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71 cards ✓

Instances of cipher in the Bible: Jeremiah 25:26 and  
51:41 (circa 650 B.C)

(Incidentally -- Daniel was early psychoanalyst  
(Nebauchadnezzar's dreams) and first cryptanalyst.  
(Belshazzar and the handwriting on the banquet-hall  
wall)

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Mene - God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it.  
Tekel - Thou art weighed in the balances and found  
wanting.

Upharsin) Thy kingdom shall be divided and given to  
Peres ) the Medes and Persians.

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But I want to ~~call your attention~~ <sup>REF ID: A62874</sup> to the fact that the use of cryptography goes back much further than 650 B.C. - it was used even by the ancient Egyptians. (Explain)

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The scytale of the ancient Lacedaemonians -  
an example of a transposition cipher.

[Origin of European Field Marshal's baton --  
one of the insignia of his high office.]

Caesar's Cipher

Cryptography and cryptanalysis go back to the dawn of the invention of writing, but we won't have time here to go back quite that far, even though the story is very interesting. But I must tell you right off that these two subjects, cryptography and cryptanalysis, are, of course, very closely related - in fact, they may be regarded as the two faces of the same coin. (Explain)

Example of runes and runic writing (with WFF)

√Rune means "secret". Used by Germanic peoples from 3rd century A.D. and in England through the period of Anglo-Saxons. Used as magical signs, secret writing and especially for inscriptions. Origin obscure but probably from Greek and Latin letters. ✓

Examples of cipher alphabets and syllabaries used centuries ago:

1. Employed by Charlemagne (768-814 A.D.)
2. Used in England during reign of Alfred (871-899)
3. Ogam writing of ancient Ireland
4. Ogam-like alphabet used by Charles I, 1646 to Marquis of Worcester.
5. Marquis of Worcester's cipher (the so-called "Clock Cipher")
6. Cardinal Wolsey, Vienna, 1524
7. Sir Thos. Smith, Paris, 1563
8. Sir Thos. Chaloner, Madrid, 1561
9. Sir Edw. Stafford, Madrid, 1586

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[ 246 is the better one ]

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An early Italian cipher alphabet from Mantua.

[Beginnings of modern cryptography were in Venice,  
in the Papal States, about 1400. Earliest MSS  
of Gabriel Lavinde (1380?)]

[Sicco Simonetta - earliest treatise on cryptanalysis  
- or cryptography in the world (1474)]

[Use of variants indicates also some knowledge of  
principles of solution by frequency of occurrence.]

[ 2 slides ] ( Trithemius ) 245 of SLIDE 151  
picture

TRITHEMIUS - Earliest book, REF ID: A62874  
151 on: cryptography  
(STEGANOGRAPHIA)

<sup>245</sup> MEISTER says T. planned 4 books; T. finished first on  
March 27, 1500; second on April 20 same year.  
"Dann war er bekanntlich in den Verdacht der Zauberei  
geraten, und so hatte er die Arbeit mit dem dritten  
Buch abgebrochen, das kein Termin des Abschlusses  
mehr angibt..."

<sup>151</sup> SLIDE SHOWS: The Trithemian Oath.

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Porta's Table, from his book, De furtivis literarum  
notis, vulgo de ziferis, Naples, 1563.

[Neapolitan mathematician, inventor of camera obscura.]

[Earliest solver of keyed multiple-alphabets according  
to Mendelsohn, but I think Alberti did it first - WFF]

The Vigenère Table as it usually appears in  
the literature.

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The Vigenère table as it appears in Vigenere's own book, "Traicte des chiffres, ou secretes manieres d'escrire", Paris, 1586.

△ Vigenère did not invent the square, and never claimed he did -- first one to publish it. Was probably invented by Alberti or some early cryptographers employed by Papal States. Bellaso first suggested key?

(Will jump directly to C & C of American Revolutionary period.)

