

Cryptic Logic Untangled – #8 Manipulations

We've already looked at various acts of "word surgery": *Charades* that break words up into smaller units of meaning; *Anagrams* that shuffle the letters around; *Reversals* that turn them back-to-front; *Codes* that select or chop off bits in specific positions; and *Containers* that insert or delete word chunks within words. This group covers the last of these surgical operations.

SWAP or SUBSTITUTION – one chunk of a word is swapped for new letter(s)

Drive **side drops ID for PIN** (5) => sIDe => sPINe => SPINE

Sufficient **jaunt trades bishop for pawn** (5) => amBle => AMPLE [B => P chess symbols]

Phosphorus **displaces nitrogen in drink cloth** (4) => wiNe => WIPE

Strongbox **with sex change** is **identical** (4) => saFe => SAME [M => F]*

Side with leadership change will **shine** => Team => BEAM [new 1st letter unspecified]*

CYCLE or MIGRATION – letter(s) move to a new position (in the word or the **alphabet**):

Photo **dozes end-to-end** (4) => napS => SNAP*

Spruiks **portly cycling** (5) => Stout => TOUTS [1st letter cycles to last place]*

With a change of heart, **Bette's more meek** (6) => miDLer => MILDER*

Confess, initially promoted to get rich (6) => Shrive => THRIVE [**S is raised to T**]*

Rap is **likely** with **time bubbling up** (3) => apT => TAP [T moves up to 1st place]

NB: The piece to be changed may be given but otherwise it is implied by the signpost*.

SPOONERISM – initial consonants of 2 adjacent words are exchanged:

Cheese from **choc and beanie** for **Dr Spooner** (10) = BOCCONCINI

Rev Spooner's cap took flight for **a fish** (8) => Hat Fled => FLATHEAD

For Spooner, to impose speed is **ugly** (10) => force haste => HORSE-FACED

Spooner's father fold is **poker-faced** (7) => dAd pEn => DEADPAN **

NB: Sometimes, instead of initial consonants, vowel chunks may be exchanged**

Container clues have 3 parts:

- A **straight definition** of the answer (at either the start or end of the clue);
- A **signpost** that indicates the specific manipulation to be applied, e.g.
 - x to y, swaps x for y, x usurping y, changing sides (L=>R), sex change (F=>M)
 - cycling, front-to-back, top-to-bottom, demoted, heart transplant, bubbling up
 - Spooner, Reverend Spooner, Dr Spooner
- **Fodder** (can be literals but they're usually synonyms to make it harder):
 - **Swaps** – the word to operate on, the chunk to replace, and the new chunk
 - **Migrations** – the word to operate on (and sometimes the chunk to be moved)
 - **Spoonerisms** – the two words whose beginnings will be exchanged

Swaps & Cycles must be spelt correctly but not Spoonerisms – they're looser sound-alikes.

Crossword #8 – Manipulations

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ACROSS

1. Legally prohibit Italian sauce first-to-last (5)
4. Spooner's privilege helps angry outbursts (7)
8. Hair product in Pamela scat for Spooner (7)
9. Begat leader, promoted but exhausted (5)
10. Spooner's tummy strides for lollies (10)
14. Customer trades pat for award to be King of the Fairies (6)
15. Come-on in boil the billy for Spooner (4,2)
17. Spooner's stone-theft is splitting hairs (10)
20. Girl cycled by ear (5)
22. Spooner's acaudal footy tip? (7)
23. Sports goader, head-to-tail, in the record books (7)
24. Fear when day becomes month in reverie (5)

NB: Most manipulations use synonyms but some can be literals.

DOWN

1. Top-down agreements are simple (4)
2. Dread false turning true for a sad outcome (4)
3. Spooner's representative: a small horse sausage (9)
4. Walk head-to-toe for internet bullies (6)
5. Corruption from fortune changing sides (3)
6. Spooner's voucher matures in mediaeval times (4,4)
7. Transgress when changing over to side for skirt (8)
11. Stupid Spooner's Viking money (9)
12. Carried yell for Spooner's country bumpkin (8)
13. Erudite improved trading: big for large (8)
16. Rays from internally switched bets (6)
18. Bottom-up beers for auction (4)
19. Oaf quietly bubbles up for fruit (4)
21. Pence to pounds in a letter gives shelter (3)

Manipulations are difficult. There are hints on the next page if you're struggling with these.

