

FROBOZZ

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Ordinarily, this zine runs on strict four-week deadlines. However, I am planning on going to DipCon which is, unfortunately, four weeks from now. So, you all get an extra week to negotiate this time; I'm setting the deadline five weeks from now. I don't like slowing down the works this way, but sometimes these things just can't be helped.

A couple of you decided to test the relative USPS delivery speed between my home address and my post office box by mailing a letter or card to each place simultaneously. Not surprisingly, the items mailed arrived on the same day in both cases. I am really more concerned about reliability than speed. It usually doesn't matter much if a piece of mail takes four days in transit instead of only three. But, if it gets delivered to the wrong place, the result is rarely a happy one. Having scientifically (cough, cough) analyzed the postal error rates at the various addresses I've been using, I've come to the conclusion that it doesn't make much difference which address you use. The odds strongly favor that a given piece of mail will be delivered to the correct address, whether it's the street address or the P.O. box. But there is an all too substantial chance that the USPS will blow it and deliver your valuable orders to Joe Blow down the street or to Jane Schmow whose P.O. box is across the lobby. That's just one of those nasty facts of life, like taxes. No doubt there's some secret regulation requiring postal employees to divert a portion of the mail from its correct destination, just for the sake of being obnoxious. Am I right, Conrad? Gary? (Whadd'ya mean, I'm being paranoid???) Well, paranoid or not, I am definitely digressing. The only real point here is that you may as well use my home address, because the service is more or less equivalent, and I pick up my mail more frequently at home.

Let's get down to business, shall we? The standby pool currently consists of: Geryk, Townsend, Hood, Barents, Taube, Christie, Milewski, Vaporis, Holley, Peters, Heinowski, Kurucz, Acheson, Richter, Gonsalves, and Davis. Does anyone want on or off the list?

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The Philosopher's Stone

Winter, 1904

Eng: F stp(nc) r BAR, builds A EDI. Ger: Builds A BER.
Rus: F nwy r NWG. Tur: Builds A CON, F SMY.

Spring, 1905

ENGLAND (Gonsalves) A EDI H, A swe-FIN, F BAL-den, F nwy-STP(NC), A HOL S French A RUH-kie, F NTH-den, F BAR S F nwy-STP(NC).

FRANCE (Vaporis) F TUN S F TYN, F TYN S F TUN, F WES S F TYN, A pie-TYO, A BUR-ruh, A RUH-kie, A MAR-bur.

GERMANY (Falkiner) A KIE S A BER, A BER S A KIE.

ITALY (Bakken) A MUN-boh, A VEN S French A pie-TYO, F NAP S French F TYN-ion(nso), F ROM S F NAP.

RUSSIA (Drane) A SIL S A vie-BOH, A vie-BOH, A bud-VIE, A stp S A fin-NWY(d,r lvn,mos,otb), A fin-NWY, F RUM H, F NWG S A fin-NWY.

TURKEY (Rothchild) A TRI-tyo, A SER-tri, F ion-ADR, F aeg-ION, F GRE S F aeg-ION, F smy-EAS, A con-BUL.

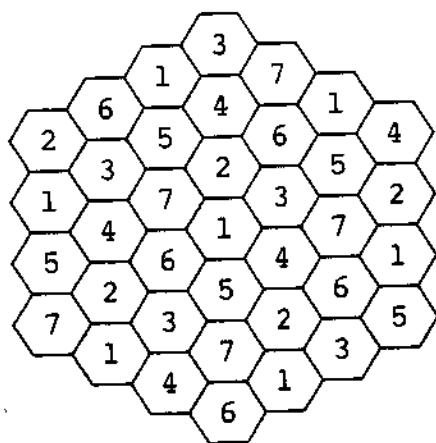
Deadline for Fall, 1905 is 9PM EDT Friday, June 12, 1987. The proposed E-F-I-R-T draw was defeated. It is again proposed.

PRESS — Germany to Russia, England, France, and Italy: Which of you wants my armies more?

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Puzzle Challenge

Here is the solution to last month's puzzle:



This is your next challenge:

FUR HAT RAY ROT	DEN ERG MAN PIT	FED SET SHE TOE	DIG LIP ROW SAT
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M <hr/>			
P <hr/>			
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Combine a word from the first column (i.e., *fur, hat, ray, rot*) with a word from the second column (*den, erg, man, pit*). Rearrange the six combined letters to form an English word and write it in the space beneath the first two columns. Repeat this process using each word once, so that four six-letter words are formed. Do not form capitalized words or words containing a hyphen or apostrophe. Then, do the same thing using the words in the third and fourth columns to form four more six-letter words, writing them in the space beneath those columns. Finally, combine each of the six-letter words you wrote in the left column with a six-letter word from the right column to form a twelve-letter word, which you write in the space provided at the bottom of the diagram. To make this a little easier, I've given you the first letter of each of the twelve-letter words. Deadline for solutions to this puzzle is Friday, June 12, 1987.

