



Prenuptial in Ciphertext?

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Issue

This marks the twenty-fifth Anniversary Issue of the bi-monthly Young Tyros Newsletter, first begun for the young children's introduction to cryptogram and cipher solving and then extended to young and senior adults, to provide the opportunity to expand cipher solving abilities. We thank you readers and the staff who have encouraged us to continue its production. Staff members include APEXDX, ARDUINNA, BALOO, D, FIZZY, GARY, GGMA, MEDICINE MAN, MIREPOIX, MSCREP, PARROT, QUIPOGAM, REAL NEO, RISHU, SHAZ, ZANAC and ZRLP.

BION Compressocrat Worksheet

SHAZ

Compressocrat ciphers can be a fun cipher solve. Take a look at MA26 E-22, and familiarize yourself with Compressocrats1 in the MJ83 Cm page 4. One can use BION's Compressocrat cipher worksheet (https://williammason.github.io/rec-crypt/gadget_forms/compressocrat_worksheet.html) to copy/paste the CT into the worksheet box. Enter/locate the Crib placement (bythemed-). To complete the "d" of the Crib, you realize the Z must start with a 3, so is probably at the end of the alphabet. Trying to extend the Crib with educated guesses, you soon realize that "i" is a real possibility (medi), so "i" is probably part of the keyword portion. You can also play with Q, finding only one placement that seems to work, which also gives you the R placement. In attempting to fill in the alphabet between S and Z, one realizes that U and maybe T must be in the keyword. J and K must be mid-alphabet and begin with a 2. This worksheet allows you to make educated guesses, looking for plaintext words, which will result in a well-earned solve. Contact Sharon Dunbar at <srdunbar@msn.com> with any questions on this worksheet technique.

The Tyro Tutorial

This is available at our ACA web site under Resources. It describes the solution process to some thirty different cipher types, a comprehensive listing of Null Variables by BION and the use of Google as a solving tool.

The Cryptogram Index

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Our Cm Index is completed through MJ 2026 and we will send you dates of any past Cm articles of interest.

ZANAC's Gimme a Break – MJ Aristocrats (may be digraphs / trigraphs)

A-1, you (3), A-2, the (3), A-3, the (2), A-4, ing (3), A-5, the (2), A-6, th (3), A-7, and, A-8, as (4), A-9, a (4), A-10, the (3), A-11, that, A-12, in (5), A-13, that, A-14, the (3), A-15, the (3), A-16, of (6), A-17, ing (2), A-18, the (3), A-19, in (4), A-20, ing (2), A-21, ed (3), A-22, ing (3), A-23, ly (2), A-24, ou (2), A-25, that.

ZANAC's Gimme a Break - MJ Patristocrats (may be digraphs / trigraphs)

P-1, that (2), P-2, that, P-3, I (2), P-4, who (2), P-5, ing (2), P-6, ing (2), P-7, our (2), P-8, you (2), P-9, ing (2), P-10, the (3), P-11, that, P-12, the (3), P-Sp-1, ine (2), P-Sp-2, L alliteration.

