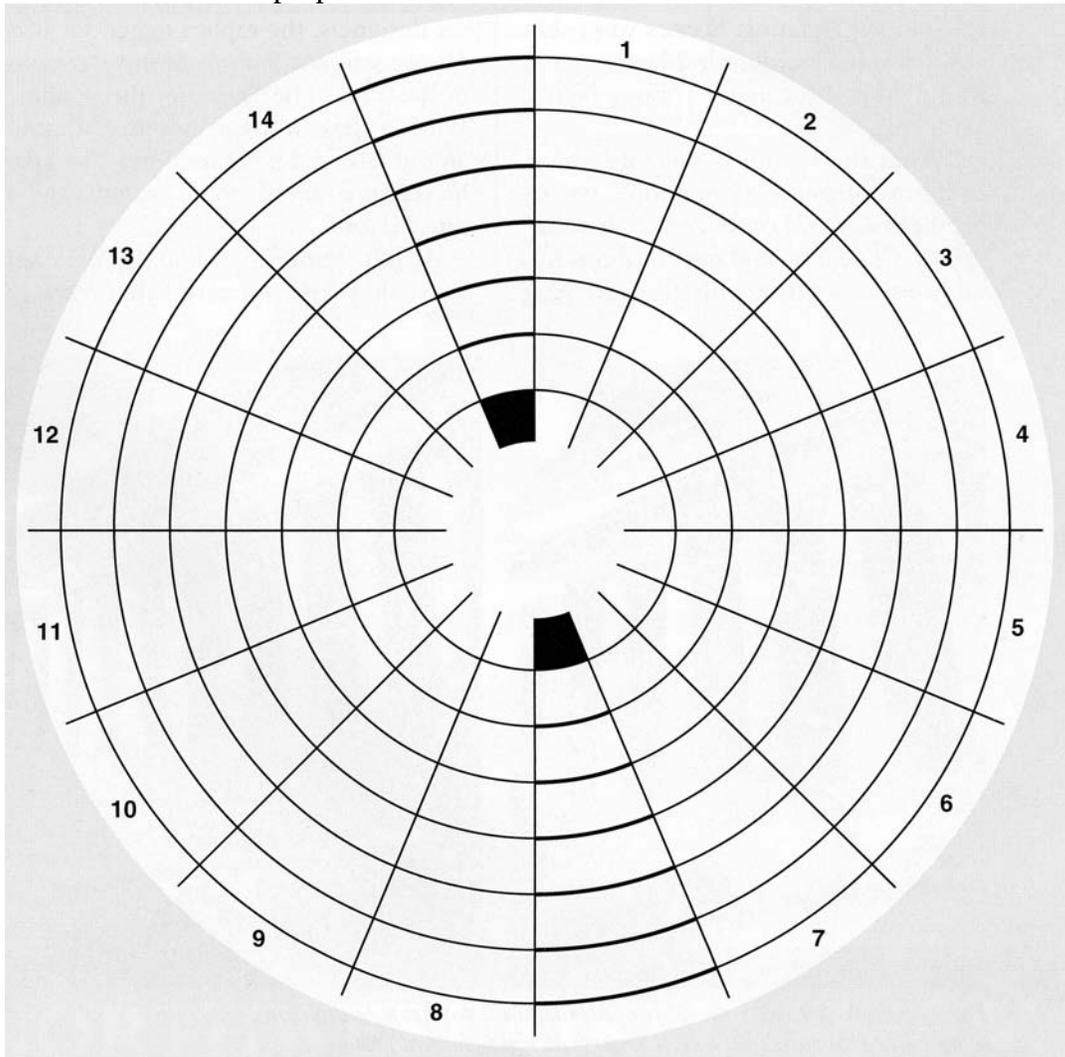


Puzzle

"Inner Circle"

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Instructions: The cryptic clues define fourteen radial words and twenty-one circular words. Radial words—each seven letters long—are to be entered in the diagram starting either in the innermost circle and reading out or in the outermost circle and reading in; solvers must determine which. Circular words—from three to seven letters long—are to be entered clockwise in the same order as their clues, starting in the outermost circle and within each circle at the section indicated by a number in parentheses in the corresponding clue. Circular words don't continue from one circle to another; each circle contains either three or four words exactly. In the completed puzzle, the seventh innermost circle will contain an appropriate two-word phrase of fourteen letters. Answers include three proper words.



Clues:

Radial words

- 1 The leg I activate keeps expressing sorrow
- 2 Give aught to be in Costa Rica for a month
- 3 One that strains holding tip of nose to brandy glass
- 4 Against penalty or limit
- 5 Poison scare in disturbance
- 6 Washerwoman leaving L.A. for strip
- 7 Row involves mistake by hound
- 8 Innovative nobleman takes charge
- 9 Come to no conclusion about hot spot
- 10 Small tray holds Colorado flower
- 11 Good times get girl newly wealthy
- 12 To top it off, look back to State House
- 13 Instrument records start of upheaval after Great Britain gets two of the French
- 14 Casual reference to men in melee

Circular words

- (4) Hear actors in class
Opening wine
Places where middlemen meet
- (3) *Señor* translated, as in Oslo
Ran mile frantically, for gold perhaps
Frog legs have this look!
- (2) For starters, big items need small containers
Fear has no time for waywardness
Measure finish line
Rocks from Cicero
- (1) Start of good proposal to press pleats
Manage excellent letter
Ship carries lean poles
- (3) Element of distinction
Fall in sleazy bar
Don't eat quickly
Out-of-shape group around end of half
- (4) Cat lives half the course
Stoic in zone besieged
Bonnet bag
Add liquor to thread

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