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All new! The six latest adventures of Trixie and the Bob-Whites—watch for 'em!

#23

THE MYSTERY OF THE QUEEN'S NECKLACE

The Bob-Whites' trip to England is shadowed by a gray figure that stalks Trixie and her friends through the streets of London and across the English countryside. Why are they being followed? Does Honey's mysterious old necklace have a hidden past? Is there a connection between the stranger and the necklace?

#24

MYSTERY AT SARATOGA

Regan, the Wheelers' groom, has disappeared! Trixie and Honey set out in search of him, and soon discover the seamy side of horse racing—and a dark shadow in Regan's past. Can Regan be guilty? Trixie *must* find out

#25

THE SASQUATCH MYSTERY

A mysterious creature stalks the mountains of Idaho's St. Joe National Forest as Trixie and the gang join the Belden cousins on a wilderness camping trip. Can this be the legendary sasquatch known as Big Foot? When Cap Belden and a hermit gold miner disappear, Trixie faces a double mystery that takes the Bob-Whites on a strange adventure into unknown territory.

#26

**THE MYSTERY OF THE
HEADLESS HORSEMAN**

The Lynches' butler is missing, and Trixie must find him. Is Harrison an innocent victim—or the diabolically clever leader of a gang of art-treasure thieves? And how can Trixie hope to solve the mystery when her adversary is a ghostly figure on horseback—*who has no head?*



#27

THE MYSTERY OF THE GHOSTLY GALLEON

Surprises galore await the Bob-Whites when they accompany Miss Trask to her childhood home. At the ancient inn at Pirate's Point, Trixie and her friends discover hidden treasure, a ghostly galleon—and a baffling mystery.

#28

THE HUDSON RIVER MYSTERY

Why is a strange writer haunting the Hudson River area near Trixie's beloved Sleepyside? And the river itself—is it true that its tranquil waters conceal menacing sharks? Most frightening of all—what does her brother's mysterious behavior mean? Only Trixie is up to the challenge of finding the answers

TWO EAST

THE MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE

"Look at this!" Trixie shouted as she climbed up onto the boathouse pier at the Wheelers' lake.

The other Bob-Whites, who at Miss Trask's request had been checking the pier for water damage, scrambled up onto the wooden platform. Trixie was slowly peeling waterproof tape off a black plastic envelope. She drew out a wide piece of white and pale-green striped paper that had a vertical row of holes along each edge.

"It looks like computer printout paper!" Mart said.

"The envelope was taped to a plank, underneath the pier," Trixie told them. "Look—there are names of places and prices printed on this piece of paper."

SOUTH RENO	\$28,782,645
WEST LOS ANGELES	\$4,162,834
WEST HOUSTON	\$91,836,745
SOUTH NEWHAMPTON	\$2,678,714
NORTH SEOUL	\$81,762,945
EAST NEW YORK	\$9,517,634

"This"—Trixie held up the piece of paper—"must be some kind of secret code. And we're going to break it!"

