## **The Ænigmatic Addenda:** Guest Constructors revisit the Adalogical Ænigmas

No. 2: Mr Grant Fikes revisits Ænigma #10

## Gentle solver,

We are graced with this *Addendum* by Mr Grant Fikes, a veritable *polymath* of puzzling, the stunning breadth of whose work can be seen at *mathgrant.blogspot.com* and *gmpuzzles.com*. Here, he has kindly designed a new flower garden for me.

In the grid below, the boldly outlined regions represent planting beds, each to be filled with blossoms. Your job is to place the *trees* in our garden, scattered among the regions, each tree represented by fully *darkening* the square it occupies.

You may place your trees neither horizontally nor vertically adjacent to one another, but numbered regions must contain *exactly* that many trees. Further, no horizontal or vertical sequence of *white* squares may cross two or more region boundaries. Finally, I insist that we be able to walk through the entire un-treed portion of the garden: all of the white squares must therefore be *connected*, horizontally and/or vertically.

Once you've completed the plan, you may move on to finding the final answer to this ænigma. Please walk the *shortest* path betwixt one white corner of the grid and another, moving in the normal reading direction. Where this proves *ambiguous*, pray prefer the path that passes through the fewest numbered regions and that delays turning for as long as possible. Note the letter in each square you touch and advance it in the alphabet by the number of trees in its region (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary). The resulting letters will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

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