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REVOLUTIONARY WAR PERIOD Systems  
used by Americans and by British:

	Americans:-	British:-
Ciphers	(a. Simple monoalph. sub.	(a. Monoalphabetic sub.
	(b. Monoalph. with variants ( by use of long key ( sentence a la Franklin	(b. Vigenere with repeat- ( ing key (c. Grilles
	(c. Vigenere with repeating key	
Codes	(a. Dictionaries	(a. Dictionaries
	(b. Keybook using words	( 1) Entick's
	(c. Syllabaries	( 2) Bailey's
	( Secret inks	(b. Small alph. 1-part ( codes of 600-700
	( Grilles	( items & code names (OVER)

REF ID: A62874 (c. Ord. book such as  
Blackstone - page  
( line, no. of words  
( in line.

British used code names. In Clinton Papers following  
are found:

American Generals - Apostles <sup>Named after</sup> (Washington = James)  
" cities: (Sullivan = Matthew)

Philadelphia	=	Jerusalem	.
Detroit	=	Alexandria	.
Delaware	=	Red Sea	.
Susquehanna	=	Jordan	.
Indians	=	Pharisees	.
Congress	=	Synagogue	.

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One of the cipher letters sent by Benedict Arnold to  
Sir Henry Clinton:- 15 July 1780

"If I point out a plan of cooperation by which S(ir)  
H(enry) (Clinton) shall possess himself of West  
Point, the garrison, etc. etc., twenty thousand  
pounds Sterling I think will be a cheap purchase  
for an object of so much importance."

(For full text see typewritten sheet accompanying  
plate 6.5.)

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Treason against Washington.

Arnold lays 'a trap for Washington.

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"The Benedict Arnold indecipherable Treasonable  
Cow Letter"

Here's an interesting slide showing a picture of a letter which was written by Benedict Arnold, of early Colonial infamy. He even was willing to see that his commander-in-chief, Washington, was captured by giving the British information like this

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Example of use of a mask or grille by British in American Revolution -- but also used by Americans and particularly by Benedict Arnold.

Text of this example: "You will have heard Dr. Sir I doubt not only before that can have reached you that Sir W. Howe is gone from hence. The rebels imagine that he is gone to the ? , by this time. However he has filled Chesapeake bay with surprize and terror...etc."

LOVELL, James

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Congress' cipher expert who managed to decipher nearly all, if not all, of British code messages intercepted by the Americans."

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Philad<sup>a</sup> Sep. 21, 1780

Sir:

You once sent some papers to Congress which no one about you could decypher. Should such be the case with some you have lately forwarded I presume that the result of my pains, herewith sent, will be useful to you. I took the papers out of Congress, and I do not think it necessary to let it be known here what my success has been in the attempt. For it appears to me that the

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Enemy make only such REF ID: A62874 when they  
meet with misfortune, /as makes a difference in position  
only to the same alphabet/ and therefore if no talk of  
Discovery is made by me here or by your Family you may  
be in chance to draw Benefit this campaign from my last  
Night's watching.

I am Sir with much respect

Your Friend  
James Lovell

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Extract from encoding section, Jefferson syllabary.

Dlandol frontispiece (a cryptographer at work) [1793]

His assistant -- early model WAF (WAC)(WAVE)

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Egyptian Hieroglyphics - Solution of Champollion -  
1821.

Champollion, Jean Francois

∟"Beside himself (when he had discovered the secret of the cartouches) Champollion left the apartment where he lived,...and ran to the library of the Institute where his brother was working. "I did it" he shouted, throwing some sheets of paper on the table, and fell into an apathy which was to last five long days." --I know how it feels but it never lasted five days with me!-WFF/

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### The Rosetta Stone

△ Norbert Wiener in Cybernetics calls decipherment of Egyptian hieroglyphics the greatest achievement in cryptanalytics. Champollion's first decipherments in 1821. ✓

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Cartouches from the Rosetta Stone and the Obelisk  
from Philae.

(The bottom one was suspected to represent  
CLEOPATRA. Note the repeated symbol, the BIRD,  
for the two A's of CLEOPATRA.)

Top cartouche - which is the middle one of preceding slide --- suspected to represent PTOLEMY.

Middle cartouche - which is the bottom one of preceding slide -- suspected to represent CLEOPATRA.

Bottom cartouche - the letters and unknowns of  
KL??P????

