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Well, what's this you may ask. (and you bloody well should do, 'cause if I was a subber I know I would). In fact this pathetic little object is the first games only issue of The Fool Plays ON, and a right rotten thing it is too. The more observant among you will notice that it is in fact issue 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>, meaning that you haven't actually paid very much for it; in fact postage only ( and that's probably too much).

So for an explanation. As most of you are well aware, I recently started a new job after a year of working for myself. For a number of reasons I am very anxious to do particularly well in this job, and have been putting a lot of effort into the odd little projects I've been asked to do up to now. Then suddenly a few weeks ago I was sent off on a proper project, and it's this that's caused the problems. Without going into any great detail I am expected to write, test , and get fully working, 7 RPG II programs in 3 weeks. I then have 2 weeks holiday, followed by a further 4 weeks in which to intergrate my programs with 20 others written by another 2 guys, so that at the end of nine weeks we have a fully live, on-line computer system. The result of this was that last weekend, plus 2 nights this week, have been spent studying system and program specs, and next weekend will be much the same. This is the first time in my life that my work has affected my private life to this degree, and is a measure of how important this particular project is to me. All my activities have suffered, very little fishing, the camera's gathering dust, my own games are suffering as I have little time for dipping, and as for typing 20 pages of TFPO and laying it all out with headings etc - no way. Therefore you have this small explanation, plus 3 pages of games. Paul's games will be enclosed for the relevant players; if anyone else wants a copy out of interest please ask.

Will we back together for the next issue? Frankly I doubt it very much, though it should be a bit better than this thing. However I do promise you that by the end of the year you will have completely forgotten about this little slip. What's more, the games will continue to be done regularly , these present no problems as I have a few hours commuting every day when I adjudicate them - it's just the typing and layout that take up my time.

THE NEXT MAIN DEADLINE IS THURS August 9 th. Soccer League & Co. Chairman by End. Yes, that's right. A long deadline as well. The reason for this is that from the 21st July for two long weeks I shall be getting very drunk on the island of Majorca. For anyone that's interested I'm going with Vingresor, the cheapo travel firm, & it's costing Pat & I only £110 each in a \*\* hotel during peak period. (Thompsons wanted £165 for 7 days during the same period). Well worth looking at if you want a good cheap holiday.

WAITING LISTS Are NOT closed because of this temporary problem, and the following games are available;

Standard Diplomacy (£1) , Kingmaker (£1 GM Pete Sealy) Cartel Diplomacy (Free)  
Soccer League - One place left. Starting in the near future - Game of Nations & Black Box,  
Stab Mercator (£1 GM Mike Nicholas ). I think that's the lot, I understand Rail Baron is about to start, players should find the rules enclosed (or they will be following next week with the soccer league).

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

ALL STUDENTS HAVE GONE HOME FOR THE SUMMER.  
Steve Rennie, 2 Mere Av., Middleton, Manchester; Pete Sealy, 4 Gordon Rd., Southend  
Oh. That appears to be them all.

\*\*\*\*\* Goodnight and goodbye for now \*\*\*\*\*  
Malcolm

PS. What famous player is about to something dramatic in Megalomania. Get the next issue and find out what I already know but didn't print ????????

ALYCIDON Stab Diplomacy 1979?? .. Autumn 1902

Austria ; A Vic sups A Tri - Bud  
 (Steve Agar)  
 England ; F Nor - StPnc \*\* F NTH - Nor  
 (Mike Jervis)  
 France ; A Pie - Ven  
 (Dave Parry)  
 Germany ; A Pru - War F Swe sups F SKA - Nor  
 (Keith Loveys)  
 Italy ; A Ven - Tri A Tus - Pie  
 (Chrif Farmer)  
 Russia ; A War - Mos A Rum sups A Bud F StPns sups English F Nor A Bud sups  
 (Ian McIntyre) Turkish A Ser - Tri  
 Turkey ; A Lvo - Mos A Ser - Tri  
 (Chris Tringham)

Retreats Wanted for Austrian A Tri, and English F Nor. People causing retreats may make next seasons moves conditional on the retreats.

