

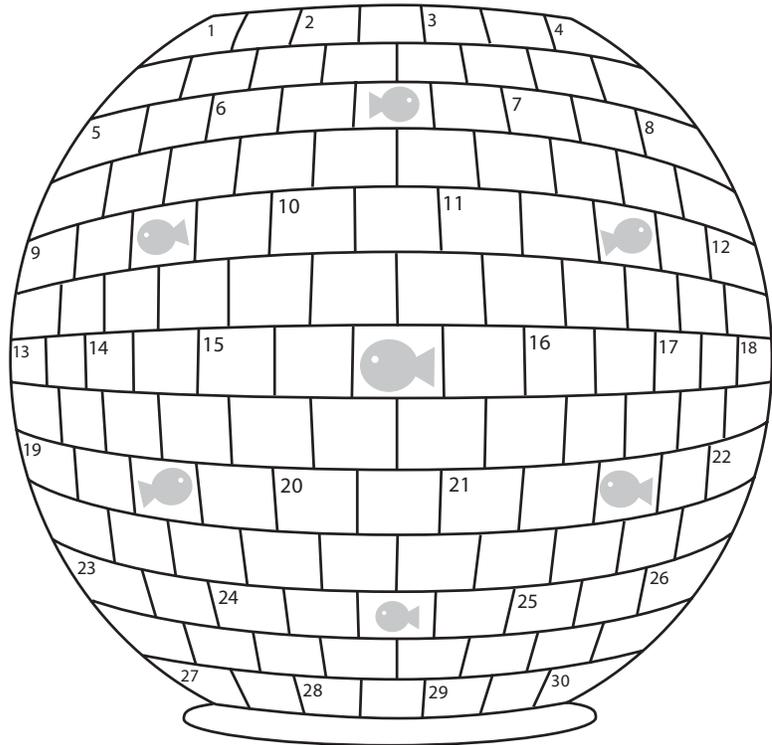
# THE PUZZLER

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## Fishbowl

Each clue answer has one letter (it may be any) in its correspondingly numbered cell, and the rest swimming clockwise around it. Entries at the periphery go clockwise from border to border around the letter in the numbered cell. Seven unclued specimens are afloat in our bowl; each goes clockwise around a shaded fish, with one letter in the fish's cell. Letters in the seven fishes' cells may be read, starting with the central cell and continuing clockwise around it, to see what our specimens are swimming in. (As a check, letters in the numbered cells may be arranged to spell ELMO, A NEON TETRA, CAME OUT OF A SHADOW.) Eight clue answers are capitalized; one of the unclued specimens has two words.

*Note: The instructions above are for this month's puzzle only. An introduction to clue-solving may be found online at [www.theatlantic.com/issues/puzzclue.htm](http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/puzzclue.htm).*



## CLUES

1. Catfish inside of tub placed in round container (4)
2. Vagrant male sitting in bunker (5)
3. Tony acquired bar (5)
4. Talking fish found in an aquarium in Asian desert (4)
5. Adult left behind child's whole ball of wax (5)
6. Cut some capers in dress (7)
7. Wager about fifty thousand on race (7)
8. Subject, for example, in story (5)
9. Getting into brew, take the part of writer (5)
10. Concession managed by old singer (7)
11. Barrel holding ship's grog-making spirits (4,3)
12. Strong and healthy, taking mile walk (5)
13. Handled hat material (4)
14. Hero worshiper one encountered in bank, perhaps (7)
15. Old king's way of working adopted by Greek sage (7)
16. Hit musical with hip-hop music repulsed companion (7)
17. Seabird getting into gross part of a cage? (7)
18. Legendary hunter helps to make applesauce (4)
19. Band splits on the way back (5)
20. For audition, choose a bass wind instrument (7)
21. Sign "X" in place of entry (7)
22. Confederate general pursuing me in hand-to-hand combat (5)
23. Garden specimen forms a large cluster, by the sound of it (5)
24. Sort of salmon eggs laid in narrow opening (7)
25. Criminal group embracing evil laundering activity (7)
26. In Haiti, better place high in the mountains (5)
27. Sharp blade in contact with nervous conductor? (4)
28. Time of gloom near the end of August (5)
29. Beat, leave dance (5)
30. Refuse to practice (4)