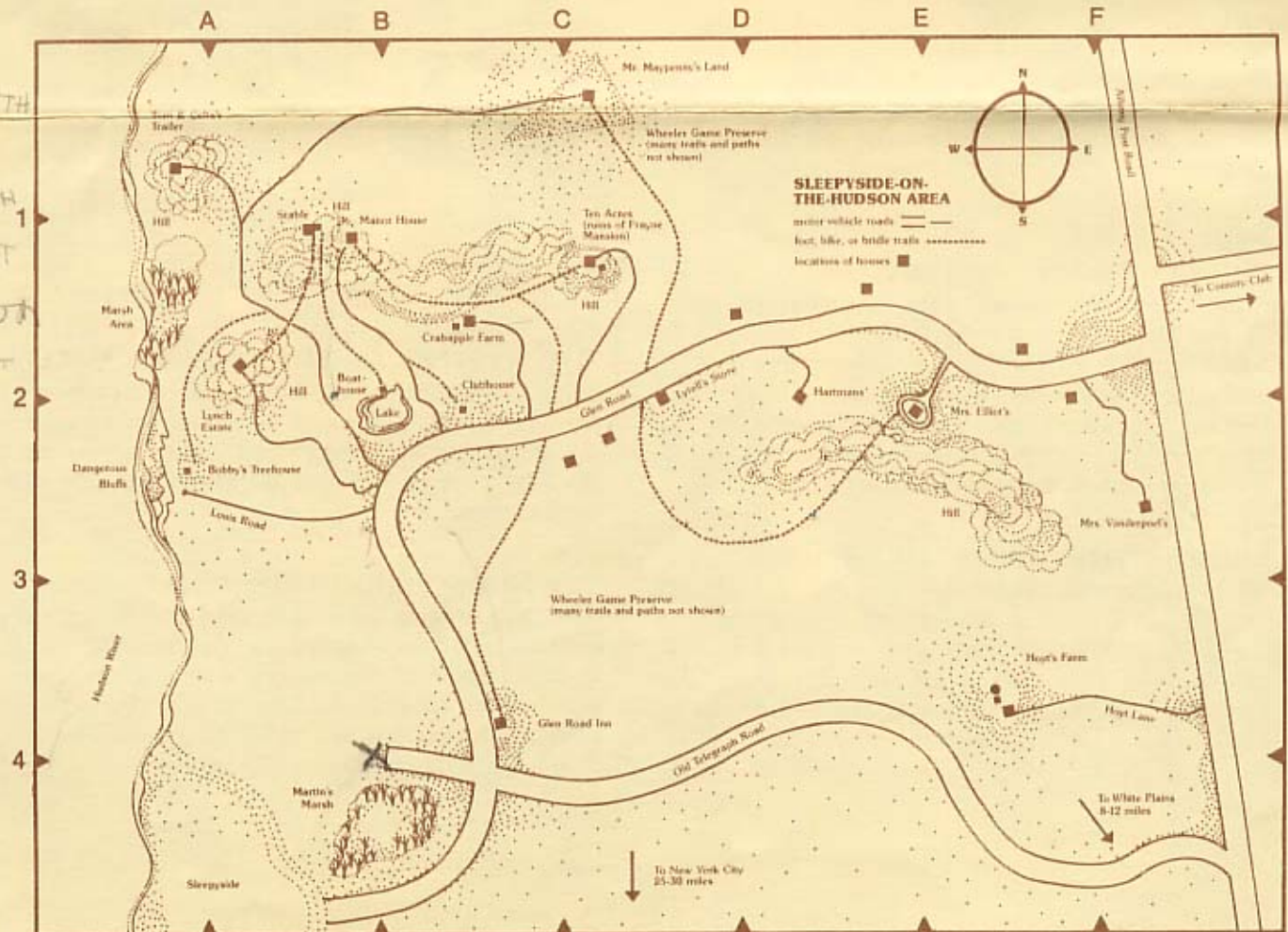
Trixie did break the code. She found that each number in the "price" following each name gives the number of a letter in the name. For example, in SOUTH RENO, \$28,782,645 means the 2nd, the 8th, the 7th, the 8th, the 2nd, the 6th, the 4th, and the 5th letters in the name SOUTH RENO. This spells out ONE NORTH. Decode the rest of the "prices," and you'll have a list of mile distances and compass directions.

When the Bob-Whites followed the mysterious directions, they found a large metal box buried under a pile of stones. The box was filled with marijuana. They took it to Sergeant Molinson, and he placed a guard near the boathouse pier. The pickup man was arrested when he came looking for the secret message.

Starting at point B2 on the map below, follow the directions given in the secret message. (Hint: Draw straight lines across the map by connecting opposite points to form a grid. 1 inch = 1 mile.) Where did the B.W.G.'s find the stash of marijuana?

ANSWER ON PAGE 3

ONE NORTH
2 East
TWO SOUTH
ONE WEST
ONE SOUTH
ONE WEST



REGAN TALKS ABOUT HORSES

The earliest horse was about the size of a small fox. Called the *eohippus*, or "dawn horse," it had four toes on its front feet, and three on its hind feet. It roamed the plains of North America about sixty million years ago.

The Indians of North America had never seen horses before the conquistadores brought them from Spain. The proud mustangs of the West are descended from Spanish horses that escaped and ran wild.

The Morgan is the only breed to be founded by and named after a single horse. The first Morgan was a strong, lively little horse owned by Justin Morgan, a New England singing teacher.