Press Thank you all, cause there is none. Supply centres held(numbers) 9,7,6,4,4,3,1

YOU OWN THE FOLLOWING SUPPLY CENTRES. Builds/removals with next orders please.

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BORDERER Regular Diplomacy. 1979 BS Autumn 1902

Austria ; Keith Loveys ; A Rum & A Ser sup Italian F Gre - Bul sc. A Gal sup A Rum  
 F Alb - Gre.  
 England ; Richard Prosser; F NTH - Bel , F NWG - NAO , A Nor - StP  
 France ; Paul Prebble ; A Mar - Pie , F ENC C A Pic - Wal , A Por st. F Lon - Nth.  
A Bel st\*\*  
 Germany ; Hugo Tyler ; F Kie - Den , Ber - Mun , A Sil - War , F Swe sups F Kie - Den  
 A Hol sups Eng F NTH - Bel  
 Italy ; Roger Collins ; A Apu st , F ICS - Tun , A Tus - Pie, F Gre - Bul sc  
 Russia ; Mike Jervis ; F GOB st , A StP - Lvo , F Sev st  
 Turkey ; Ken Williams ; F Con sup A Bul\*\* sups Russ F Sev - Rum, A Ank st, A Arm - Sev

Retreats French A Bel and Turkish A Bul both die a horrible death; NRO.

Adjustments

Austria	Bud, Vie, Tri, Ser, + Gre, + Rum	= 6	+ A Vie	A Tri
England	Lvp, Edi, Nor, + Bel, + StP	= 5	+ F Edi	F Lpl
France	Mar, Par, Bre, Spa, Lon, - Bel, + Por	= 6	+ F Bre	
Germany	Kie, Ber, Mun, Den, Hol, + War, + Swe	= 7	+ F Kie	A Ber
Russia	Sev, Mos, - StP, - War	= 2	- F GOB (GM)	
Turkey	Con, Ank, Smy, - Bul	= 3	N/C	
Italy	Ven, Nap, Rom, - Gre, + Bul, + Tun	= 5	+ F Nap	

Press

Gaffer Sorry, for obvious reasons just a few selected bits to fill this space.

Germany (Gvmt) - Gaffer. Just you wait until you find yourself in a game in which I'm Gming.

France - Austria. What's al dente? With teeth? Anyway, Saveloys don't go with spaghetti, they're better when used to stuff ~~Italy~~ (sorry) turkeys.

Russia - Mum. Look Mum, no arm(ie)s!

GOD - France Page 100, line 37

Russia - Germany Yes I have

Mike - Hugo Yes

Jervis - Cassandra Yes

CENTAUR Cline 9 man Diplomacy. 1979??

Autumn 1901

Austria ; Bruce Foster ; F Tri st , A Ser sups A Gal - Rum  
 Barbary ; Ken Williams ; A Sah - Eth, F SAO - Can , F WNS - GOI.  
 England ; Graham Box ; F ENC C A Wal - Bel , F NTH - Nor  
 France ; Hugo Tyler ; A Gas sup A Mar - Spa , F MAO - Por  
 Germany ; Colin Grubb ; F Hol sup A Ruh - Bel, R Kie - Den  
 Italy ; Ron Kietz ; A Ven sups A Tus - Pie , F TYS - Cor  
 Persia ; John Jackson ; A Arm - Ank, F Jor - Eyg, F SMS - Cre  
 Russia ; **Pete Sealey** ; F GOB - Swé, F Sev - Rum , A Ukr sup F Sev - Rum , A Sil - War  
 Turkey ; Paul Prebble ; A Bul sups Anst A Gal - Rum, F Ank - BLA, F AGS - Gre

ADJUSTMENTS

Austria Tri, Bud, Vie + Rum + Ser = 5 + A Vie A Bud  
 Barbary Mor, Alg, Tun, + Eth + Can = 5 + F Mor A Alg  
 England Lon, Lpl, Edi, + Nor = 4 + F Lon  
 France Bre, Mar, Par, + Por + Spa = 5 + F Bre F Mar  
 Germany Mun, Kie, Ber, + Bel + Den = 5 + F Kie A Mun  
 Italy Ven, Rom, Nap, + Pie, + Cor = 5 + F Nap A Rom  
 Persia Ira, Ara, Jor, + Ank + Eyg + Cre = 6 + F Jor uc A Ira F Ara  
 Russia StP, Sev, Mar, Mos, + Swe = 5 + A War  
 Turkey Con, Smy, - Ank, + Bul + Gre = 4 + F Smy

Press will be enclosed to players if I can get time.

