

Puzzled Pint July 2021: Poirot, Answers

Location: Appointment with Death

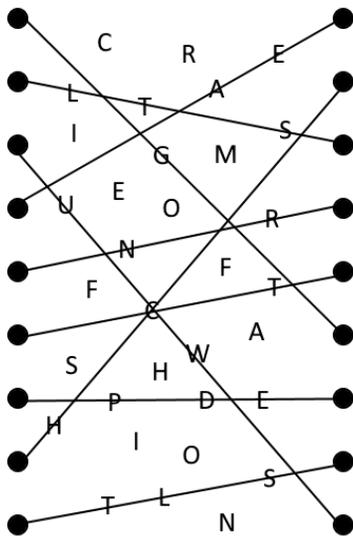
Solution to logic puzzle:

	3	1	2	2	3	
2	2	5	1	4	3	3
3	3	4	5	2	1	3
1	5	3	4	1	2	3
4	1	2	3	5	4	2
2	4	1	2	3	5	1
	2	5	4	2	1	

Answer: Lichen's Grotto

The Mysterious Affair at Styles

Each clothing item on the left, when read as a verb, is a synonym of one of the bolded words on the right. Connect the dots and read the remaining letters:



Answer: Crime of Fashion

The A.B.C. Murders

All the answers contain three consecutive letters from the alphabet, highlighted by the grey cells.

P	O	E	T	I	C	D	E	V	I	C	E		
			S	Y	N	O	P	S	I	S			
			M	O	N	O	P	O	L	Y			
					Q	R	S	C	A	N	N	E	R
R	U	B	B	E	R	S	T	A	M	P			
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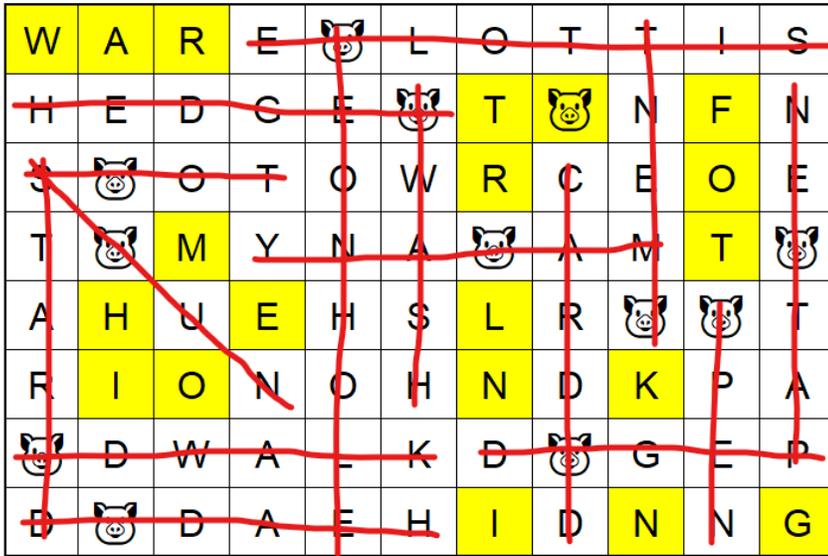
Answer: Doorstop

Five Little Pigs

The answers to the pig, hog, and boar clues contain the words “pig”, “hog”, or “boar”, respectively. These can all be found in the word search, with the 🐷 symbol replacing “pig”, “hog”, or “boar”.

Pigs	Hogs	Boars
This little pig prevents food from entering the windpipe. EPIGLOTTIS	This little hog is actually a small spiny mammal. HEDGEHOG	This little boar is alongside a beach. BOARDWALK
This little pig will sort things into restrictive categories. PIGEONHOLE	This little hog is nonsense! HOGWASH	This little boar can be corrugated. CARDBOARD
This little pig is colouring. PIGMENT	This little hog is reddish-brown and wooden. MAHOGANY	This little boar is behind the bed. HEADBOARD
This little pig uses a cipher. PIGPEN	This little hog causes disease. PATHOGEN	This little boar has regularly spaced holes. PEGBOARD
This little pig is stuck in a cask. SPIGOT	This little hog was a Japanese military ruler. SHOGUN	This little boar is right on a boat. STARBOARD

Unused squares in the word search are highlighted below:

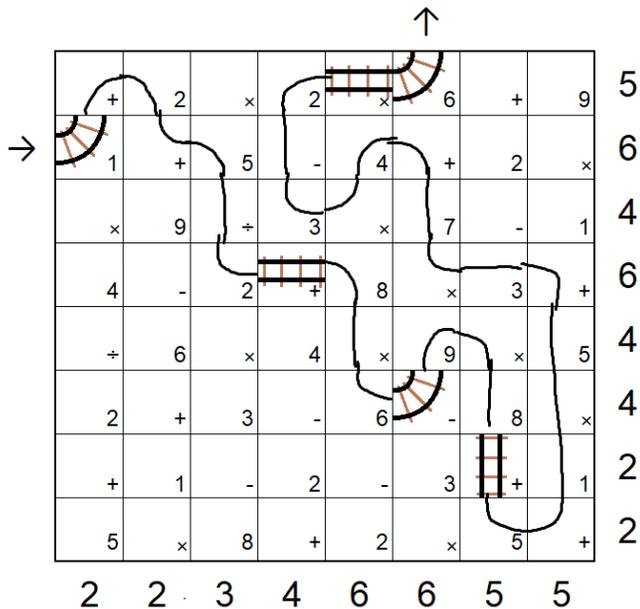


The unused squares spell "WART 🐯 FROM THE LION KING".

Answer: Pumbaa

Murder on the Orient Express

Solution to logic puzzle:



Following the tracks from beginning to end, we get this expression:

$$1+2+5/2+8*6-9*8+5+1*5+3*7+4*3-2*6$$

Solving it one step at a time (i.e., no order of operations), the final value is 321738, which spells "BELIZE" when read upside-down from a calculator.

Answer: Belize

Meta: The Big Four

Each of the four answers is an anagram of one of the map locations, with a letter missing.

Crime of fashion + N = Finnish Cafe Room

Doorstop + E = Rodeo Post

Pumbaa + W = Wama Pub

Belize + S = Lee's Biz

Beret Craze	Sir Steak	Forecast Center	The Flounder Society	Powder Ham 4 U
Gabe's Cab	A Cat Herd Ringer	A&J Scallop	Grapple Jigs R Us	Eco Bike Hollow
Deficit of Plums	Lee's Biz S	Downtown Square	Lichen's Grotto	Tim's Place o' Tuna
Rodeo Post E	Third Butte Deli	Wama Pub W	Top Mint Chemist	Ion Loader
The Scotch Port	Finnish Cafe Room N	Bobby's Fishbowl	Wuli Bar	Beige Sill

The four locations are adjacent to Third Butte Deli on the map, and their extra letter corresponds to the direction to head to find the final location, Third Butte Deli. Hasting's final exclamation is the anagram of Third Butte Deli with the letters reordered as per the provided numbers.

Answer: The Butler Did It

Bonus: Cards on the Table



Definition is bolded, hidden word / anagram fodder is underlined

1. Robot has concealed / **one and the other.** (hidden word) - BOTH
5. Possibly near a / **stadium.** (anagram) - ARENA
6. Some of his hamsters are / **fake.** (hidden word) - SHAM
2. **The last letter** / in some games. (hidden word) - OMEGA
3. **Warm up** for / the **race.** (double definition) - HEAT
4. **Hits sharply** / with rasp, by mistake. (anagram) - RAPS

Answer, reading spades left-to-right across the card: Rhett (since he's a Butler...)