Cryptic Crossword

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There are three parts to this puzzle, all of which contribute to finding the message that winds clockwise around the periphery of the diagram, starting at the top left. All words are in Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, except for two of the five proper nouns.

Part One: Normal Clues

Across

- 5 Inexperienced, you turn bashful, pouring out jar by degrees (8)
- 6 In blind rage? Bummer! (4)
- 8 Hearsay from tenant? (5)
- 9 One who did not look in the proverbial mouth interrupted ride with woman (6)
- 11 Sick desire for rice with prune stew (9)
- 14 Pop singer takes piano: Schnabel is leaving (9)
- 15 A chant this quiet could get you (6)
- 17 Laugh! No one was bombed on Christmas Day (5)
- 19 Jerk held back by children (4)
- 20 Making more liquid, I'd oil nut! (8)

Down

- 1 F: what's found around Delta Sigma boors (10)
- 2 That way is to where? That way. (9)
- 3 Emerge from within her, up there! (5)
- 4 Egg on two deities (4)
- 7 Go up and dance before shepherdess (6, hyphenated)
- 10 Not quite equal tines, one after another (10)
- 15 Untidy turbulence is what follows take-off (6)
- 13 Oh, I refuse to move hook and ladder home (9)
- 16 Four and a half vowels? Farewell! (5)
- 18 Cellophane which covers over (4)

Part Two: Three-Letter Pairs

There is only one clue for each pair of symmetrically placed three-letter entries. The clues are cryptic in spirit, but perhaps somewhat unorthodox. Solvers are to figure out which of the two answers goes where. One answer to I is obscure.

Across

- III "I lie!" P.A. distorted F.M. names
- IV Wicked, woeful words from sponsors
- V Implement adversary rhyme

Down

- I Inverted instrument pair
- II "Rap" ran amok, abbreviated type of shower for message carrier?

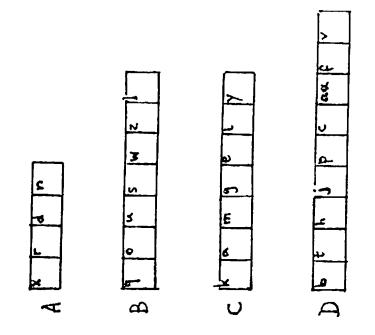
Part Three: Single Crostic

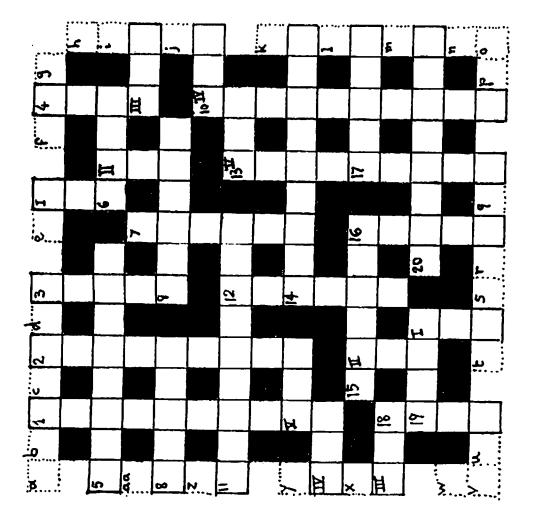
A surgeon just escaped from a British prison for the insane. His list of "things to do" is reproduced below. Words A, B, C, and D are clued (in order) by it. The clues are normal and do not overlap, but punctuation is misleading. The answers should be entered in the spaces provided to the right of the diagram, and their individual letters transferred to the appropriate locations around its periphery.

Amputate arm or leg before the first of November.

Describe former quod man.

Redesign dark growth inside short dentist. Insert half of tree in Reagan.





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