DIBATAG Standard Diplomacy 1979DD Spring 1901

Austria ;Graham Tunncliffe; F Tri - Alb, A Bud - Ser , A Vie - Tyr  
 England ; Martin Cox ; F Lon - NTH, A Lpl - Yor , F Edi - NWG  
 France ; Robert Stanford ; A Mar - Bur, A Par - Bur , F Bre - MAO  
 Germany ; Ron Kietz ; A Mun stands F Kie - Den, A Ber - Kie  
 Italy ; Pete Sealy ; A Ven - Apu, A Rom - Ven , F Nap - IOS  
 Russia ; Tony Flaherty ; F StP - GOB, F Sev - BLA , A War - Ukr, A Mos st  
 Turkey ; Colin Grubb ; A Con - Bul, F Ank - BLA , A Smy - Gpn

Press As per message in Centaur game above .

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ELECTRA Ultra Stab Diplomacy

A double deadline was requested, and granted. Orders on file may be changed.

FROBISHER Standard Diplomacy 1979?? Spring 1901

Austria ; Willy Haughan ; A Vie - Gal, F Tri - Ven, A Bud - Ser  
 England ; John Lee ; A Lpl - Yor, F Lon - ENC, F Edi - NTH  
 France ; Sue Prebble ; F Bre - MAO, A Mar sups A Par - Bur  
 Germany ; Richard Brockington; A Mun - Tyr, A Ber - Kie, F Kie - Den  
 Italy ; Steve Reece ; A Rom - Apu, F Nap - IOS, A Ven st  
 Russia ; John Gargin ; F StP - GOB, A Mos - st , A War - Ukr, F Sev - Rum  
 Turkey ; Nick Howell ; A Con - Bul, A Smy - Con, F Ank - Arm

Press same boring message for the third time.(see above)

Having managed to get 6 games into two pages I end up with a bloody silly little space to fill I bugged if I'm going to try, except to say sorry again ~~gor~~ for a terrible issue, even charging postage only is probably a cheek, but I will make it up with a bumper issue or two in the future.

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**POSTAL MASTERMIND.** By popular request, and as the situation deserves it, I shall print all previous results as well as the current ones. Keith and Colin slip behind, can you try to catch up please, as this game may well end soon.

	Code 1	Code 2	Code 3	Code 4	Code 5	Code 6	Total Guesses.
Fred	; 00	; X	; XX	; 0	; XX0	; 0	6
Hemmings	; 0	; 0	; 0	; 0X	; 0	; 00	12
	; 0X0	; 0	; X	; 000	; X00	; XXX	18
	; 000X	; XX	; XX	; 000X	; 0000	; XXX0	24
Roy	; X0	; X00	; X0	; 00	; 00	; 00	6
Egginton	; XXX	; X0	; X0	; 00	; 00	; 00	12
	; XXX	; 00	; XXX	; 00	; 00	; X	18
	; XXXX	; X0	; X	; 00	; 000	; XXXX	24
Richard	; 00	; 00	; 00	; 0	; -	; 00	6
Prosser	; XX	; 0	; 0	; -	; X00	; 0	12
	; X	; 0	; 00	; 0XX	; 00X	; 00X	18
	; 0	; X00	; XX	; XXXX	; 000	; XX	24
Graham	; 000	; X	; XX	; 0	; XX0	; 0	6
Box	; 0X	; XXX	; XX	; XX	; X0	; X0	12
	; 00	; XX0	; X00	; XX	; X0	; 00	18
	; 000	; 0XX	; XXXX	; XXX	; 000X	; 0XX	24
Colin	; X0	; 00	; 00	; 0	; XX0	; 0	6
Grubb	; 00	; 0	; X0	; X0	; X	; 000	12
	; 0	; 000	; XX	; 00	; XX	; X00	18
Keith	; 0	; 00	; 0X	; 0	; XX	; 00	6
Loveys	; 0X	; 0X	; 00	; 0	; 00	; XX	12
	; 0XX0	; XX	; 0	; 00	; 0XX0	; XXXX	18

