

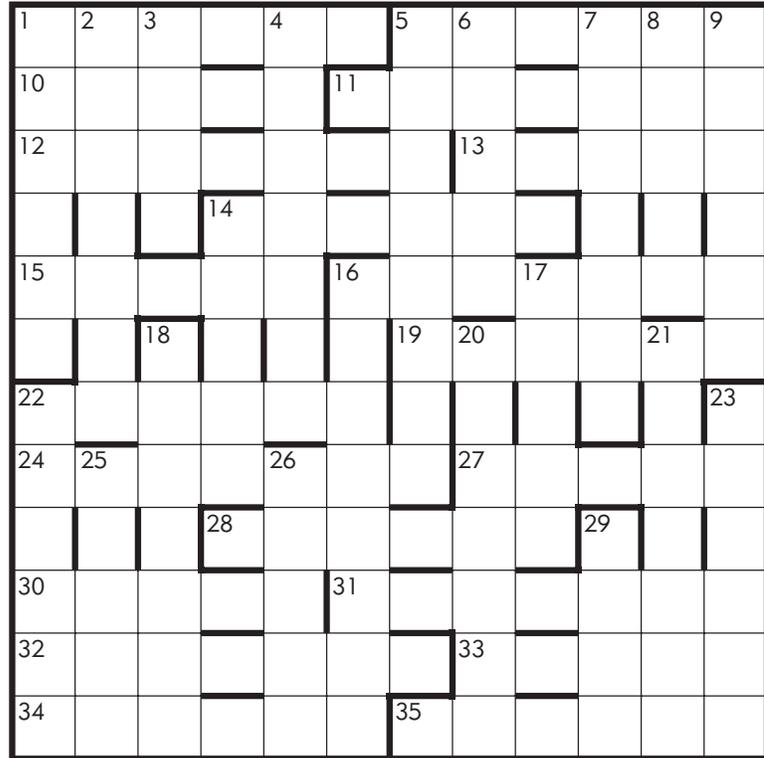
# THE PUZZLER

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## Def Jam

The definitions in these 40 clues come in five playful variations, with eight of each type: 1. spoonerisms (for example, *nosy cook* instead of *cozy nook* for ALCOVE); 2. pig Latin (*X-ray* instead of *Rex* for HARRISON); 3. homophones (*bear* instead of *bare* for NAKED); 4. reversals (*slipup* instead of *pupils* for STUDENTS); 5. anagrams (*my pet* instead of *empty* for VACANT). These variations may affect the whole definition or only part of it (*place for a male* instead of *place for a meal* for TABLE, using an anagram). The non-definition part of each clue is normal—cryptic, but normal. Clue answers include five capitalized 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).*



### ACROSS

1. Obey English message written in pen (6)
5. Foreign specie for strap (6)
10. Our tub is featured in camera settings (5)
11. Sailor joining sailor before the end of the war (7)
12. Just drawer for sweets, we hear (7)
13. Minister loses head fighting liars (5)
14. Crazy about Republican showing mad banners (6)
15. Ma airs *The Actress: Volume One* (5)
16. R.E.M. in support for pot (7)
19. EBay site makes Ira pay mistakenly (6)
22. In a note, inquire where to find new Joe (6)
24. Wrong concerning Idaho's first frozen tater (7)
27. Aloud, the Parisian lass (5)

28. Things that right a couple of queenly maladies (6)
30. A cent tossed in Lake Maw (5)
31. Like some things beginning around Long Island (7)
32. Teem with maniacs, holding back urge (7)
33. Look around University for Hayes (5)
34. Small fruit for hicks, to Steve (6)
35. Egg lay in the middle of lumpy coal (6)

7. See viper I put in beer container (7)
8. Pilot of Eastern was carried on airway (5)
9. Head of state means to go in with nametag (6)
14. Finest covering: a lamina (5)
16. B-chord players, arranged as in pits (8)
17. Error in Cambridge school's specs (5)
18. Clothes show the effect of time in ashtray (7)
20. In part of a script, I'll underplay (7)
21. Near Ezra, Eli gets bent out of shape (7)
22. Seek gritty layers behind a tee (6)
23. Brag all about result (6)
25. After it hurts, joke about Mt. Ida (3,2)
26. Supreme Court justice, having lost the first finger (5)
29. Squad at bay (4)

### DOWN

1. Stayed seated on a roller-coaster? (6)
2. Football official in hard work over clay (7)
3. Pans a showing in the asylum (4)
4. Ruby returned with Richard and Caren (7)
5. Meet the old man's streetcar by Interstate (8)
6. Mopping had deformed a tire (5)