

THE ATLANTIC PUZZLER

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In this puzzle, clue-and-answer combinations are of five different kinds.

Anagrams (A): Each clue answer must be anagrammed into a new word before entry into the diagram.

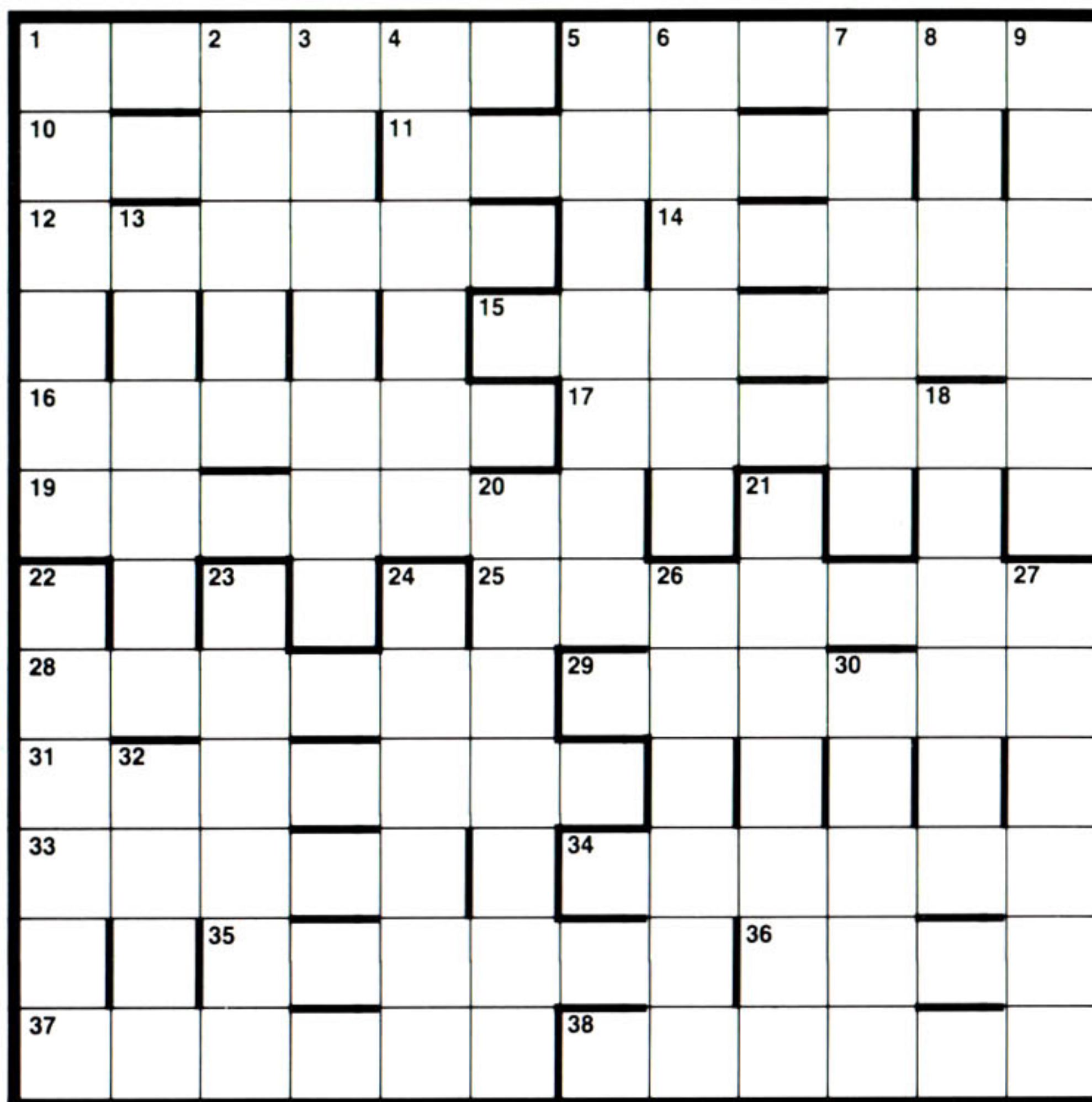
Misprints (M): Each clue contains a misprint of one letter, always in the definition half of the clue. Answers are entered normally.

Right and Left (RL): Clues are presented in pairs. Solvers must determine which answer goes on the left side of the diagram and which goes on the right (the words may be clued in either order).

Wrong Number (WN): Each answer should be entered at a number different from its clue number. The appropriate number's clue contains a definition of the answer to be entered at that location. Procedure recommended is to solve a clue and then find a definition of this answer in another WN clue to a word of the same length; this shows where the answer belongs.

Letters Latent (LL): One letter is deleted from each answer before entry. The eight letters thus deleted, taken in order with Acrosses preceding Downs, will spell out a phrase descriptive of this puzzle.