COMPANY CHAIRMAN MONTH ONE

Sale of Goods Early trading was high, and had sales succeeded some companies would be in a very strong position. As it was, the market collapsed at the last minute, and sales were:-  
 S.P.A.M. 4 @ £19,900 B.B.L. "4 @ £25,000 P.H. 1 @ £25,000 ((PH would have sold more, but his orders arrived one hour after BBL. Let that be a lesson to all))

Purchase of raw materials As expected the raw material market was very suppressed, with the exception of TRUSS, who judged the market badly, and FMS, who scooped most of the market with a long term investment of great significance. Purchases were :-  
 T.R.U.S.S. 2 @ £7,500 I.R.E. 2 @ £5,110 B.B.L. 2 @ £5,100 F.N.S. 10 @ £5,040 ((1))

Cash Balances

P.H. Ltd (Peter Hawkins) £95,000	B.B.L. Ltd (Barry Ibbesson) £157,800
F.F.E.L. (Rob Thommasson) £68,000	R.U.M.P. (Fred Hemmings) £58,000
I.R.E. (Paul Wilson) £49,800	G.R.U.S.S. (Paul Prebble) £43,000
F.N.S. (Steve Rennie) £ Nil.	S.P.A.M. (Mike Wassall) £147,600

Development  
 Many chairmen felt the need to increase their factories, and the following planning applications were accepted, and work started.

FMS - 1 SFU & 1 MFU ; TRUSS - 1 MFU ; IRE - 1 SFU ; RUMP - 1 MFU ;  
Market Research reveals the following predictions for months to come.

<u>MG Units</u>	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	
Price	65,000	64,130	55,209	54,305	54,928	46,889
Units	12	13	14	17	8	12
<u>RM Units</u>						
Price	5,500	5,619	7,258	7,632	6,783	5,903
Units	21	20	18	14	9	14

Press Sorry Mike, no room. It will be printed next month - promise.

# BIG ERN

1970GZ Autumn 1904 GM: Paul Prebble  
Steve Agar

Italy tries suicide and fails dismally; France almost gone.

- AUSTRIA : A Bud-Gal, A Ser-Tri, F AEG sups(RUSSIAN A Bul-Con).  
(Don Secorn)
- ENGLAND : A StP-Nor, F MAQ-Por, F NWG-Edi, F ENC-Bre, F MAQ-Lpl.  
(Malcolm Brown)
- FRANCE : F Cly-Edi, A Par sups(A Bre), A Bre# sups(A Par).  
(Steve Agar)
- GERMANY : F Bal-Swe, F COB sups(F BAL-Swe), A Bur-Par, A Spa-Cas,  
(Chris Tringham) : A Pic sups(ENGLISH F ENC-Bre), A Kis-Den, F Ber-BAL, A Mun-Sil.
- ITALY : F IOS-Gre, A Tyr-Mun, A Mar-Spa, F TYS-WMS, A Von-Die.  
(Chris Farmer)
- RUSSIA : F Swe-Den#, A Lvn-StP, A Sev-Arm, A Bul-Con, A Tri-Bud,  
(Rob Chapman) : F GLA sups(A Bul-Con), A War-Mos.
- TURKEY : A Con sups(F Ank)#, F Ank sups(A Con), A Arm-Smy.  
(Ion McIntyre)