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**PTOLEMY and ALEXANDER**

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Cryptographic hieroglyphics from Drioton

[Refer to confirmatory evidence of early invention  
of cryptography -- with writing itself.]

**The Michigan Cryptographic Papyrus.**

Poe

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Edgar Allan Poe ~~is~~ in the 1840's rekindled interest  
in cryptography by his story "The Gold Bug" and  
a couple of essays and stories on ciphers and  
deciphering.

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Cipher device used by the Confederate Army, during the  
Civil War. Captured at Mobile in 1865.

Nothing but the old Vigenere cipher with repeating  
key. Many messages intercepted and deciphered by  
Federals, who had a few skilled operators. Ads in  
Richmond papers for persons skilled in deciphering  
shows the Confederates' lacking.

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Federal Army Route Cipher

(Complete set with me - invite cadets to see exhibits.)

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Example of a message in Federal Army Route Cipher -  
a message to Grant from General Halleck in Washington.

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Cryptographic message supposed to have been sent by  
President Lincoln to General Burnside.

Read backwards: "If I should be in a boat off Aquia  
Creek at dark tomorrow, Wednesday evening, could you  
without inconvenience meet me and pass an hour or two  
with me? (Signed) A. Lincoln

Possible explanation of Pres. - distrust of Fed. .  
systems since he was getting decrypts,

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Period of decline after Civil War

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War Department Code of 1885 - copied from Slater's } 214  
Telegraphic Code of 1870.

*This code was used in the*  
Spanish-American War - 1885 code with simple additive (177)

Colonel George Fabyan

How I came to be a cryptologist -- Riverbank Laboratories. Departments of Genetics, Ciphers, Acoustics.

World War I in progress since 1915. U. S. position. Fabyan's foresight - U. S. had no cryptologic bureau. Contact with Government Departments. School for training.

Renaissance of interest in U. S. A.

Colonel Parker Hitt

But despite his knowledge --

WDTC 1915 -

We begin study of military cryptology after contact established with Captain Parker Hitt, (whose Manual for the solution of Military Ciphers became our text-book).

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Title page of "Manual for the solution of military  
ciphers" by Parker Hitt, 1916

Major General J. O. Mauborgne

1. As Major in 1920 head of Research and Engineering Division of OCSigO, gave real impetus to R&D in cryptographic field.
2. His contact with Riverbank brings knowledge of Hitt's device and he got some ideas as to alphabets and form.
3. He has some test messages set up in his alphabets. 7

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Mauborgne's pamphlet on solution of PLAYFAIR  
cipher system.

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One of the ciphers used by the Hindu conspirators -  
1916-17.

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Solution of the Hindu letter.

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The Zimmermann telegram

The telegram which brought America into the war on the Allied side, World War I. Many reasons for thinking we might go in on the side of the Germans and had they been more astute diplomatically, it might have turned out that way!

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The Zimmermann telegram as deciphered by the British  
Room 40 O.B.

"Here is a translation of the thing. It was important because the message said the Germans were going to resume unrestricted submarine warfare and this part, here, dealing with Mexico, was the straw that broke the camel's back. People in the Middle West were very lukewarm toward the idea of our getting into the War - on either side - but when the Germans began talking about returning to Mexico Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, that was something else again. So we got into the war within a couple of weeks after the British gave us and established the

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authenticity of the translation of the Zimmermann  
telegram." REF ID: A62874

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(How the Zimmermann telegram was deciphered makes a  
fascinating story in itself and shows how astute use  
was made by the British of this telegram. German  
amazement and embarrassment. Question of spy work  
etc. in Mexico. British covered up the trail  
excellently!)

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The Waberski cryptogram

"Now I am coming to a very interesting example of the use of ciphers by German agents in the World War I period. Here is a cipher message which was found on a German spy in the United States soon after he crossed the Mexican border into Texas. After some weeks it was deciphered by G-2's code-solving organization in Washington, MI-8, as it was called.