Answers include five proper nouns.



The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 117.

ACROSS

- RL 1. Agitation I'd turned back,
5. having the right fortitude to master a medley of clues (6,6)
- WN 10. First lady, on roan, finally gets balanced (4)
- LL 11. Small California island (7)
- M 12. Clergyman occupies a position by east altar (6)
- A 14. Group has to fight (5) (*hyph.*)
- A 15. Tower near-ruined in MIT (7)
- RL 16. In ravine, English king ar-
17. ranged and stored nuts (6,6)
- A 19. Permission required by public ensemble (7)
- LL 25. Parrot is flying to landing places (8)
- RL 28. Lawyer backing "The Great-
29. est Barbarian Woman" keeps

- too perversely calm (6,6)
- M 31. Essay about people's intricate lives (7)
- LL 33. Sounds like one leaving school (6)
- M 34. Bears migrating to southern glades (6)
- LL 35. I tame it—wild ape (7)
- WN 36. In a new way, rove again (4)
- RL 37. Government agent, having
38. gotten old, quit jumping in cots with drinks (6,6)

DOWN

- WN 1. Attend to tinsel in a big mess (6)
- A 2. Poetry in this would be backward (5)
- M 3. Boast about triter novel (7)
- WN 4. Had a nap taken, we hear (6)
- M 5. Roman to make bet (7)

- LL 6. Stopped keeping N.Y.'s subway sullied (7)
- A 7. He has skills in card game (6)
- WN 8. Nero not stable in metropolis (4)
- WN 9. One placed in large tent is present but not visible (6)
- A 13. Cigar: it goes off (6)
- M 18. Fish eating the hardest (7)
- LL 20. Beatniks outside-topless bars (8)
- LL 21. Float lob artfully in game (8)
- WN 22. Gold hidden in Massachusetts swamp (6)
- LL 23. Saying deer has swallowed can (7)
- A 24. Ring left in Circe's grasp (6)
- M 26. Shoot at round stud (6)
- M 27. Celt sowed seeds around pole (6)
- A 30. Trade wrongly judged (5)
- WN 32. Road to city west of New England (4)

Note: The instructions above are for this month's puzzle only. It is assumed that you know how to decipher clues. For a complete introduction to clue-solving, write to The Atlantic Reprint Department, 8 Arlington Street, Boston, Mass. 02116, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

was meddling in his affairs. He resorted to the Freedom of Information Act, and after much delay and difficulty extracted enough of the file that was indeed being kept on him to discern that he had been, for more than thirty harmless years, classified as a "dangerous national security risk," on the vague suspicions of anonymous informants and despite specific assurances of his patriotic character from people who were willing to stand publicly by their opinions. Quite apart from the injustice done Mr. Kimball, his story reveals a degree of official stupidity, and a waste of time and money, that should raise any taxpayer's hackles like rockets.

