

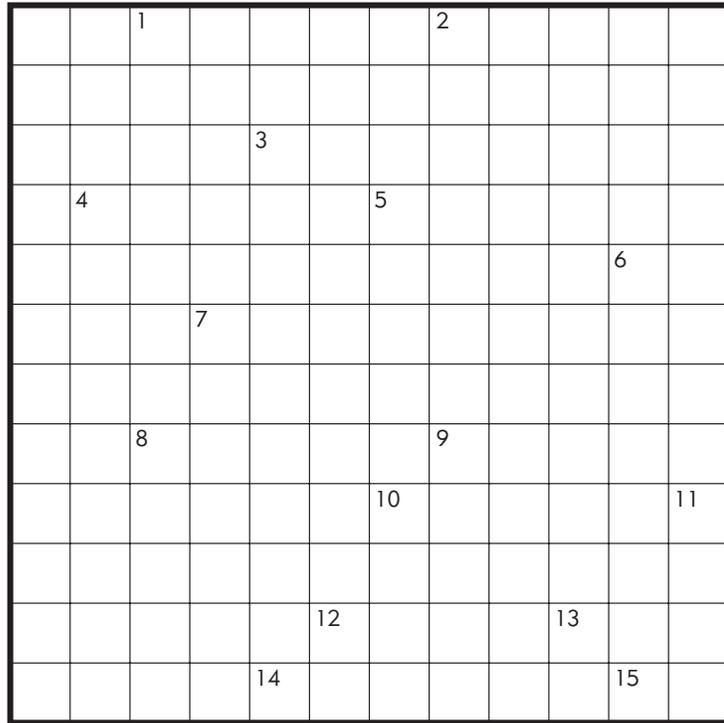
# THE PUZZLER

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## Crossers

In this puzzle, clues are given for pairs of intersecting entries; each pair's clue number identifies its crossing point in the grid. Either member of the pair may be clued first. In addition to the clued pairs, there are five unclued crossers (pairs of entries with one crossing the other) for solvers to discover. Starting and ending bars, if shown, would form a pattern that would be the same when rotated 180 degrees. Four clue answers are capitalized; one of them is an initialism.

*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. Thirty-three crossing, ultimately, with a tour group? (4)

Hot, change top for summer wear (6)

2. Threw ace, winning one card game (7)

Small Caribbean country's diving gear (6)

3. Irving hero, by fate, getting hideaway bed? (6,4)

Very much regret withdrawing foreign money (5)

4. In audition, two parts of the leg swell (5)

Beer with egg in it is something soothing (4)

5. Unraveling bad webs, used a mop (7)

Shortstop picking up bench is ejected (5)

6. Roughly booed, I am in uncertain shape (8)

Toss doughnut for wolf (4)

7. Design in sort of red clover, e.g. (3,5)

Drunkard engaged in light opera (5)

8. Attaches in a way that is satisfactory aboard raft (4,2)

Let's start show where cubs are raised (4)

9. Fawn's spot coming into play (5)

Mountain range in central Taiwan (5)

10. In full, you and I worked very hard (7)

Dog led astray was in a shelter (6)

11. Only improved southern French city (5)

Cause bit of odor in slipper with no front (8)

12. Register number of fingers on the other hand (5)

Wizard's place taken by ogre and old artist (6)

13. Continue eating your sandwich (4)

Oprah's magazine, *New York Times*, and *Jet* (4)

14. Naysayer's measure of fineness (6)

Idiosyncrasy in former network (7)

15. Sushi wrapper with mineral supplement from the East (4)

Stop draft animals using sound pollutant (6)