RETREATS: Russia F Swe-SKA

DISBANDS: France A Bre  
Turkey A Con

## WINTER ADJUSTMENTS:

- AUSTRIA: SER, +TRI, -BUD, -GBE = 2, -A Gal
  - ENGLAND: LON, LPL, EDI, NOR, +POR, +BRE, -STP = 5, +F Edi
  - FRANCE : PAR, -BRE, -POR = 1, -A Par, see Disbands
  - GERMANY: KJE, BER, HOL, DEN, SWE, BEL, -MUN, -SPA = 6, GM Removes A Gal, A Pic
  - ITALY : ROM, VEN, NAP, TUN, MAR, +MUN, +SPA, +GRE = 8, +F Rom, +F Nap, +A Vsn
  - RUSSIA : MOS, SEV, WAR, VIE, RUM, BUL, -TRI  
+STP, +CON, +BUD == 9, -A War, +A Sev
  - TURKEY : ANK, SMY, ~~CON~~ = 2, See Disbands
- =34

FGOR  
& FBAL

## PRESS:

Italy-All: Kerloff's Kings Suicide Gambit has nothing on this.  
Very sorry, but my head was hurting.

GM: What happens when you get a migraine?

Germany-GM: I'll have you know that I don't eat anything for breakfast,  
but alone dictionaries. It is not that I am pedantic or anything,  
it is just ignorance on your part.

GM-Germany: decimate, def 3, (loosely) to reduce very heavily. That little  
extract was from Chambers. Enough, upstart.

Berlin-Paris: Well, what else could I do? Attacking you, Steve, was the obvious  
course of action. That should have been obvious even to you.

Question: Is this game being run simply for the benefit of Rob Chapman?

Answer: No, Malcolm makes money out of it, and it gives Paul something to fill  
his otherwise tedious existence.

Anon-Russia, Austria & France: Hello Rob!!

GM: Apologies about the Russian/Turkish cock up last season, thank you John Les!

# BILL CURRY

1978JC Spring 1905 GM: Paul Prebble

Following Young Paul's cock-ups, France & Germany win through.

AUSTRIA : A Tri stands, F ADS-Apu, A War sups(Turkish A Lvn-Pru),  
(Steve Agar) : F Nap-TYS##, A Gal sups(A War), A Vie stands, A Bud sups(A Vie)

FRANCE : F TYS-Nap, F Tun-IOG, A Tus sups(A Ven), F Wal-Lon,  
(Chris Farmer) : A Rom sups(F TYS-Nap), A Ven sups(GERMAN A Tyr), F WMS-TYS,  
: F Bre-MAO, A Pat-Bur, A Mar-Pie.

GERMANY : F Lpl stands, A Fin-StP, F StPec-Lvn, A Kia-Mun, A Tyr-Vie.  
(Roy Egginton) : A Boh-Gal, F NTH-SKA, A Mun-Sil, A Pru sups(F StPec-Lvn),  
: A Sil-War.

TURKEY : A Lvn-Pru#, F Bulec-Cre, F AES sups(F IOG), A Sev stands,  
(Tony Mitchell) : F Alb sups(AUSTRIAN A Tri), A Ukr sups(AUSTRIAN A Gal),  
: F IOG sups(AUSTRIAN F Nap-TYS).

DISBANDS: AUSTRIAN F Nap, no retreat possible.

RETREATS: TURKISH A Lvn-Mos.

PRESS: Turkey-France & Germany: Are you really enjoying this?

ENDGAME PROPOSALS: Two proposals, so please vote in both.

- a) 4-way draw; 1= A, F, G & T.
- b) 3-way draw; 1= F, G & T.

GM: Sorry about the Ber-Pru order last time; For the non-player, this order should not have been underlined.

Malcolm's just phoned me and told me that this issue is games only, so I need not have typed it out again to save space, all the best,

Paul.

Paul.

# JESSIE MATTHEWS 197803 Autumn 1904 GM: Paul Prebble

Austria NMRs again (yawn), while Young Mike actually gets it right (almost)

AUSTRIA: : NMR, A Mun, A Gal#, A Van#, A Bud stand unordered.  
(John Foulger)

ENGLAND : F ENC sups(F MAO-Bre), F NTH-Nor, F SKA sups(F Den),  
(Arthur Gilbert) : F Bel sups(A Hol), F Den stands, A Hol sups(RUSSIAN A Ber-Kie),  
: F Mao-Bre.