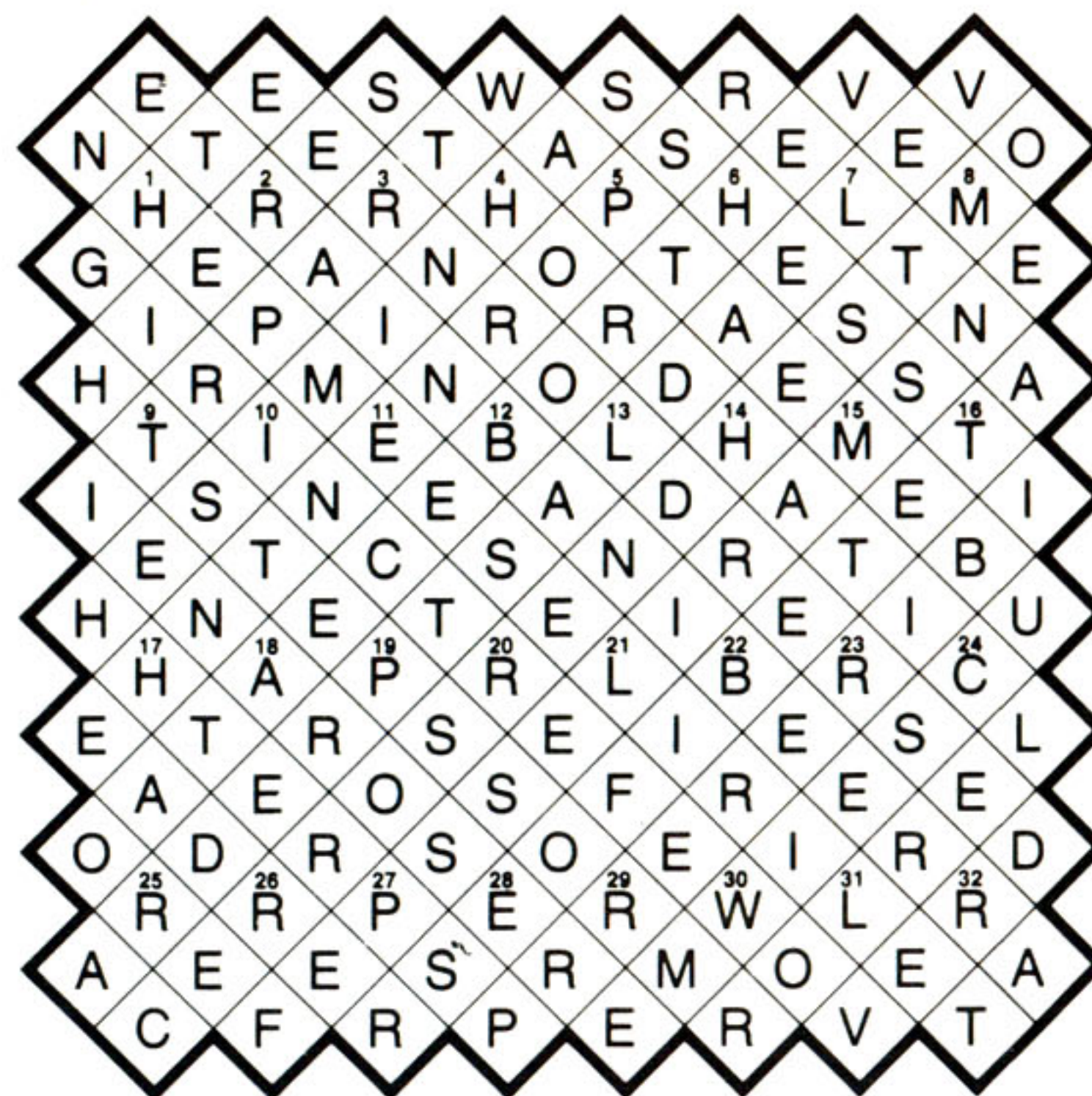
THE AENEID translated by Robert Fitzgerald. Random House, \$20.00. Professor Fitzgerald's translation of Virgil is as fine as his previous translations of Homer. What more could anyone ask?

JOSEPH CONRAD: A CHRONICLE by Zdzisław Najder. Rutgers, \$35.00 and \$14.95. As a Pole (now exiled), Mr. Najder has had access to extensive information on Conrad's background and the native connections that the novelist maintained throughout his life. He brings to this material, and to his thorough study of Conrad's years abroad, an understanding and sympathy of which only a fellow countryman is likely to be capable. This is a splendid biography of a great writer who was also a resolute survivor of formidable vicissitudes.

NOMADS OF NIGER by Carol Beckwith and Marion van Offelen. Abrams, \$45.00. Ms. Beckwith photographed the Wodaabe, who survive in the arid section of Niger by moving their animals from one stingy water hole to the next. Ms. van Offelen observed the Wodaabe and collected information about their habits, beliefs, myths, and amusements. The collaboration has produced a stunningly beautiful book with a lively and varied text. The Wodaabe are decidedly formal people, restricted by innumerable and somewhat eccentric rules of etiquette, but they do share one diversion with sedentary decadents. They hold beauty contests. The contestants are the young men of the tribe, and the photographs of these fellows, feathered, beaded, painted, elaborately costumed, and grinning hopefully at the female judges, are a sight not to be missed.

—Phoebe-Lou Adams

Answers to the November Puzzler, "EIGHTS"



1. H(EIGHT)EN 2. REPARTEE (anag.) 3. REST-RAIN 4. HAWT-HORN (*what* anag.)
5. PA'S-SPORT 6. HEA(THE)RS 7. LEVELEST (anag.) 8. MO(V)EM-ENT (anags. + v)
9. T(HIRT)IES 10. I-M(PR)INTS 11. (f)E(MINE)NCE 12. BA(SEBOR)N (rev.) 13. LANDLORD (anag.)
14. HARDHEAD (anag.) 15. MESS(MAT)E (*seems* anag.) 16. T(I-BET)ANS 17. HEATH (H)EN 18. A-N(T)EATER 19. P-ROSPECT (*p* + anag.) 20. REST(RES)S
21. L-I-FELINE 22. BER(I)BER-I 23. R(ETIR)EES (rev.) 24. CU(B-IC)LES (*clue's* anag.) 25. ROA(D) R-ACE 26. RE(F-ERR)ED 27. PRO-SPERS (*press* anag.)
28. ES(PRES)SO 29. RE-FORMER 30. W(IRE)-W-OR-M 31. LOVELIER (anag.) 32. RETARRED (homophone)

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