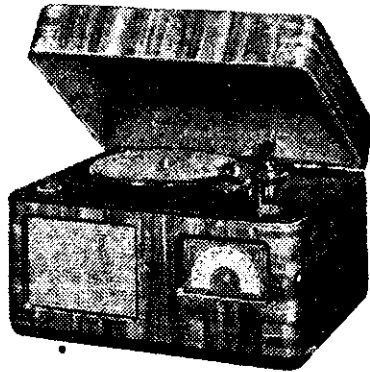
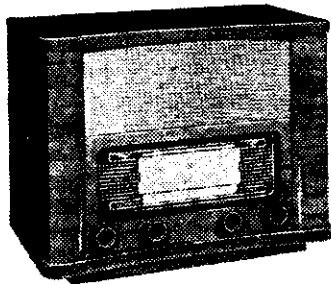




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Clues Across

- Father's sporting attempt at making a pie?
- If you're in these you're behindhand.
- When followed by harmony and concord, the little devil gives exemption from punishment.
- Topical mix-up.
- Let Verna come to the point.
- Four of these make a half.
- The pigs live in this half of 1 across.
- Proverbially permitted to look at a king.
- Communist boss?
- Signs of old age, worry or concentration.
- One line (anag.).
- I do steal . . . no wonder I'm set apart.

- All in a confused song.
- Musical compositions.

Clues Down

- Use them for bending wire.
- Flexible.
- Earn vote (anag.).
- Mysterious.
- "She was a phantom of ——— When first she gleamed upon my sight" (Wordsworth).
- We encircle a broken heart.
- Make up.
- You can throw it down, run it, or wear it.
- Enlarge (anag.).
- Form of English.
- Showing boredom or fatigue.
- "A sweet disorder in the ———" (Herrick).

(No. 696 (Constructed by R.W.H.))

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LATE BLISS

*I WAS born here, within easy sight of our forest,
In a frontier land,
Where streams chimed down from cathedral silences
Over tided sand.*

*Yet I never saw or heard a bell-bird.
He was a fairy-tale,
As remote as an English Christmas robin,
Or Keats's nightingale.*

*When at last I heard him singing distantly—
Within sight of growing old,
I, heir to all my country's music,
I had to be told.*

*But now he sings daily in my garden,
Comes to my door;
I can almost touch him as he flickers
Through the honeyed store.*

*And suddenly his song of joy comes flying
A flash from shade,
Brief in its fall of silver staccato,
A steep cascade.*

*Whether his bell swings slowly and golden
Across the valley's span,
Or hurries in doorstep companionship,
Comrade of man,*

*He seems to know I hear more clearly the murmur
Of the ultimate tide,
And strives to brim me with beauty's bounty
For the years denied.*

—Alan Mulgan