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LETTER Door-knocking sounds (3-1-4) Laughing person (8) TREE Straightforward (2-8) Least gradual (8) Each clue gives a word or phrase made up of Evaluate robustness of (6-4) only four different letters. The four-letter Considers again (10) entry corresponding to that clue in the grid Number (8) (running diagonally) is a

SET PIECES

real word spelled using

the same four letters.

Split the words into 3 groups of 3 pairs, so that the concepts connecting each group also have a connection.

date north way east northwest eden nothing food pearl four right four sell women good thought mother votes

BRAIN STRAINER

Objectionable people; orig. drunkards (8)

In this brain-training exercise, a sequence of arithmetical steps must be performed one after the other, starting with the given number, to get the final answer. The exercise has been solved, but the steps have been removed and disordered. Reconstruct the original exercise. All intermediate answers are positive whole numbers not more than 100.

