

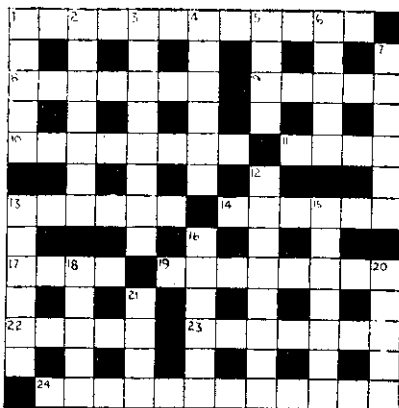
## SIMPLE STORIES

### THE MOB

THE school children were playing, some in groups, some singly. One neatly-dressed boy was happily absorbed in being an engine, another solitary stood aimless and forlorn. An oddity this one, with a yellow face and fuzzy negroid hair and strangely ill-fitting clothes. From my seat in the porch of the dental clinic I pitied his loneliness. Suddenly the wistful face lit up and he pointed an excited finger: "Aw, look at yer shoes!" Locomotive stopped, and looked down. Fuzzyhead hailed some girls, "Look at his shoes! They're girls' shoes!" The girls giggled, a ring formed in a twinkling and boys and girls circled round with pointing fingers, chanting "Girlee! Girlee!" Fuzzy was transformed. He led them, he stamped and chanted rhythmically, an impish glee in his face—was it a harking back to his ancestral tribal dances? The victim looked bothered, lunged, and with a sudden punch at Fuzzy's middle, shouted furiously "Not a girl!" The ring stared, wavered, and broke up. Fuzzy looked confused, Loco abashed. The others strolled away, bored; Loco resumed his chugging. Fuzzy stood once more forlorn. The mob had gone, its mood changed. These were five-year-olds.

## THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

(No. 125: Constructed by R.W.C.)



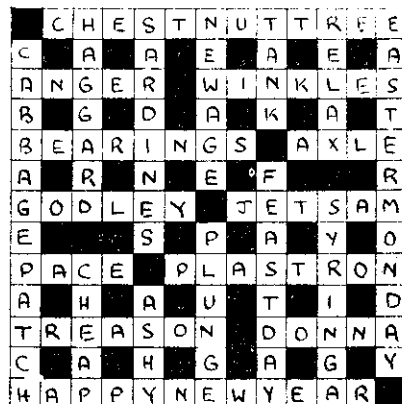
### Clues Across

1. Fun if it's nice—but this is not enough.
8. Gridiron.
9. Edify in order to improve morality.
10. This animal wins the race by perseverance—and, how it tries, too!
11. What many a true word is proverbially spoken in.
13. This Scot could easily be made a warden.
14. Mails upset before 10—the result yields sarsaparilla.
17. If the minstrel suffers a reverse, he becomes monotonous.
19. Start and act—naturally this appeals.
22. Snore from a Norwegian?

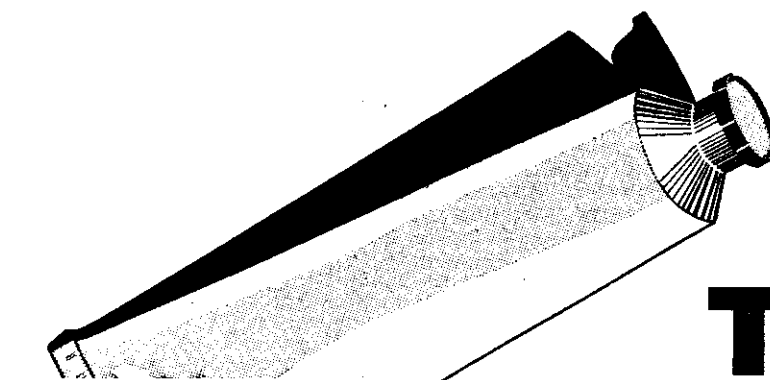
### Clues Down

1. Mass of cast metal.
2. Gathered into a herd, sir.
3. Wolf-lore (anag.).
4. Sh! ruin (anag.).
5. Confections found in 1 across.
6. One is disturbed, and makes a clamour.
7. Sentence construction.
12. Cleverest form of arms test.
13. Eager to end art?
15. No, Carlo—this is a pact.
16. Narrow.
18. Re age, few people do.
20. Taken by those who do not 18 down.
21. The beginning of 24 across may go to your head?

(Answer to No. 124)



## HOLIDAY WAR EFFORT



### THESE ARE THE TUBES TO SAVE



TOOTHPASTE TUBES



SHAVING CREAM TUBES



BEAUTY CREAM TUBES



SUN-BURN CREAM TUBES



OINTMENT TUBES



ALL COLLAPSIBLE  
CONTAINERS

BRING YOUR TUBES BACK TO YOUR  
LOCAL WASTE COLLECTION DEPOT

# SAVE THOSE TUBES

Tooth-paste tubes, shaving cream tubes, sunburn cream tubes, in fact all collapsible tube containers are urgently needed.

Come on, holiday-makers, sunbathers and campers! Don't throw away those tubes when empty. Save them—guard them—bring them home with you.

These tubes contain tin and we can't afford to waste a single ounce of tin.

Don't leave it to the others—this year become a tube-saver for Victory!

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF WASTE  
MATERIALS GO TO PATRIOTIC FUNDS

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