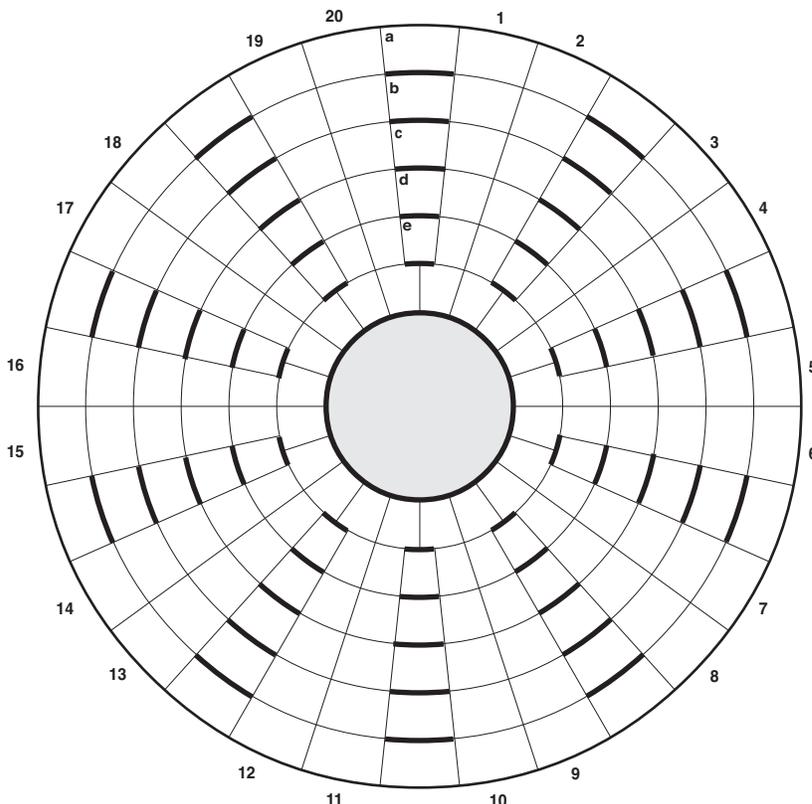


THE PUZZLER

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Wraparound

Answers to the Radii clues, all six letters in length, should be entered from the perimeter inward; answers to the Rings clues should be entered clockwise. The locations of each Ring's four entries, which are clued in no special order, may be found with the help of the crossing Radii answers. The innermost Ring is a Wraparound; that is, its five unclued entries may be seen by reading its 20 letters clockwise *twice* around the ring. Answers to clues include nine proper nouns; one of the Ring entries is uncommon.



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.

RINGS

- a. European capital's morning mist wrapped around road (9)
Spanish enjoyed a novel banquet (6)
Convey fresh escargots (3,6)
Salt part of a shoe for meal (6)
- b. Types changes, including link (9)
Messenger taking you for an Italian designer (9)
Layout for picture frame, in part (6)
Kid given extended play's title role on Broadway (6)
- c. Go on through Vatican chapel most of the way (7,2)
Animal that has swallowed thick, black tar (6)
French director animated chihuahua with cream puff for a tail (4,5)
Woman in *Don Giovanni* is 56 in age (6)
- d. New site in giant retail event (5,4)

- Went by boat with men and women around one (6)
- Daffy paces behind Elmer's foremost duck (6)
- Steers breaking giant vase (9)
- e. Lit a celebrity holding head of lettuce (6)
- Irish town poet embracing love in site for posters (9)
- Left before Ernie fractured rib in a vault (6)
- Wildflower bunch including first couple of lupines (9)
- 7. Tarzan portrayer running into count (*two words*)
- 8. Composed work acquired by awful prude (*two words*)
- 9. Album I remixed in California town
- 10. Cholesterol medicine's color holding true
- 11. Analyze light's speed and distance in astronomy
- 12. Hype every lecture
- 13. Guitar effect always found in R&B
- 14. Returning some fabrics, nothing is wasted

RADII

- 1. Monthly payment covering New England junket requirement
- 2. Faux gold or half-molten uranium
- 3. Join senior after school
- 4. Perennial contender's third back
- 5. Room with Kay and Sissy
- 6. Suggestion about hot Balkan region
- 15. Race that's painful captivating a state again
- 16. Observation: plea is changed
- 17. Make awesome piece of ordinary mahi-mahi
- 18. Blow a victory for old Swedish king
- 19. Scrap left inside set us apart
- 20. Decorated wheels act strangely in a railroad (*two words*)