STR8TS

No. 831 Medium

■		1	■	4				
				■	7	5		
		■						9
■			■		9	■		5
			2		■	7		
	5	■		7	■			■
■	9			6		■	1	
				■		2		
		7	9	■	3		2	■

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Previous solution - Easy

■	8	7	9	■	2	1	■	■
7	6	8	■	■	3	2	4	5
6	7	5	8	2	1	■	3	4
■	■	6	7	5	4	■	2	3
2	3	4	■	1	■	7	5	6
1	2	9	3	4	6	5	■	■
4	5	■	2	3	■	6	8	7
3	4	2	1	■	5	9	7	8
■	1	3	4	6	7	8	9	■

How to beat **Str8ts** –
Like Sudoku, no single number can repeat in any row or column. But... rows and columns are divided by black squares into **compartments**. These need to be filled in with numbers that complete a 'straight'. A **straight** is a set of numbers with no gaps but can be in any order, eg [4,2,3,5]. Clues in black cells remove that number as an option in that row and column, and are not part of any straight. Glance at the solution to see how 'straights' are formed.

SUDOKU

No. 831 Very Hard

5							1	6
			8	9				
	1	4		7			3	
	2		1					
9			4		2			3
					8		5	
	7			8		5	6	
				2	5			
6	8							9

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The solutions will be published here in the next issue.

Previous solution - Tough

1	9	4	5	6	2	8	3	7
5	7	6	3	4	8	2	9	1
2	3	8	7	1	9	6	5	4
3	6	7	9	8	5	1	4	2
4	8	2	1	7	3	9	6	5
9	1	5	6	2	4	7	8	3
7	5	1	8	3	6	4	2	9
8	2	9	4	5	7	3	1	6
6	4	3	2	9	1	5	7	8

To complete Sudoku, fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and 3x3 box contains every number uniquely.

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Anagrams Puzzle 47

Rearrange all the letters of each word to form two other common English words. Answers next week.

Boldens - _____

Densimeter - _____

Doctrinairism - _____

Nebulose - _____

Palestine - _____

Paternoster - _____

Picadors - _____

Pimentos - _____

Secéders - _____

Splenic - _____

AMBULANT DEPERSONALISATIONS.

You take these if you don't care to walk home for the holidays, Rearrange the capital letters in this two word phrase to form a four word answer.

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"Nova Scotia Backroads" Word Search Puzzle

Alpena
Baccaro
Canaan
Chelsea
Danvers
Fraxville
Greenland
Hubley
Laconia
Litchfield
Mantua
Pubnico
Roxbury
Shad Bay
Tangier
Vaughan
Victory
Waterloo

Find the word or phrase in the puzzle. Words can share letters as they cross over each other. Answer next week.

X	P	Y	S	I	F	O	D	U	A	L	I	C	B	K	T
Q	U	Z	H	N	R	W	M	A	W	I	Q	B	E	L	G
V	R	E	A	K	A	U	L	Q	N	H	N	A	G	R	U
R	B	R	D	B	X	H	Y	W	I	V	U	O	E	F	G
A	G	D	B	S	V	O	G	D	R	T	E	E	C	Z	D
Y	N	L	A	H	I	R	R	U	N	Y	N	R	Y	A	B
R	Q	E	Y	B	L	A	Q	A	A	L	Z	Q	S	N	L
O	D	I	P	J	L	C	M	X	A	V	J	B	A	R	A
T	T	F	R	L	E	C	A	N	J	T	T	A	A	T	H
C	D	H	A	O	A	A	D	P	U	B	N	I	C	O	Z
I	K	C	E	E	X	B	G	G	H	A	C	D	P	X	Z
V	B	T	V	X	K	B	M	C	C	V	W	S	N	E	F
X	N	I	D	L	V	C	U	R	E	I	G	N	A	T	H
M	E	L	V	R	H	U	J	R	C	H	E	L	S	E	A
W	A	T	E	R	L	O	O	A	Y	J	Z	N	Z	W	O
O	X	R	X	A	S	Y	E	L	B	U	H	R	L	D	Q

"Concerto, Maybe?" Cryptoquote: Each letter in the phrase has been replaced with a random letter. Answer next week.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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