The Scoreboard

Last month's puzzle was solved correctly by no fewer than seven people: Rory Noble, Steve Langley, Ted Davis, Bruce Linsey, Scott Drane, Jim Lawniczak, and Alan Stewart. They each have earned 100 points for their efforts. Pete Kurucz missed one box, so he gets 97 points. Melinda Holley gave it her best shot and comes away with 19 points. Here are the current standings:

1. Jim Lawniczak - 212 points
2. Pete Kurucz - 169 points
3. Steve Langley - 164 points

4. Ted Davis - 160 points
5. Bruce Linsey - 116 points
- 6/8. Rory Noble - 100 points

- 6/8. Scott Drane - 100 points
- 6/8. Alan Stewart - 100 points
9. Melinda Holley - 47 points

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Flying Carpet

Winter, 1907

Eng: Builds A LON, A LVP, F EDI. Ita: F ion r GRE.
Rus: GM removes F bal. Tur: Builds A CON.

Spring, 1908

ENGLAND (*Holley*) A lon-NWY, A lvp-EDI, A hol-KIE, A mar-PIE, A bur-MUN, F edi-NWG, F NTH C A lon-NWY
F mid-NAF, F kie-DEN, F tyn-tus(d,a), F LYO S A mar-PIE, F nwy-BAR, F spa(sc)-WES.

GERMANY (*Plummer*) F ber-BAL, A pru-LVN, A WAR S A pru-LVN, A gal-BUD, A tyo-TRI.

ITALY (*Gonsalves*) A ROM-tus, F ion pray(nsu), F GRE H(U).

RUSSIA (*cd*) A sev h(d,a).

TURKEY (*Baker*) F ion-TYN, F TUN S F ion-TYN, F NAP S F ion-TYN, A VEN-rom, A TUS S A VEN-rom,
adr-APU, A arm-SEV, A RUM S A arm-SEV, A lvn-STP, A MOS S A lvn-STP, A bul-SER, A con-BUL, A smy-con(nsu)
A VIE H.

Deadline for Fall, 1908 is 9PM EDT Friday, June 12, 1987. The proposed E-T draw was defeated. It is again proposed.

COA: Stan Plummer, 2400 Oaklawn Blvd. #12, Hopewell, VA 23804

1987F

The Blue Parrot

Fall, 1902

AUSTRIA (*Rusnak*) A VIE S A tri-BUD, A tri-BUD, A alb-SER, F gre-BUL(SC).
 ENGLAND (*Ricotta*) A wal-YOR, F eng-nth(d,r lon,wal,iri,otb), F nwy S F eng-nth(d,r bar,nwg,sk,otb).
 FRANCE (*Richter*) F MID S F bre-ENG, F bre-ENG, A PIC-bel, F spa(sc)-WES, A GAS H.
 GERMANY (*Hood*) A hol-EDI, F NTH C A hol-EDI, A BEL H, F DEN S F NTH, A MUN-tyo.
 ITALY (*Chen*) F ion-aeg(d,r gre,alb,adr,apu,nap,tun,otb), F TYN-ion, A apu-VEN, A TYO-mun.
 RUSSIA (*Seaman*) A stp-NWY, F SWE S A stp-NWY, A GAL-rum.
 TURKEY (*Davis*) A rum-SEV, A bul-RUM, F BLA S A bul-RUM, F eas-ION, F AEG S F eas-ION.

Deadline for Spring, 1903 is 9PM EDT Friday, June 12, 1987. An F-T draw is proposed.

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COA: Matt Chen, 2060-D Orchard St., Urbana, IL 61801

1987F supply center chart - 1902

AUSTRIA	tri,bud,ser,gre,VIE,BUL.....	6, +2 *
ENGLAND	lon,lvp, gre	2, -1
FRANCE	par,bre,mar,spa,por.....	5, even
GERMANY	ber,kie,mun,den,hol,BEL,EDI.....	7, +2
ITALY	rom,nap,ven,tun.....	4, even *
RUSSIA	stp,mos,war, gre , gre ,SWE,NWY.....	5, +2
TURKEY	con,ank,smy, gre ,sev,RUM.....	5, even

* If the Italian fleet which was dislodged from the Ionian retreats to Greece, Italy will be at 5, +1. Austria will then be at 5, +1.

PRESS — Germany to Turkey: Methinks I smell a rat! Possibly in the form of a Russo-Turkish alliance!

Turkey to world: I'm so confused!!!

