



Quiz of the week

- 1) Diamonds are largely composed of which chemical element?
- 2) In which controversial 1960s novel and later film does the Korova Milk Bar appear?
- 3) A filbert nut is more commonly known as what?
- 4) What is 2019 in Roman numerals?
- 5) In which body part of a horse would you find its pastern bone?

Time to buy



Ceramic sea flowers, corals and succulents, from £14.50, Mushroom London (01380 724423; www.mushroomlondon.com)



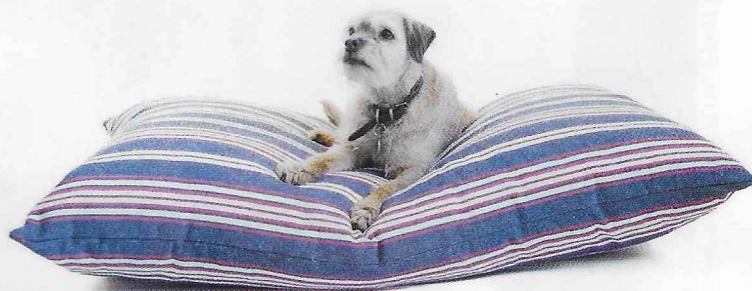
Copper peanut feeder, £29, Boxwild (01252 820495; www.boxwild.com)



'Grown-ups never understand anything by themselves, and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them'

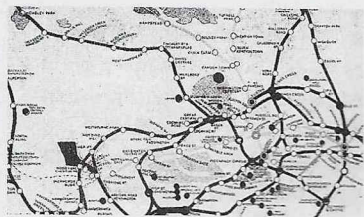
The Little Prince, Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Striped-ticking dog bed, £90, Covelli Tennant London (07855 256007; www.covellitennant.com)



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THE relief of London traffic is one of the most important questions of the hour. It would appear from the bitter experience of the 'Tube' strikes that an immense proportion of London workers depend upon the electric railways. The worst cases of hardship were of those who had to walk several miles in town on nights that were always cold and sometimes snowy, and after a ten or twelve miles journey in a railway carriage to get out and face the weather again. They will not easily forget the hardship. One lesson is obvious. It is that more and quicker 'Tubes' are needed to carry London workers beyond the outer circle of London. It has certainly been for the public health to encourage living in the country. But it is a duty to see that means of transport are available.

Wicked words

American football makes rugby look like a Tupperware party

Sue Lawley



Five things you (probably) didn't know about... St Valentine

- A skull claimed to be St Valentine's is exhibited in the Basilica di Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome.
- Brazilian researchers have used 3D-mapping technology to re-create how they believe the man, estimated to have died aged 55, would have looked.
- The name Valentine derives from *valens*—Latin for worthy or strong—but he was allegedly executed in about AD270, on February 14, for performing secret weddings in defiance of Emperor Claudius II, who believed married men made less worthy soldiers as they became too attached to their wives.
- The February 14 Feast of St Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius I in 496.
- It was during the Middle Ages that St Valentine became linked to courtly love. Chaucer could be considered the originator of the modern Valentine's Day, as he associated the feast date with romance in his poem *The Parlement of Foules*. Daniel Pembrey

1) Carbon 2) 'A Clockwork Orange' 3) Hazelnut 4) MMXIX 5) Leg