

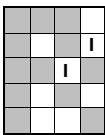
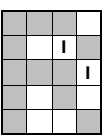


Notes on Common Errors 3755 – 3805

(Error incidence : total error : total entry)

- 3755 INRE for IURE (61 : 105 : 872)
Alter middle of clue ring by law
 Anag. UERI ('ring', answer to previous clue, inserted for solving)
- 3757 Other than X in 'station' squares (+ and † also accepted) (63 : 115 : 465)
 (i) \rightleftharpoons (37) (ii) whole names squeezed in (8)
 (iii) others (12 different) (18)
- 3758 Other than  in central square, completing UNICORNLIION in diagonal in mirror-writing (268 : 268 : 300)
 (i) blank (59) (ii)  or similar (29)
 (iii) others (56 different, including 24 single different letters of the alphabet) (180)
- 3761 LUSTETH for LISTETH (34 : 129 : 827)
Strip: the sordid desires!
 LIST + anag. THE
- 3767 (i) Other than THE CORAL ISLAND under grid (299 : 329 : 560)
 (a) LORD OF THE FLIES (295) (b) nothing (3)
 (c) THE CORAL only (1)
 Two-letter squares could produce both, one in row and one in column sequence, but three principal characters' names (JACK, RALPH, PETERKIN) required highlighting
- (ii) Alternatives to PETERKIN highlighted (230 : 329 : 560)
 (a) PIGGI (89) (b) PETER only (59) (c) PIG (39)
 (d) PIGGIUS (11) (e) others (12 different) (32)
- (iii) PERC for PER(S)E (irrelevant if correct solution) (101 : 329 : 560)
A hollow spade or p(+r)ick used by Spenser
 PER (= a) + S(pad)E
- 3768  (unsatisfactory **R**) for  (53 : 73 : 859)
- 3769 Highlighting of ODDS AND ENDS (synonymous with title) faulty (75 : 122 : 392)
 (i) ODDSANDEVENS and ODDANDENDS, in diagonals (32)
 (ii) others (14 different) (43)
- 3770 'Journey' (PILGRIMAGE in Knight's moves) faulty or absent (38 : 72 : 259)
- 3773 (i) EROFC for EFOFC (DENEb)
Gardener's centre gets bill for tubs
 DE + NEb, star, advanced by one letter ? tubs,
 hence DENEb ? EFOFC
- (ii) (a) FERUNCLE for FURUNCLE (118 : 258 : 414)
Following show of hesitation elderly man finds boil
 (b) AMINATA for AMANITA (83 : 258 : 414)
Fungus beginning to trouble one after a main's broken
 (c) FISTULE for FISTULA (53 : 258 : 414)
Unionist supporting strike on the French tube

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- 3773 (d) FEMERELL for FEMERALL (31 : 258 : 414)
 (cont) *Outlet drop contains a large amount of mineral*
 (e) PILOTUS for PILOTIS (17 : 258 : 414)
Drink up one large quantity that's kept in columns
 In all five the clue permits both spellings, but *Chambers Dictionary*,
 the primary reference, does not
- (iii) Other than SSOOLLVUETNET (22 different) (41 : 258 : 414)
 SOLUTE regularly in SOLVENT, making up a **solution**
- 3774 (i) All six cells not altered to remove trees and create woods (125 : 193 : 472)
 e.g. DALI (tree) / DRAKE ? BALI / BRAKE (wood)
 Message from clues: You can't see the woods for the trees
 Preamble: "The contents of six cells must be altered ..."
- (ii) (a) CONTE/COMA (32) (b) CONTE/COCA (31) for MONTE/MOLA (63 : 193 : 472)
 Original answers: CONTE / COLA (tree)
 hence: MONTE (wood) / MOLA
- 3778 ULYSSES for ODYSSEUS (with PENELOPE, TELEMACHUS) (170 : 208 : 695)
 under grid
 Clue contained consecutive letter mixture of ODYSSEUS and **LEOPOLD**
Don't employ useless dodo
- 3779 CBSEC for CBMEC (CUMEC) (61 : 96 : 496)
*Unit of rate of flow or unit of capacity divided by inverse of
 electromagnetic unit*
 EMU rev. in CC
- 3780 (i) SAW for SAX (204 : 282 : 759)
Surgeon's first ruthless cutting instrument
 S(urgeon) + AX (= ruthless cutting)
- (ii) GIRDLE for RIDDLE (64 : 282 : 759)
*What's the difference between 32 feet per second per second and
 a flat iron plate?*
 G(RIDDLE); clue is an example of a 'riddle'
- 3781 LA (Louisiana) and AL (Alabama) interchanged (47 : 112 : 404)
 Grid showed states (zip codes) in correct geographical positions
- 3785 STRTAEIT/CEIHVS/MSRAOHAP for (82 : 151 : 565)
 ETRTASIT/CSIHVE/MERAOHAP (TITRATES/CHIVES/AMPHORAE)
Before Roman times, short measure found in jars
 AMP+HORAE
- 3787 EGESTA for EGESTS (31 : 76 : 538)
Discharges clowns we hear after close of revue
 E + GESTS (homophone JESTS)
- 3788 (i) Other than LAW highlighted (107 : 187 : 697)
 (a) Nothing (89) (b) PIE (14) (c) others (3 different) (4)
- (ii) Errors (some multiple) in jumbles (wordplay-indicated) of Laws in (70 : 187 : 697)
 (a) AKNONIPRS (PARKINSON)(34) (b) AGSAUCSYL (GAY-LUSSAC) (31)
 (c) ALCESRH (CHARLES) (10) (d) LLNES (SNELL) (6)
 (e) EVRNER (VERNER) (6) (f) MRMIG (GRIMM) (5)
 (g) HYRUMP (MURPHY) (1)

- 3791 Rest of grid highlighted in other than pencil/black hatching ('darkness') (90 : 168 : 629)
 (i) Blue (22) (ii) Green(14) (iii) Red (13) (iv) Yellow (12)
 (v) Brown(5) (vi) Pink (5) (vii) Orange (4) (viii) Mauve (2)
 (ix) Treatments other than single colour (5 different) (13)
- 3794 REGRADE for REGREDE (DEGREE, +R, anag.) (37 : 107 : 679)
To bear, holding, for example, rank
 EG in DREE
- 3795 Unsatisfactory highlighting (all 41 letters from DOUBTING in
 CASTLE shape) (168 : 173 : 382)
 T I G
 (i) N O B D U only (99) (ii) others (33 different) (69)
- 3796 (i) Unsatisfactory highlighting (PRETENDERS in diagonal) (66 : 199 :1359)
 (a) Nothing (49) (b) others (5 different) (17)
 (ii) PARKIN for PERKIN (WARBECK) (53 : 199 :1359)
 (iii) FRANCES for (JAMES) FRANCIS (EDWARD STUART) (34 : 199 :1359)
- 3797 (i) VAN for V(A)IN (63 : 153 : 609)
 (ii) HATS for H(AB)ITS (58 : 153 : 609)
 Blood groups to be removed to form the entries
 (iii) (a) PEN (33) (b) PIN (22) for PUN (55 : 153 : 609)
 Preamble: '... now one of the tricks of the trade for me ...'
 (in 'new persona' as 'compiler')
- 3803 (i) Bar(s) missing/extra (35 : 69 : 239)
 (ii) (Some or all) **Y**s not Ys (25 : 69 : 239)
 Letters required to show 'mirror symmetry'

2005 Dinner

This is being held on April 2nd, which is the 75th anniversary of Listener Crossword N^o. 1. Reports are hence deferred.

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Late entries

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