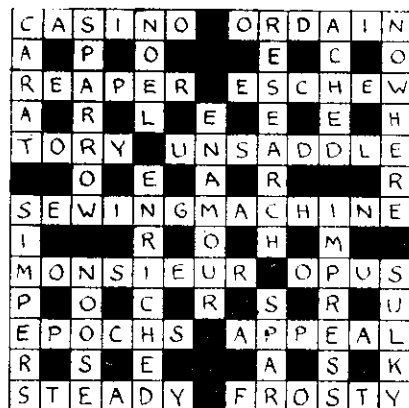


"THE LISTENER" CROSSWORD

(Solution to No. 856)



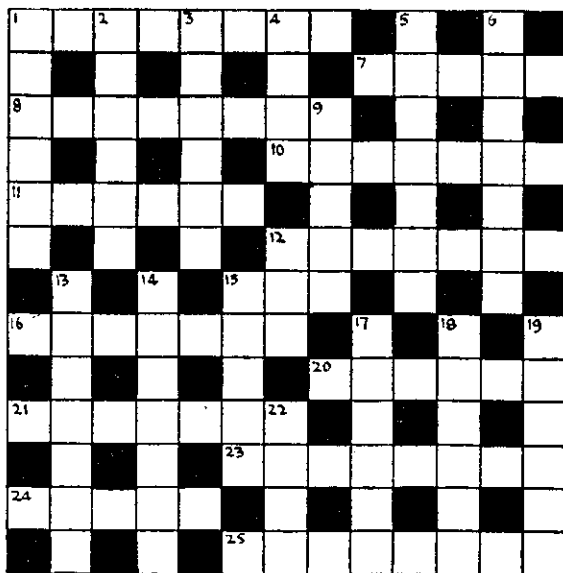
Clues Down

1. The lowest form of wit said in French by a learned Hindu (6).
2. Crates in new shape (6).
3. Mountain nymphs (6).
4. A guest, but no saint! (4).
5. Dad begins to make this kind of wine, and finishes with a little drink (7).
6. Could this be no sin? What a blessing! (6).
9. "Oh ———! It is a gentle thing, Beloved from pole to pole" (Coleridge) (5).
12. After a soft start we go back to our seat (3).
13. Style and knowledge get you the bird (7).
14. We do all that is permitted (7).
15. Dad out of bed? (3, 2).
17. Enlist the aid of this in order to decorate the Christmas tree (6).
18. This bird is 14 down around the hostelry (6).
19. "O for a beaker full of the warm South, Full of the true, the blushing Hippocrene, With ——— bubbles winking at the brim" (Keats) (6).
22. What the boss does when upset? The cry-baby! (4).

Clues Across

1. Individual, found in slippers on a ladder (8).
7. Fears, when properly adjusted, are not so dangerous (5).
8. Our canes are made of mother of pearl (8).
10. Mix salt with ice, and the result will stretch out (7).
11. The interior of a plain sideboard (6).
12. To go back after your pride is shaken will give you a precious stone (7).
15. Go (3).
16. It's trivial to have a sow around the hall (7).
20. Dive in! It's simply heavenly! (6).
21. This creature would be forearmed twice over, by the sound of it (7).
23. The Greek sea-god is upset, perhaps through eating tainted oysters? (8).
24. "After life's fitful ——— he sleeps well" ("Macbeth," Act 3, Scene 2) (5).
25. Ida stole, so now she's apparently in solitary confinement (8).

No. 857 (Constructed by R.W.H.)



THE ROCK-BORN STREAM

I WALKED upon the marram grass
Between the sea and land
Where as a boy, with bursting heart,
I used to stride and stand
And watch the caverned breakers
That thundered close at hand.

The wind came sudden from the west,
A steady wind and cold
That sang, "What young you fumbled at
How shall you learn when old?"

Crisp leaves of the hill garden
Where once I used to go
Fell down and touched my shoulder
More lightly than the snow;
Venus that ardent planet shone
As she did years ago.

A voice ran in the branches,
"How shall your coarsened heart
And ageing body find again
The grove of love and art?"

Outside a crowded coffee-shop
In the centre of the town
A sailor who'd been on the grog
Touched me for half-a-crown.
I hoped that he would find a place
That evening to lie down.

And no voice sprang to question me,
Only the rock-born stream
That rises out of silence
And will to silence come.

—James K. Baxter

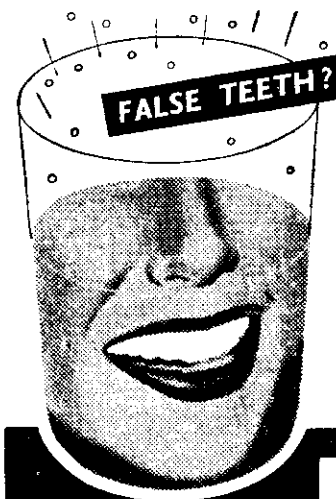


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