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Key Block Discipline is a "high-fallutin" hint to set up the keyword alphabet table before starting the solving analysis. Pre-printed pages of these blocks make for time-saving and tidiness and are helpful for beginning solvers to get into tidy and organized habits. This is a good tool for keeping an eye on low frequency placement in K1 and K2 keyword alphabets. Ciphertext letters appearing once or not at all in the cipher construction are candidates for plaintext letters "b, j, k, q, v, x and z," within the keyword alphabet. High letter frequencies can help pinpoint the keyword placement. Red letter posting can highlight those letters where positive identification has been discerned. As plaintext letters are identified and posted to your key block, adjoining neighboring letters become apparent and added plaintext recovered.

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

A-1, the (3), A-2, It is, that, A-3, th (3), A-4, the (4), A-5, the (4), A-6, the, which, A-7, that, the, A-8, that, the, A-9, the (3), A-10, de (4), A-11, PW, A-12, PW, A-13, in (3), A-14, ing (2), A-15, e (11), A-16, e (12), ea (3), A-17, the (3), A-18, e (12), A-19, ea (2), A-20, er (2), re (3), A-21, yacht, A-22, er, re, A-23, PW, A-24, w alliteration, A-25, PW.

PW = Pattern Word

Gimme a Break - MJ Patristocrat Ciphers – (may be digraphs / trigraphs) (1) Unless otherwise stated P-1, te (3), the, P-2, he (3), that, the, P-3, that, the (2), P-4, the (5), P-5, All, P-6, ion (4), P-7, you (2), P-8, it (3) P-9, e (16), P-10, door, P-11, the (3), you (3) P-12, ing (2), the (2), P-Sp-1, m alliteration (11), P-Sp-2, a, e, i, n (6).

MJ E-3 Railfence. Full cycle. (wholesome)

REAL NEO

High number of rails, no offsets.

MJ E-5 Vigenere. Money. (PUWOOG)

CRAW

Period nine, same Colonial Statesman and author who appears in E-7.

MJ E-8 Unknown. Conceptual agriculture. (turning)

Period five columnar with a twist.

RISHU

MJ E-10 Amsco. Hot months. (was named)

GUNG HO

Determine who the two hottest months of the year were named after.

MJ E-15 Null. Cruelty. (does)

THE RAT

Crib appears near the beginning following a key related to the title.

MJ E-21 Myszkowski. Thousand flowers. (WLIMMMYWNCIH)

THE DOC

Key and first plaintext word refer to a glass-making technique.

MJ AC-983 Transposition. Inspection control. (205)

LIONEL

Zany Amsco full of "q's" and "z's," meant to be disguised as a substitution cipher.

JA A-21. Transportation option. K2 (87)

G-MAN

Only two pattern words will fit the first two words of plaintext and the K2 Keyword Alphabet Analysis described in the JA Cm (Tyro Grams Column, page 21) will allow you to select the proper one.

JA P-10. Vulnerable. K2 (103/22) (QBI)

WABBIT

Forty-four vowels, including twelve "i's and e's" are in this construction about people in glass houses.

JA X-9 Incomplete Columnar. L'importante (dovere e non)

MICROPOD

ACA and You Handbook limits this cipher length to Period Seven.

JA E-4 Railfence. Intelligent design. Four rails and some offsets.

MARSHEN

JA E-9 Amsco. Moral principles. (to steal) Period seven on plagiarism.

CERE E US

JA E-13 Quagmire II. Time to relax. (atleastafewmomentseveryday)

 \mathbf{OZ}

Period Nine. Extend crib to "atleastafewmomentseverydayforre.....)

JA C-7 Division Cryptarithm. (Three words, 9-0)

VERMONSTER

This division problem can be solved with simple subtractions. Line up the Cryptarithm in conventional division order. You will sight read that Y = 0, E = 9, L = 8, O = 1 and F = 7. It's all downhill from there.

JA C-14 Equations Cryptarithm. (No word, 0-9)

ACHAMP

L must equal an even number in the addition part of the equation which can only be 6 to allow D (2) to be less than L in the subtraction part of the equation. R must equal a value (1) which will allow B to be the same number (8) in the two columns in the subtraction part of the equation. This will open the equations to the solving process.

Sunny Ciphering,

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