MA. A-24. The green machine. K4 [94] Plaintext begins, "Photo-"	PELKABO
MA. P-Sp-2. Idiosyncrasies K4 [111/22] (HYQM) Plaintext begins, "Smicky"	WORD WIZARD
MA. X-5. Portuguese K2. Cause of crime. [83] (crimes sao) Authored by *L'AMOUR	SHMOO
MA. X-9. German Inc. Columnar. Gefaehrlich aufzugeben. (haben)Pt. begins, "Haben sie"	LIONEL
MA. X-Sp1. Spanish ??????. Give and Take. (esposa) Swagman. Pt. begins, "Senora"	MANDRAKE
MA. E-4. Playfair. Watch out for the boss! PARROT: Plaintext start. "Doing a job right"	ALCIBIADES
MA. E-8. Tridigital. Quote from philosopher of science. Plaintext begins, "It's"	BION
MA. E-9. Nihilist Transp. Many, many years. (VOCFXCHAIZ) Ciphertext placement by columns	SHMOO
MA. E-12. Portax. Limits of the wise. (JYIJFYMIZO-) PARROT: Plaintext begins, "The whole"	SHMOO
MA. E-14. Gromark. The human condition. (theweatheris) PARROT: Pt. begins, "Good"	CONFUOCO
MA. E-15. Phillips. Animal mystery. MSCREP: Extended crib placement: See below. Begin at ciphertext IOQW: "among animals elephants and horses"	BION
MA. E-16. Vigenère. Avoiding bad writing. Period 4. Plaintext begins, "Don't"	DOPPELSCHACH
MA. E-17. Keyphrase. Change in life style. (without) [F=y] Extended crib – He eats-2"	BION
MA. E-22. Compressocrat. Phases of media coverage. MSCREP: Plaintext start, "She was already"	BION
MA. E-24. 6x6 Two Square. Legendary. (eighteenthundredandsix) Pt. begins, "In the year"	GGMA
MA. E-Sp. Bazeries. Minor footnote. (HOGVYL) MSCREP: Solve as a Patristocrat	XAMAN EK
MA. C-4. Division. (Two words, 0-9) M = 3, L = 5, E = 8	TOMMY
MA. C-8. Division. (Two words, 0-1) P = 8, C = 5, A = 3	VERMONSTER
MA. C-14. Addition. (No word, 0-1) R = 8, L = 5, C = 2	AMADI
MA. C-Sp-1. Base 16 cube root. (Five words, 0-F) Word letter starts M = 0, D = 3, O = 8, T = A, C = D	SUSSI
MJ-1. Cadenus. Easy on your own. (BIOMY) Period Four. Extended crib: (important financial decision)	AMADI
MJ. A-25. Stunning to behold! K2 [100] Plaintext begins, "Crepuscular"	WORD WIZARD
MJ. P-Sp-1. Hidden wilderness. K3 [102/20] (BCEY) Plaintext begins, "Michigan's"	SHMOO
MJ. X-6. Danish K2. Anxiety. [103][26-alpha. *qwz] (mennesker) Pt. begins, "Angst har"	OOBOO
MJ. X-7. ???? K2. Paradox. [88] Romance language. Plaintext begins, "Si la"	CTHULHU
MJ. X-12. Latin Keyphrase. Itero erratum. (nullius) (YZ=ad) Eng. key begins, "MANUAL LABOR"	LIONEL
MJ. E-1. Complete Columnar. Z trickster. (XYUX) Period 7. Vertical ciphertext. Crib ext. "the dead"	AMADI
MJ. E-2. Checkerboard. Faithful and true. (UWWYJN) (trigraph-you-2)	HODDI
MJ. E-4. Key Phrase. Just do it. (AI UBYUX UHX) Plaintext words, "girl, she, her"	SHMOO
MJ. E-5. Null. Ford vehicles. (GUH) PARROT: Begins, "Sor-" Look at ciphertext in reverse for key.	DABASAP
MJ. E-6. Pollux. Discarded characters. (QY) PARROT: Plaintext begins, "Before"	RIG R. MORTIS
MJ. E-7. Fractionated Morse. Nervous and yet more. PARROT: Ext. crib (stressed it relaxes)	TSIOLKOVSKY
MJ. E-16. Bifid. Medical trivia. (just in case you ever) Period 9. Crib - Position104	RIG R. MORTIS
MJ. E-18. Porta. Relativity in politics. (fixed) Period 7. Plaintext begins with common three letter word.	SILCO
MJ. E-20. Railfence. Hideous humor. (SIO-2) Plaintext words, "that, you-2"	WORD WIZARD
MJ. E-21. Route Transposition. Relative merit. PARROT: Crib (better}	APEX DX
MJ. E-22. Vigenere. Bell tower. (BYCABN) Plaintext begins, "The Sacré-Couer" Period 9.	SHMOO
MJ. E-24. Monome-dinome. The days of leisure suits. (GILY ZOH) Plaintext begins, "Being twenty"	ICECAP
MJ. C-5. Additions. (Two words, 9-0) J = 9, G = 5, D = 2	VERMONSTER
MJ. C-9. Division. (Two words, 0-9) W = 2, S = 5, R = 8	PHILLIES
MJ. C-11. Duodecimal division. (Two words, 0-B) I = 2, O = 6, U = 9	FOMALHAUT

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