**T**he clues to words of six, seven, and twelve letters are grouped separately. Solvers must determine where each answer belongs in the diagram, using answers to the numbered clues as a guide.

Answers include three proper nouns and two foreign words. The entries at 10A and 23D are uncommon. As always, mental repunctuation of a clue is the key to its solution. The solution to last month's puzzle appears on page 64.



### ACROSS

- I feel pain in back and hips (4)
- Deer, lines of them, they say (4)
- Leaning over, it's said to end two letters earlier (4)
- Manages without a male presence, but gets on (4)

### DOWN

- Music box? First stock sale died (4)
- A trick that goes in an unexpected direction? Cool! (5)
- Day he got shot, mowed down (5)
- Nomad, resettled entity (5)
- It's back: German dynamo (5)
- Organization with space for working, like one upwardly mobile (4)

### SIX-LETTER WORDS

- Knock back in one dire display **DERIDE**
- Critic's reassessment of a lemon? **CITRIC**
- Relied on rearranging songs **LIEDER**
- Homeopathy drastically limits problems that won't go away **HYDRAS**
- In front of a gym, Georgia airport for Hollywood stars **GALAXY**
- Tevya's good fortune tossed in ash can **NACHAS**
- Food that's a kind of racket? **SQUASH**
- Bit of wisdom you get from a paper cut? **APERCU**
- Goners: possibly Gina from porn! **GERSON (!)**
- Tops of American coats, copying European design elements with buckle under **ACCEDE**
- Wages war with no instigation, a sly catastrophe for the environment **SALARY**
- Sticks guys in harness together on left side, initially **YOKELS**

### SEVEN-LETTER WORDS

- Revolutionary tsarist writers, painters, and composers **ARTISTS**
- Lscreen for working in earnest **SINCERE**
- Wheels gone, I'm totally seedy! **CARAWAY**
- Charge in, get rope tied up **PROTEGE**
- Wiped out from being inadequately agented **NEGATED**
- Where some Washingtonians land employment, finally, is ultimately boring **DULLEST**
- Ah, piano pieces that reveal dumbness? **APHONIA**
- Plays with the exchange rate **THEATER**
- Teacher fired, i.e., for nonconforming **EDIFIER**
- It's a lig: money with no sign of excellence anywhere produces a splitting headache! **ALIMONY**

### TWELVE-LETTER WORDS

- This blows my cool: strict person living high on the hog! **MOTORCYCLIST**
- Rare accident that can get you canned? **INCARCERATED**
- A twerp thrashing around, covered up, protected when swimming **WATERPROOFED**
- Develop loquacity (including, separately, nine Latin elements), as any mad romantic would **QUIXOTICALLY**

**Contest Rules:** Send completed diagram with name and address to "Sixes and Sevens (and Twelves)," *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 December 11. 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 February issue. The winner of the October puzzle, "Vicious Circles," is Clyde Golden, Bakersfield, Calif.