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*COPST - Contribution of Personal Solving Techniques

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Our Newsletter continues to reference and use our good friend ZANAC's "Gimme a Break" creative thinking technique of providing a "foot in the door" for beginning and experienced solvers alike in the Aristocrat and Patristocrat nudges which appear below. Vale, ZANAC. Your solving expertise and friendly support live on.

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Sudoku Website

Excellent interactive Sudoku website <http://www.scanraid.com/Sudoku.htm> saves lots of grunt work.

Free Code and Cipher Books –Place an order. The mailing is also free.

Codes & Ciphers – Christina Ashton
Cryptanalysis – Helen Gaines
Cryptography – Dwight Smith
Invitation to Cryptograms –Williams

Codes, Secret Writing – Gardner
Crypto & Spygrams – Gleason
Find Out about Secret Codes – Beal
Secret Codes & Ciphers – Kohn

Codes, Secret Writing - Zim
Cryptogram Dictionary – MacCallum
Fun with Secret Writing - Lamb
Top Secret – Paul Janeczko

Twelve Years of Age and Under

Alvin's Secret Code – Clifford Hicks
Secret Codes Kit – Robert Jackson

Code Crackers – Kieran Fanning
Secret Codes Kit – Slinky Inc.

Secret Agent Activity Book - Elder
Spy in Old Philadelphia – Anne Emery

Gimme a Break – MA Aristocrats (may be digraphs / trigraphs) (1) unless otherwise stated

A-1, a (4), A-2, the (2), that, A-3, many (2), A-4, the, too (2), A-5, that (2) the (2), A-6, the (3), A-7, the (4), A-8, a, the, A-9, a (2), A-10, you (3), A-11, the, A-12, the (3), A-13, the (5), A-14, w(15), A-15, it is, A-16, a (3), A-17, good, the, A-18, all, A-19, the (2), A-20, off, A-21, one of, A-22, judge, A-23, jo (2), ju (3), A-24, CIA, A-25, prof.

Gimme a Break - MA Patristocrats (may be digraphs / trigraphs) (1) unless otherwise stated

P-1, that, the, P-2, you (4), P-3, ostrich, P-4, the (3), P-5, the (4), P-6, all, P-7, the (2), P-8, the (2), P-9, you (3), P-10, and (3), P-11, few(2), P-12, dog (2), P-Sp-1, p (12), P-Sp-2, a(12), b (15).

JF-7. Railfence. Quote from Thomas Jefferson. (support)

Five rails in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 order. You determine the number of offsets.

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JF-8. Key Phrase. Cradle. (nickname) Plaintext begins with State.

Key phrase begins, "I dance....."

CONFUOCO

JF-12. Ragbaby. Educational. (interpreters)

Crib fits in only non-proper noun twelve letter ciphertext word. Plaintext begins, "*Colonial....."

CONFUOCO

JF-13. Nihilist Transposition. Gadsden's flag. (rattle)

Google title for flag identity. Vertical encipherment. Plaintext begins with column nine.

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JF A-24. QUINTESSENCE of creativity. K2 (87) YKXYSK popular pattern word.

NIVEK

- JF P-12. Ideas. K3 (87/20) (JULN)** Look to title for opening plaintext word. **GGMA**
- JF X-7. ????? K2. Wise as an owl. (111)** **CROTALUS**
Language type does not appear in any other cipher in this two page column. "Owl" translation is first plaintext word.
- JF X-11. French Fractionated Morse. Politics. (trouver)** Plaintext begins, "La politique....." **THE DOC**
- JF E-3. Fractionated Morse. Just making sure. (abenchhas)** **OZ**
Extended tip " a bench has wet" at position 103. Be sure to xx between words.
- JF E-7. Ragbaby. Famous authors. (February)** **AURION**
Plaintext begins with famous author's name, fifth word of plaintext a Roman numeral.
- JF E-8. Double Checkerboard. Old English saying. (guests)** **APEX DX**
Old English (Benjamin Franklin) quote of fish and guests from Google helps here. COMES is one of the side keys, NIGHT is one of the top keys.
- JF E-11. Null. Napoleonic code. (TXP)** Google Napoleon quote, look for palindrome. **ANGO-KA**
- JF E-13. Swagman. Inclinations and motivations. (takes)** Steven Weinberg quote. **L. TWIN**
- JF E-14. Phillips. Fedspeak. (interestrates)** **BION**
Government agency which speaks on interest rates leads off the plaintext after common three letter opening. Crib placement at position 39.
- JF E-19. Trifid. Three in one.** Crib placement at position 50, plaintext begins, "Trifid....." **ERICONHISWAY**
- JF C-Sp-2. Duodecimal multiplication. (Two words, 1-0)** **G-MAN**
First six letter word begins with C, second with M.
- MA A-11. The problem.** Scottish author's dilemma. **BION**
- MA X-7. ??? Thinking the worse of everything.** **DOPPELSCHACH**
The Nom and the duplicate presence of the translation for "the" point to the language type of this Xenos.
- MA P-12. House protection.** Consider alarm detection or body guard protection. **ICECAP**
- MA X-11. French Null.** Consider centered letters of ciphertext words. **LIONEL**
- MA E-4. Morbit. Updated proverb.** Plaintext begins "Rev....." **G-MAN**
- MA E-7. Amsco. Billions.** Period seven, begins with three popular sentence letter openings. **COLD DUCK**
- MA E-10. Quagmire III. Gain a fact, lose a theory.** Period Nine. Plaintext begins "Eve...." **OZ**
- MA E-12. Quagmire II. Communication mismatch.** PERIOD Eight. Plaintext begins "Hal..." **OZ**
- MA E-13. Redefence. Some gain, some lost.** Five rails, two offsets, begins "As....." **MARSHEN**
- MA C-2. Sudoku. (Two words*)** Solution on row two. **VERMONSTER**
- MA C-Sp-1. Addition. (Two words, 9-0)**
There are many "N's" and "T's" in this cryptarithm. "N" must be one more than "T." Neither can equal zero. Drag values of one through eight for "T" and two through nine for "N" through the problem until solution is found.