Practice Puzzle 1

This is the first of three practice puzzles. Unlike the regular puzzles, the quotes are short fragments and have only a few simple clues. This should prepare you for the Madness to come! (Answers are found on the last page)

A. ____: Major male film star (b. 1963); appeared in Ocean's Eleven and Troy (len: 4)

B. Popular brand of potato chips (len: 4)

C. ____: American actor (b. 1936) best known for his leading role in TV's Mash (len: 4)

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FIRST QUOTE:

My father was wounded in Baghdad, said the...

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...but he will recover.

SECOND QUOTE:

Even though the hospital was half a mile away, we could hear the...

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...for lack of morphine.

BOOK followed by AUTHOR: Note: The numbers below point to a letter in one of the two Quotes above.

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Practice Puzzle 2

(The answers are found on the last page)

A. "___ buckle my shoe" (len: 3)



B. Extreme part of the body (len: 4)

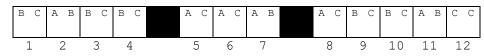


C. Animal commonly used to bear a rider (len: 5)



FIRST QUOTE:

Ah, my friend, any...



...and play a part.

SECOND QUOTE:

Suddenly,...



...and exclaimed, "There's our escape!"

BOOK followed by AUTHOR: Note: The numbers below point to a letter in one of the two Quotes above.

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Practice Puzzle 3

A. "God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which ___ me all my life long unto this ___" —Genesis 48:15 (len: 3)

B. Airport code for a commercial airport in North Carolina (len: 3)

C. Tie-_____shirt: An item of gaudy, colorful dress in the mid-1960's (len: 3)

D. "And ___ went out from the presence of the ___ and dwelt... on the east of Eden" —Genesis 16 (len: 4)

E. Someone under the age of full legal responsibility (len: 5)

F. As the ____: long-running TV soap opera (1956-2010); set in the fictional town of Oakdale, Illinois (len: 5)

G. European nation formerly part of the Soviet Union (len: 7)

FIRST QUOTE:

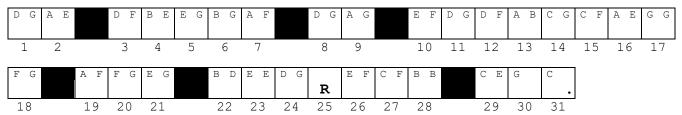
"I assure you," returned Mr. Stryver, in the friendliest way, "I know this must always be a sore subject with the family; let us say no more about it."...

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..."I dare say not," rejoined Stryver, nodding his head in a smoothing and final way; "no matter, no matter."

SECOND QUOTE:

"Is there any prospect yet, of our getting out of this place?" "I fear not yet...



..."Heigh-ho-hum!" said Miss Pross, cheerfully repressing a sigh. "then we must have patience and wait"

BOOK followed by AUTHOR: Note: The numbers below point to a letter in one of the two Quotes above.

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Answers to the Practice Puzzles

↑ indicates answer goes to the first quote, ↓ to the second quote.

1. Middle East Tragedy

A:pitt↓ brad↑ B:lays↑ wise↓ C:alan↓ alda↑

Q1: "Arab lad sadly"
Q2: "Patients wail"

Book & Author: A Salted Land, Pat Blair

2. Murderous Actors

A:one↑ two↓ B:foot↑ head↓ C:horse↓ camel↑

Q1: "Fool can emote"
Q2: "He saw the door"

Book & Author: Claw of Doom, S. T. Roth

3. Courage Extraordinaire

A:fed; dayî B:rduî gso; C:dyeî tee; D:cain; lordî E:minorî youth; F:world; turnsî G:belarus; estoniaî

Q1: "I dont understand you said Mr Lorry"
Q2: "It would be dangerous for Charles yet"

Book & Author: A Tale of Two Cities, Charles Dickens