Text on next card

**The Waberski message.**

**Here is the deciphered German text, and this is what it said: "To the Imperial Consular officials of the Republic of Mexico. Strictly secret! The bearer of this is a subject of the Empire who travels as a Russian under the name of Pablo Waberski. He is a German agent." And so forth. The Court sentenced him to be shot; President Wilson commuted the sentence to life imprisonment; and he was out of the pokey after only one year!"**

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One of the classes of student officers at the  
Riverbank School of Cryptography, 1917-18.

[Got so immersed in crypt I used it everywhere  
possible - cipher suppers etc.]

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Original Wheatstone cipher device (invented and described in 1879).

(First improvement on the Alberti disk.)

**Modified Wheatstone**

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I go overseas to G-2, A-6, GHQ,

Importance of invention and development of radio  
in communications, especially military.

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Transposition cipher system used by the French Army in World War I. Copied from a German book on cryptography (Fig. 1) -- and correct.

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Cipher system used by the Italian Army in World War I.  
A simple numerical equivalent of the Vigenere table  
and system.

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## The Playfair Cipher -

∟ This cipher was used by the British and Americans, and was thought to be "hot stuff" in 1914. Solution was described in Mauborgne's "An advanced problem in cryptography."

Cipher allegedly invented by Playfiar, but he did not do it -- rather Wheatstone. Wheatstone is credited with having invented the electrical bridge, but he did not do it - rather Christy.7

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The German ADFGVX cipher system, used by the German High Command during World War I.

[First new system used by them. Invented by putting together two well-known steps.]

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Cipher system used by the Russians in World War I  
(from a book by the Austrian cryptologist, Andreas  
Figl)

✓ Misuse of this cryptographic system (or failure to  
use) cost the Russians the defeat at Tannenberg! ✓

Importance of that defeat.

Russo-Finnish War 1940

Prior to World War I and, in fact, for the first two years of World War I code was thought to be impractical for military field or tactical use. But the Germans began to use code late in 1916, and the Allies followed suit. Question of reproduction then as it is today.

Field Codes in WW I - will show only one example in slides -- the German type of KRUSA code. Exhibits can be examined later.

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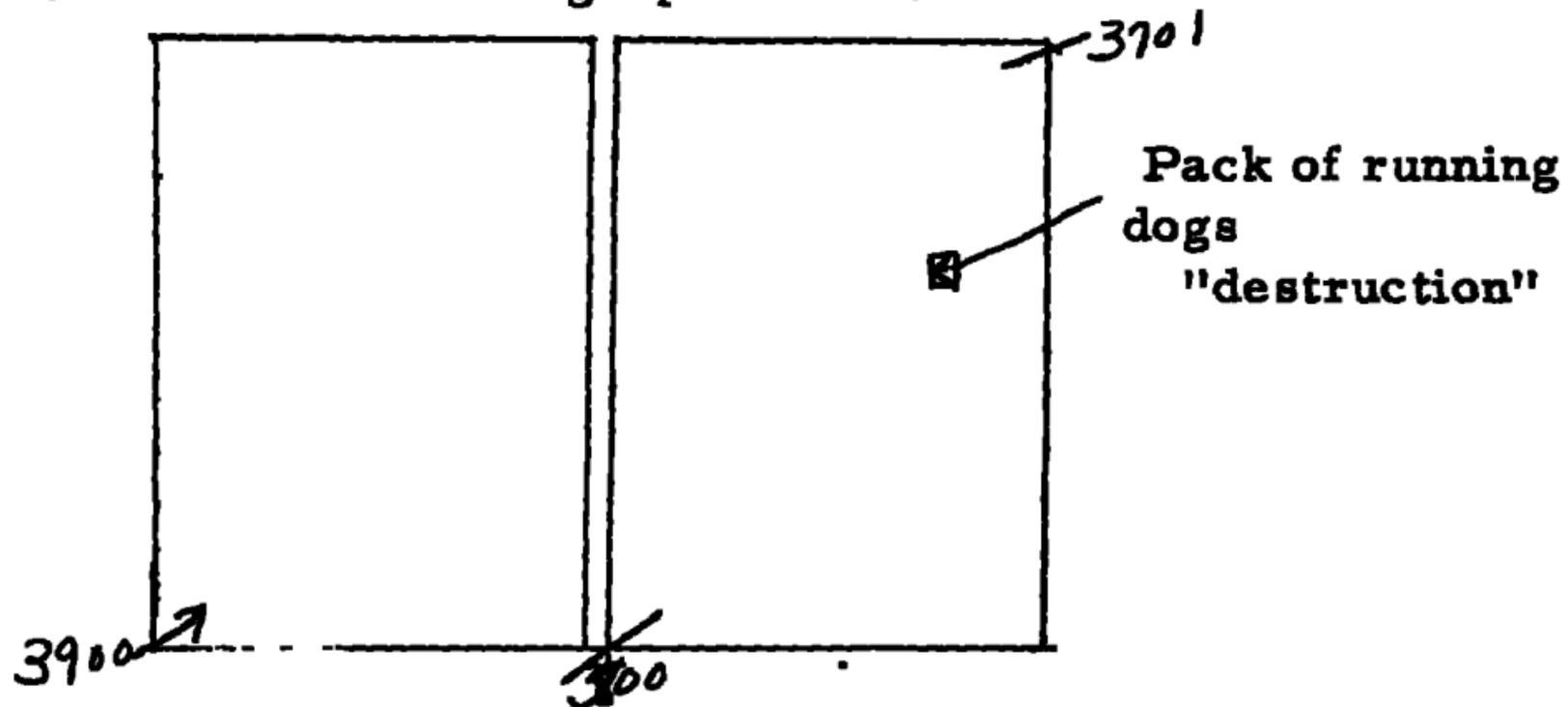
An example of a commercial code.

