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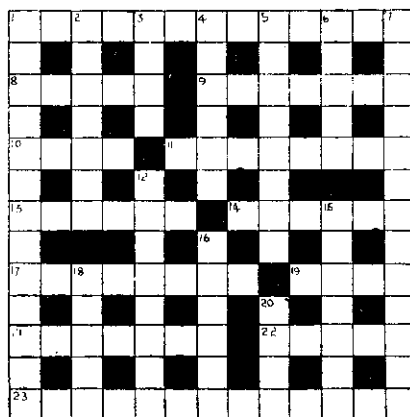
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## THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

(No. 167: Constructed by R.W.C.)



### Clues Across

1. With 18 down, Tom Dacre displays this.
8. This trope is the opposite of hidden.
9. A bird in place.
10. Unpleasantly moist.
11. 3 down upset after a racket.
13. Or some may be sullen.
14. Tapering ice-formation.
17. Tin scene (anag.).
19. Ripe sort of fairy?
21. She-goat as a security.
22. If you approach a seaside resort in Victoria from the wrong direction, you may find you have to record.
23. Gone to pay Lola (anag.).

### Clues Down

1. Skill in duelling found in H.M.S. "Password"?
2. May be vacuum or dry.
3. They followed the piper.
4. Ran with a hop.
5. Lace slip made of Jamaica Pepper.
6. If you ordered your pedigree pup into his kennel thus, you would probably this his displeasure.
7. Military lines are upset here.
12. It's a pear (anag.).
15. With ice, 20 down makes a little sausage.
16. Oblige to reside within certain limits.
18. Form of sails made of prepared fibre of American aloes.
20. Leander swam to see her; you'll find her in 15 down.

(Answer to No. 166)



## Listening While I Work (4)

By "Materfamilias"

A LETTER in a daily paper recently expressed concern at the effect of radio upon parental discipline. The lure of the serial is even stronger than the threat of the cane, and anyhow, nowadays many homes have discarded canes as instruments of warning. Going to bed has been one of the miseries of childhood since the beginning of segregated bedrooms for children. In the past it has been the threat of Might over Night that has sent the children scurrying off. If so, is it radio that is undermining our parental authority? Or is it that parental authority has been susceptible to undermining since parents began taking themselves seriously as parents? Did Mamma say to Papa 60 years ago "You know, my dear, what with these new-fangled ideas of publishing magazines for boys, little Eustace will read in bed, and I can do nothing to stop him!" Yes, she probably did, and Papa, having no squeamish psychological misgivings, probably went right ahead with the cane. And did that stop Eustace? Not if he was as tough as most small boys and as fond of stories, but it made him more skilful at concealing his magazine and his light and his sins, and if he no longer worried Mamma or set the house on fire, he probably ruined his eyesight.

ONE trouble about listening in for the young is that they cannot hide their radio under the bedcover. Besides, the chances are that little Jimmy knows that after he has been tucked up in bed, Mum and Dad will go on listening to just that thriller that he wanted to hear. And that is an exasperating thought for little Jimmy. Does the problem arise to the same extent in households where the parents are anti-serial, and where the serial-minded young are looked upon as an inferior breed with deplorable taste? Upon inquiry, I find that in some households at least, serial listening is welcomed by parents as a new weapon. "If you don't hurry with your bath you can't listen to *Coast Patrol*." Or "You must tidy up all your things before tea if you want to hear *Chuckles With Jerry* to-night." I am told that it works as well as any other threat, or better.

BUT that is only one side of the question. It may be good for manners to promise boys mince pies if they go to bed quickly and behave as civilised citizens instead of as little savages, but it is not good for their digestions. Nor are most serials the best fare for their mental digestions. Thrillers at night may keep them awake and give them nightmares as much as mince pies. I would not like to imply that all that comes over the air in serial form is harmful. Most, I should say, is innocuous but without mental nourishment. I confess I enjoyed seeing a small boy roll off his chair with mirth the other night over the rather feeble jokes in *Chuckles With Jerry*. It was a new world of laughter, and so long as it was a new world, it was alluring. Serials need as little mental efforts as comics, and have the same popularity. I should expect a normal child to grow out of serial listening as he or she grows out of comic reading, provided other reading and listening

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