FRANCE (Anarchy) : F Bre#, F Pic, A Gas.

GERMANY : A Ruh-Kie, F Swe-Den#, A Kie-Ber#.  
(Bob Brown)

ITALY : A Adu-Nap, A Rom-Ven, A Tri sups(A Rom-Ven), F Mar stands.  
(Mike Jervic)

RUSSIA : A War sups(A Ukr-Gal), A Ukr-Gal, F BAL sups(F Fin-Swe),  
(Bruce Foster) : F Sev sups(A Rum), A Rum sups(A Ukr-Gal), A Ber-Kie, F Fin-Swe.

TURKEY : F Bulec stands, F IOS-Tun, A Gre-Alb, A Ser sups(A Gre-Ser),  
(Keith Loveys) : F Tun-WMS.

RETREATS: None.

DISBANDS: Austrian A Gal & A Ven. (nro)  
French F Bre  
German F Swe & A Kie.

## WINTER 1904 ADJUSTMENTS:

AUSTRIA: BUD, VIE, -TRI, -SER, -VEN, +MUN	= 3, 1 short.
ENGLAND: EDI, LON, LPL, BEL, NOR, DEN, HOL, +BRE	= 8, +A Lon.
FRANCE : POR, -BRE, -MAR	= 1, GM removes F Pic.
GERMANY: BER, PAR, -KIE	= 2, +A Ber.
ITALY : NAP, ROM, SPA, -TUN, +TRI, +VEN, +MAR	= 6, +F Rom, 1 short.
RUSSIA : MOS, SEV, STP, WAR, SWE, HUM, -MUN, +KIE	= 7, No change.
TURKEY : ANK, CON, SMY, BUL, GRE, +SER, +TUN	= 7, +A Con, +F Smy
	<u>=34</u> .

PRESS: The World-Italy: Yes, we'll excuse your play - though only to be expected of a useless boardgamer! You're for the chop soon anyway.

# BOURSE

JESSIE MATTHEWS : AUTUMN 1904  
 GAMESMASTER: PAUL PREBBLE

MARION CHASMS NIRS AND DROPS FROM 3RD TO 4TH; STUD STILL PROPS EVERYONE UP!

## DEALINGS:

COMPANY : CURR:	CROWNS	POUNDS	FRANCS	MARKS	LIRA	ROUBLES	PIASTRES
MALCOLM BROWN	-500	-500	-500	0	0	-500	+2592
CATS ARSE	-500	-500	-500	0	+1000	-500	+1453
MARION CHASMS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHRIS FARNER	-500	-500	-252	+2731	0	-500	-500
DAI CWMWRCH	0	-500	0	0	+1345	-500	0
ERROL HALFYARD	0	0	0	-500	0	-500	+1412
STUD HOLDINGS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEALING	-1500	-2000	-1252	+2231	+2345	-2500	+4957
OLD VALUE	1. 16	1. 38	1. 13	1. 12	1. 23	1. 93	1. 08
NEW VALUE	1. 01	1. 18	1. 01	1. 34	1. 46	1. 68	1. 57

## HOLDINGS:

COMPANY : \$ . C	CROWNS	POUNDS	FRANCS	MARKS	LIRA	ROUBLES	PIASTRES
MB \$18866. 15	1820	1570	3893	0	500	1662	4918
CA* \$18167. 92	0	1898	3089	0	1000	4300	2627
CF \$13981. 28	1897	2593	0	2731	0	1800	1479
MC \$13449. 01	617	0	0	1575	6479	0	800
DC \$12240. 15	2777	2984	0	0	1845	1917	0
EH \$11666. 43	0	0	0	2824	0	2106	2767
SH \$ 9282. 64	0	0	0	3240	2000	1203	0
TOT. \$97653 58	7182. 11	10673. 10	7051. 82	13895. 80	17263. 04	21819. 84	19767. 87