

## Solution to Acrostic #22 – September 2005

Bennett Cerf, *Try and Stop Me*, Simon and Schuster, 1945

Three matrons are gossiping idly about their children. Suddenly the Marx Brothers burst into the room, sling the bewildered ladies ... over their shoulders and make off with them. Question: What famous novel does this represent? Answer: *The Brothers Carry Mas Off*.

- A BUTTER+NUT SQUASH (Squash is a carbonated syrup used in beverage making)
- B EX+TERIOR (*rioter* anagram)
- C N+ETHER+WORLD (*whirled* homophone)
- D NORTH (DA)KOTA (*torn hat OK* anagram)
- E ESCOFFIER (*coffee sir* anagram)
- F TIF+FIN (*fit* reversal)
- G TELETUBBIES
- H C+HARD
- I ENGLISH H+OR+N (*shingle* anagram)
- J RHAP(S)O+DIES (*Oprah* anagram)
- K FRESHE(S)T
- L TRUNDLE B+ED
- M ROOM+MATES (*Moor* reversal)
- N Y+ID+DISH
- O AT OR ABOVE (*Over a boat* anagram)
- P N(E'ER)-DO-WELL (*new doll* anagram)
- Q DI+SHY
- R SH(R)E+WISH
- S T(AM-O'-S)HAN(T)ER (*Tehran* anagram)
- T OVER+WR+OUGHT (*tough* anagram)
- U PYG+M+A+LION (*gyp* reversal)
- V MISTRESS (*Stir mess* anagram)
- W EM(M)ENTHALER (*The real men* anagram)