The famed Thoroughbred racer Assault was known as the horse that ran on "three legs and a heart." One of his feet had been badly misshapen by an injury, but he went on to win the Triple Crown of horse racing.

A Quarter Horse can outrun a Thoroughbred for distances of a quarter mile or less, but the Thoroughbred has no equal in races of one or two miles.

The largest of all horses is the Shire, which often weighs more than a ton. Most of the breeds of huge draft horses, such as the Clydesdale, the Percheron, the Belgian, and the Shire, are descended from the Great Horse of medieval times, which carried knights in armor into battle.

THE LEATHER MAN

For more than thirty years in the late 1800's, a strange, lonely figure wandered the area of the Hudson River Valley where Trixie and the B.W.G.'s live today. It was a man dressed all in leather, with a flowing, grizzled beard and penetrating gray eyes. His clothes were made entirely of boot tops sewn together with leather thongs.

The Leather Man, as he was called, never spoke to anyone. No one knew how he earned a living. He stayed in huts and caves during his wanderings and had no possessions except his old, patched leather suit and a French Bible. He followed a regular route in his travels, and he soon became a familiar, if mysterious, figure to the people in the area.

It is said that the Leather Man was Jules Bourglay, a Frenchman who had been involved in his father-in-law's prosperous leather business. When the business had failed, Jules had been blamed. He had fled to America, where he had taken up his life as a hermit and a wanderer. Perhaps he chose to dress in leather because of some morbid association with the trade that had caused his downfall.

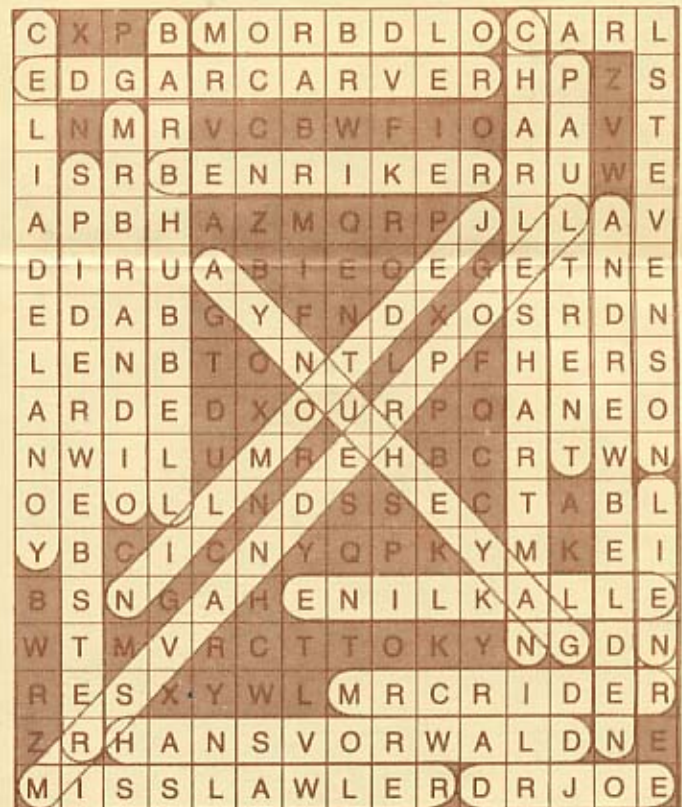
The Leather Man died of cancer in 1889.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Are you worried because you haven't been receiving a Trixie Belden Mystery Fan Club Newsletter every month? No need to worry! As much as we'd like to publish the Newsletter once a month, our work on the Trixie Belden mystery books (and other projects) keeps us pretty busy. So we aim for four issues of the Newsletter per year, and sometimes we can't even manage that. We're hoping to have another issue ready for you this October, but please bear with us if we don't make it quite on time. What we can't give you in quantity, we try to make up for in quality! Keep reading!

ANSWERS TO MISSING PERSONS

Here are the answers to "Missing Persons," the puzzle that appeared in the last issue of the newsletter.



THE MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE ANSWER

Draw in the grid on the map, and you'll find that the mysterious directions lead you to the far west end of Old Telegraph Road, where it dead-ends just above Martin's Marsh—point B4 on the map.

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