

PUZZLES

MORE ABOUT DRAUGHTS

WE have had some puzzles before about the game of draughts, but none quite like this one. On this page there are reproduced a lot of odd-shaped drawings. They represent sections of a complete draught board, and the problem is to fit this jig-saw into the shape of a draught board. The problem comes from J.P., Lower Hutt.

CORRESPONDENCE

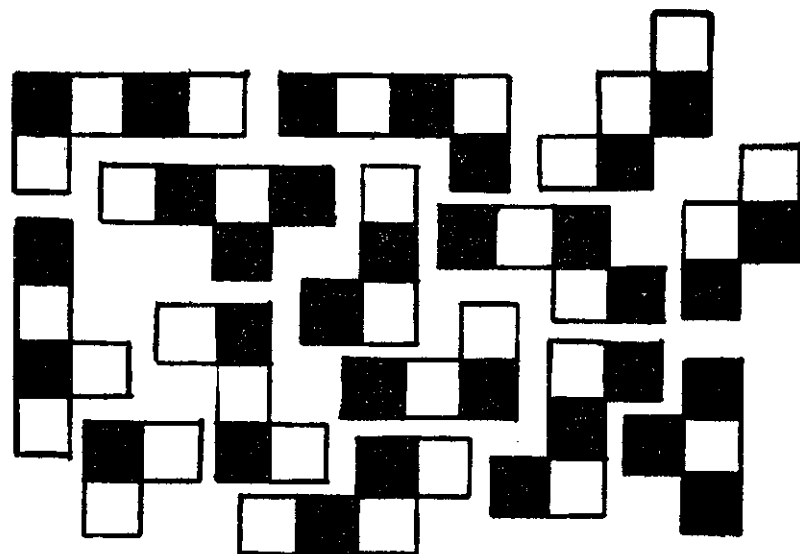
Italy has invaded Greece and there is another ballot in progress while The Page is being prepared. Result, letters are scarce. G.W.G.S. (Tauranga), who represents the translated form of initials we mistook for L.W.J.S. on October 25, sends two of his answers in French, which sounds faintly irreverent. He

would go to the bottom of the class were it not that he is this week the only pupil.

PROBLEM

Pyramid

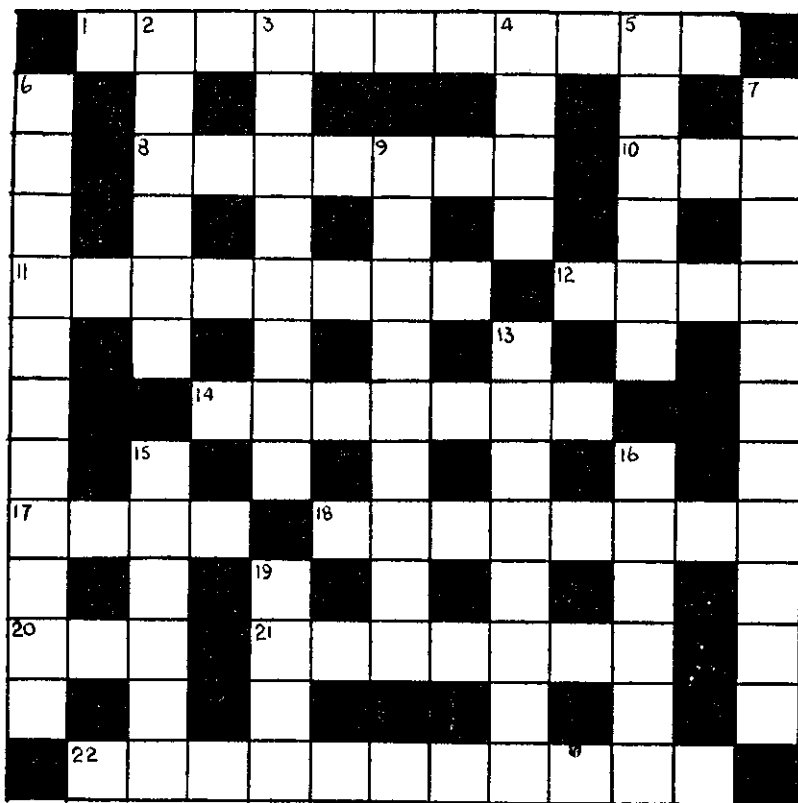
This exercise in building words is suggested by R.G. He says he thinks it will be more interesting to make a condition in the expanding word type of problem that the letters must not be rearranged. He starts in the example following with one letter and builds up to ten, adding one letter each time, anywhere in the word, without rearranging the other letters. His suggestion that we invite puzzlers to compete in building the longest possible word in this manner is gladly endorsed. Below, right, is R.G.'s example:



DRAUGHTS DRAFTING: Piece these sections together to make a complete draught-board.—(Problem from J.P., Lower Hutt)

The Listener Crossword (No. 32)

(Constructed by R.W.C.)



Clues Across

1. A Gilbert and Sullivan Opera in which the "Ruler of the Queen's Navee" comes aboard, accompanied by "His cousins, whom he reckons up by dozens, His sisters, and his cousins, and his aunts."
8. A character in 2 down.
10. Has changed into a tree.
11. A crooked deal in front of a famous park gives a volatile fluid.
12. A broken nose.
14. Nine lay senselessly.
17. A rubbishy Chinese boat?
18. This opera satirized the exaggerated aestheticism of the late nineteenth century.
20. Rake.
21. Dominant idea.
22. In this opera the heroine "rules a woman's University" which is invaded by the hero and his two friends disguised as "three lovely lady undergraduates."

Clues Down

2. Probably the best known of the Savoy Operas, this aroused some resentment among members of the race to which the characters are supposed to belong.
3. Nightcap (anag.).
4. If I were mixed up in this fight, you would have a fairy.
5. So near to sense.
6. In this short opera, the judge tells how he came to be a judge by falling "In love with a rich attorney's Elderly, ugly daughter."
7. In this opera the wholesale administration of a love philtre by one John Wellington Wells has unexpected and embarrassing results.
9. Yes, Ted ran—but this means a great deal of sitting still.
13. The central State of the U.S.A.
15. One who shoots from cover.
16. Ned die, forsooth!
19. Related.

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—(Problem from Rob., Ahipara)

ANSWERS

(Refer to Issue of October 25)

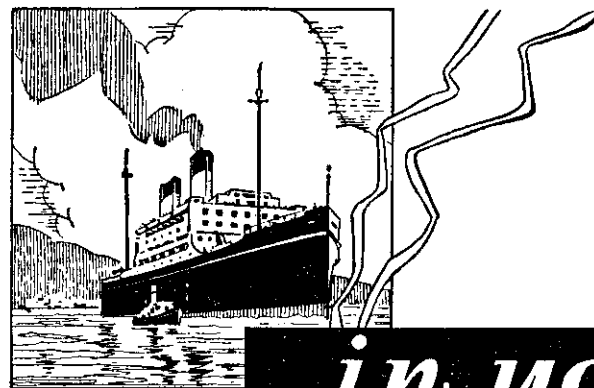
Tail Tally: No one seems to have the faintest idea. Sorry, but puzzlers will have to show more enterprise.

Mixed Palindrome: In a Regal Age Ran I. —(Problem and answer from R. G., Waihi).

The Oxford Dictionary had better be the judges of which words are eligible.

Obscured Palindrome

Supply letters in place of the crosses so that the same word may be used twelve times:



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