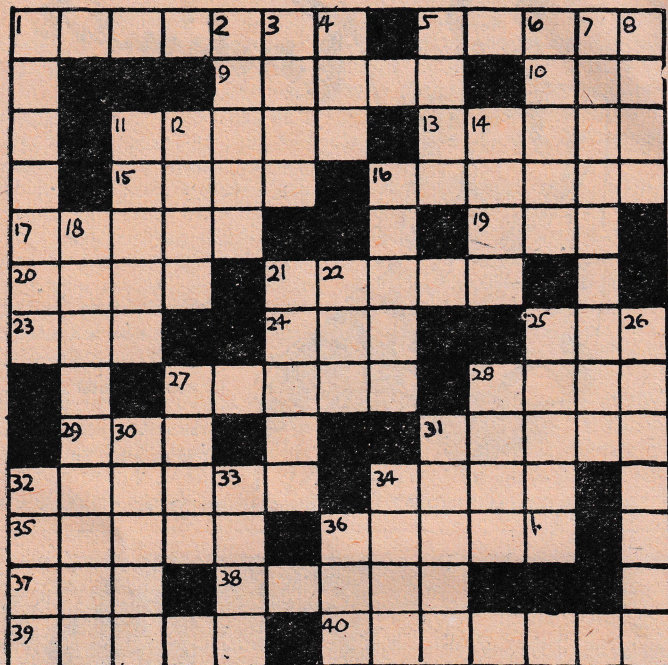


Frank Richards's Crossword, I.



ACROSS

1. Fellows who write.
5. Musical instrument.
9. A letter from Greece.
10. Statesman and enemy of poultry.
11. Very likely a bank.
13. Machine tool.
15. Song.
16. Royal receptions.
17. Started.
19. Might be the 'Red Lion.'
20. No good. [Lion.]
21. Byron did—often!
23. Short detective.
24. Proper feeling when viewing the ruins of the Colosseum.
25. Sometimes for Art's sake.
27. Perhaps a Bevin boy.
28. How to mix a Christmas pudding.
29. Never without a nail.
31. What the sun did at Austerlitz.
32. Reverend gentleman.

34. Knock on the head.
35. Often in the soup.
36. Yours, singular as it may be.
37. What Polyphemus did when he slew the companions of Ulysses.
38. Sometimes, when boy meets girl.
39. Desert.
40. Dark Lady—not of the Sonnets.

DOWN

1. Cool drink.
2. Don Quixote thought it was a helmet.
3. Wagnerian bride who couldn't trust her bridegroom.
4. Surreptitious investigator.
5. Of Health, perhaps.
6. Not infrequently.
7. Bridegroom of 3 down
8. Edge tools.

11. Prospero's art.
12. By word of mouth.
14. Greedy.
16. Nineteenth-century novelist apparently able to uplift.
18. Transpire.
21. Often broken in the days of chivalry.
22. Better to pay.
25. Make amends.
26. May be felt during earthquakes.
27. Seldom square in these days.
28. Avoid. [days.]
30. Not very popular when New.
31. Sometimes in the tail.
32. Shell-fish.
33. This kind of match may be scratched in rainy weather.
34. You might put your foot in it.
36. What we should like from the coalman.

SOLUTION ON PAGE 142

Dear PIE—A copy of your publication has come my way, and I have just finished reading the amusing comedy 'Fred and Charlie go to Eton,' by Neil Heayes. For a boy of 14, I consider this quite remarkable, and would like you to know that one of your readers 'Somewhere on the Western Front' found it refreshingly entertaining. It would appear that you have discovered a new writer of merit 'on your own doorstep,' and I look forward hopefully to the publication of further stories from the pen of this promising young author.

L.P.S.

(Name and address supplied by sender.)

Dear PIE—I have just received Christmas PIE, which was sent to me by my English friends in England. I am a Polish officer serving with the Polish Air Force in France and I am very inter-

ested in England and English books. I think PIE is simply excellent, and the pictures are smashing: just what we need here in the field.

Wishing you and your publication greater development and popularity.

Yours faithfully,

(F/Lt.) T. A. S.

(Name and address supplied by sender.)

He Takes the Biscuit

Dear Sir—I thought you would like to know that I have never read such a lot of unadulterated bosh as you print in Christmas PIE. What is literature coming to in this country!

Yours faithfully,

NEVER AGAIN.

(Name and address *not* supplied by sender.)

FRANK RICHARDS'S CROSSWORD : SOLUTION

ACROSS

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| 1. Scribes. | 24. Awe. |
| 5. Viola. | 25. Art. |
| 9. Alpha. | 27. Miner. |
| 10. Fox. | 28. Stir. |
| 11. Mossy. | 29. Toe. |
| 13. Lathe. | 31. Shone. |
| 15. Aria. | 32. Curate. |
| 16. Levees. | 34. Stun. |
| 17. Began. | 35. Ladle. |
| 19. Inn. | 36. Thine. |
| 20. Evil. | 37. Ate. |
| 21. Loved. | 38. Spoon. |
| 23. Tec. | 39. Merit. |
| | 40. Negress. |

DOWN

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| 1. Sherbet. | 21. Lance. |
| 2. Basin. | 22. Owe. |
| 3. Elsa. | 25. Atone. |
| 4. Spy. | 26. Tremors. |
| 5. Vale. | 27. Meal. |
| 6. Often. | 28. Shun. |
| 7. Lohengrin. | 30. Order. |
| 8. Axes. | 31. Sting. |
| 11. Magic. | 32. Clam. |
| 12. Oral. | 33. Test. |
| 14. Avid. | 34. Shoe. |
| 16. Lever. | 36. Ton. |
| 18. Eventuate. | |