Germany to France: I know what you're going to say. Let's talk about it.

Turkey to Italy/Austria: Someone is going to get stabbed! I hope it isn't me!!!

Germany to Russia: You owe me, you know...

Turkey to Russia: This move was designed to protect my interest in the upcoming turns.

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Isengard

Spring, 1910

AUSTRIA (*Langley*) A PIE S French A MAR(otm), A BOH S Russian A MUN, A TYO S Russian A MUN, F LYO S French F SPA(SC), F TYN H(U), F WES H(U), A VEN H(U), A GAL H(U), A SER H(U), A GRE H(U).

ENGLAND (*Christie*) F NWY S A STP, A STP H, F DEN S German A KIE, A PIC S German A BUR, F MID-spa(nc), F GAS S F MID-spa(nc), F NAT-mid, F ENG S F NAT-mid, F BRE S F NAT-mid.

FRANCE (*Noble*) A POR S F SPA(SC), F SPA(SC) S Russian F NAF-mid, A MAR-gas.

GERMANY (*Townsend*) A BUR S A RUH, A KIE S A RUH, A RUH S A KIE.

RUSSIA (*Kurucz*) A LVN-stp, A MOS S A lvn-STP, A WAR H, A PRU H, A SIL S A MUN, A BER S A MUN, A MUN H, F NAF-mid.

Deadline for Fall, 1910 is 9PM EDT Friday, June 12, 1987. The draw proposals were all defeated. Now proposed: A-R, A-E-R, A-E-G-R, and the 5-way draws. A 5-way draw will automatically occur at the end of next season if the supply center chart remains unchanged.

PRESS — England to all other players: I have consistently voted yes for all draws which include England except the five-way. I will continue to vote the same way. Either a French survival or a splitting of the French centers are OK with me.

France to Austria: Thanks for getting me up-to-date earlier. It was greatly appreciated.

Austria: Hang in there guys, the GM's patience can't last forever.

Ann Arbor: Actually, I expect to run out of No-Doz before I run out of patience.

AUSTRIA (Noble) F tri-ALB, A bud-SER, A vie-BOH.

ENGLAND (Davis) F edi-NWG, F lon-NTH, A lvp-YOR.

FRANCE (Milewski) F bre-MID, A PAR-bur, A MAR-bur.

GERMANY (Anderson) F kie-DEN, A ber-KIE, A mun-RUH.

ITALY (Walley) F nap-ION, A rom-VEN, A ven-PIE.

RUSSIA (Townsend) F stp(sc)-BOT, F SEV-bla, A war-GAL, A mos-UKR.

TURKEY (Heinowski) A con-BUL, A smy-CON, F ANK-bla.

Deadline for Fall, 1901 is 9PM EDT Friday, June 12, 1987. The \$4.00 game fee is still due from Fred Townsend.

COA: Paul Milewski, P.O. Box 256, Batavia, OH 45103.

PRESS — France to anyone at random: Protocols drawn up in secrecy will be honored, including my solemn vow to stay out of the Black Sea.

Italy to Europe (all within earshot): The streets and country lanes outside of Rome are quiet on the early April morning.

This is the solution to the second bridge puzzle on page 4:

	♠ Q 6 4	
	♥ K J 9 8 7	
	♦ A Q	
♠ J 10 9 8	♣ K 8 6	♠ 7 5 3
♥ A 10 4 2		♥ 6 3
♦ J 10 8		♦ K 9 7 4
♣ Q 10	♠ A K 2	♣ J 9 5 4
	♥ Q 5	
	♦ 6 5 3 2	
	♣ A 7 3 2	

Once again, you need to develop three heart tricks before the opponents can develop three diamond tricks. The difference is that it is now West who must not be allowed to gain the lead, since you do not want a diamond led through the queen. Thus, you should win the opening spade lead in hand and lead the five of hearts, planning to finesse dummy's seven. The opponents can have no answer to this play. East may be able to win the ten but can do no damage with a diamond lead. Alternatively, if West rises with his ace of hearts, it establishes three heart tricks for you immediately.

_____ Your sub has expired. Please renew.

Dear Russ,

I haven't quite decided about moving your game. I'll write more about it in a few days.

Yeh, the Von Ericks have had more than their share of misfortune. David died some 3 years ago in a Tokyo hotel room. I've heard many conflicting reports about the cause of his death, one of which is suicide. Kerry got in a car wreck last year (I think it was last year, anyway). Unfortunately, Kerry was on a motorcycle and so was very badly injured. He was not killed, but probably won't wrestle for at least another year, if ever. Last month, Mike committed suicide, from an overdose of tranquilizers. And so it goes...

Congrats on your new house!

See ya in Madison (probably)!