

From the Acme Catalog

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NOTE: In Warner Bros. cartoons, the Acme company made just about everything, from simple anvils to the always useful “Indestructo Steel Ball.” Here are some others, taken from actual WB cartoons.

ACROSS

- 1 Great, box office-wise
- 6 “Gonal” opening
- 10 “Gab” closing
- 14 Ataturk of Turkey
- 19 Cheech’s last name
- 20 Omnivorous grazer
- 21 Blue shade
- 22 Banished one
- 23 Call ____ to (end)
- 24 Birdseed additive aimed at slowing down roadrunners (from *Hopalong Casualty*, 1952)
- 27 If barnyard traps don’t work, this, naturally, is Plan B (from *Easy Peckin’s*, 1953)
- 29 Aficionado
- 30 Mind reading?: abbr.
- 31 Kin of *suis*, in French
- 32 It’s packed
- 35 Fox-fooling “egg” (from *The EGGcited Rooster*, 1952)
- 40 Laughton, in *Salome*
- 42 Sapporo sport
- 43 Chopper
- 44 Guy’s nickname
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- 46 Erstwhile “Rumba King”
- 47 Like Italian, sometimes
- 50 Low-tech way to keep up with roadrunners—just watch out for the “backlash” (from *Gee Whiz-z-z*, 1956)
- 56 Thinks highly of
- 58 Short on backbone
- 59 French air hub
- 60 Spanish relation
- 61 Calendar page
- 62 Castle protection
- 63 Deli order
- 64 Celebrity
- 65 High-tech way to keep up with roadrunners—just avoid low-hanging rocks (from *Hot Rod and Reel*, 1959)
- 71 Death Valley’s county
- 72 Apartment restriction
- 73 Hosp. pictures
- 74 A rowing concern
- 75 Needlefish
- 76 “You are ____”
- 77 Still-life fruit
- 78 Least relaxed
- 82 Device whose fleecy clouds let wolves walk “unseen” among sheep (from *Sheep Ahoy*, 1954)
- 86 Binge
- 87 Top ratings
- 88 Works on walls?
- 89 Dickens pseudonym
- 91 “____ a given”
- 92 Little bird
- 93 Half a daring duo
- 96 Purchase intended to suck up roadrunners—but it mainly gets coyotes (from *Whoa Be Gone*, 1958)
- 100 Leak sound
- 101 Horse’s color
- 102 Sonnet preposition
- 103 Turf
- 104 Items that shouldn’t be held over one’s head during activation (from *Scrambled Aches*, 1957)
- 112 Boon to chickens who misread nitroglycerin instructions (from *The Dixie Fryer*, 1960)
- 115 Be worthy of
- 116 Wasn’t indifferent
- 117 Minuscule margin
- 118 Great times
- 119 Out of the way
- 120 Sticky stuff
- 121 Irish river
- 122 Gas from the past
- 123 Like some cliffs

DOWN

- 1 Chord below C: abbr.
- 2 Iolani Palace site
- 3 TV nanny
- 4 Tiny iron sliver
- 5 Traveling, band-style
- 6 Oh golly, an architectural term
- 7 Sweet-talk
- 8 Covered, as a field
- 9 British P.M. Clement
- 10 Web site queries
- 11 Distant intro
- 12 More debonair
- 13 Become fond of
- 14 Visored caps
- 15 Way out
- 16 Rel. to armies
- 17 Part of “snafu”
- 18 Guy’s nickname
- 25 Greedy one
- 26 ____ out a victory
- 28 Trav. choices
- 32 European sports car
- 33 Like ____ (wildly)
- 34 Approached, as night
- 35 Smog, e.g.
- 36 Tom and Katie, now
- 37 Bird’s abode
- 38 Old horses
- 39 2001 biopic
- 40 Carol start
- 41 Outback sight
- 42 Stand in
- 45 Declaration
- 46 “Uncle!”, e.g.
- 48 Maestro’s pace
- 49 1066, e.g.
- 51 MP targets
- 52 Actress Patricia
- 53 String neckties
- 54 Talk big
- 55 A Blues Brother
- 57 Magoo et al.
- 62 Lovely Rita reads it
- 63 Dick’s VP
- 64 ____ mall
- 65 Electric cutters
- 66 Charms
- 67 Power and co.
- 68 Makeup maven Westmore
- 69 Dull
- 70 Droops
- 76 “Nowhere Man” start
- 77 Fringe benefit
- 78 Black, to poets
- 79 Actor Estrada

- 80 Son of Ramses I
- 81 Audition, e.g.
- 83 Author Follett
- 84 Topic of corn-versation?
- 85 One who belongs: abbr.
- 90 Actress Pitts
- 93 Red-hunter Roy
- 94 ____ groundwork
- 95 Near ____
- 96 Girlish laugh
- 97 Info for waiters
- 98 Stuffed grape leaves
- 99 Most bizarre
- 101 Set to go
- 102 Slugger Mel
- 104 Abbr. after Lloyd Bentsen’s name, once
- 105 Horse halter
- 106 Swiss river
- 107 Underthings
- 108 ____ buco
- 109 1813 battle site
- 110 Midway sight
- 111 Baby or giant item
- 112 Swelling reducer
- 113 Short time-out
- 114 Sellout sign

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