(Call attention to 2-letter difference. All kinds, suited and specially constructed for general or specific businesses and industries, such as leather, steel, automotive, shipping, etc.)

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Chinese official telegraphic code.



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A highly specialized "commercial code"

Call attention to 3-letter difference:

YGATA - COMA

YGKRO - DELIRIUM TREMENS

YGCIB - CONSTIPATION

YGMAN - DIARRHEA

An early AEF Code in World War I

[An indication of how poorly prepared we were  
for COMSEC.]

Title page of War Department Telegraph Code 1915

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Two-part tactical code used by French Army in World War I. The code groups were then enciphered!

## British Army Field Code, World War I

[A two-step process. How we got copy -- Relations with British were not close. For that matter, relations with French in these matters were not too close either. How we learned of ground intercept.]

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One of the German Army Field Codes, World War I

KRU	676 x 3 1928 (1)
KRUS	676
KRUSA	<u>2604</u> (2)
	676
	<u>3280</u> (3)

Exhibits of all these with me.

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One of the American field codes, World War I

[ River series for the First Army; Lake Series for  
the Second Army ]

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"Special Code Section Report" by G-2, A-6, GHQ, AEF  
20 Nov 1918.

A crypt "bulletin" from the ADFGVX cipher. This forms  
a good example of Special Intelligence in World War I.7

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One of the earliest examples of traffic analysis  
and traffic intelligence - based on study of  
traffic in ADFGVX messages.

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Back in Washington - MI-8 was working.

Officers of M. I. -8 in World War I.

(Point out Manly who solved the Waberski telegram. Practically all professors at universities---shows that ideas as to caliber of intellect required were good and recognition of fact that no pool from which to draw trained personnel because there is no civilian occupational specialty of the same nature.)

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The S.I.S. staff in 1935

[Call attention to the vault door -- when we worked  
in great secrecy.]

**Marshall - Dewey Letters**

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Magic Machine

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Collange, Gabriel de

(His photo matches the mental picture the average layman has of a cryptanalyst.)

The veil of secrecy has produced an air of mystery. Before the World War II, it was possible to do much processing merely with pencil and paper. Now crypt-analytic work is a very big business -- complex, expensive, but pays big dividends.

Cryptanalysis of modern systems has been facilitated by the invention, development, and application of special cryptanalytic aids by way of machines. The nature of the problem - not merely the number of permutations and combinations but the type is more important -- the question of testing out multiplicity of assumptions and hypotheses, commonly by statistical methods.

High-speed testing is secret!

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- Earliest cryptanalytic devices at Riverbank Laboratories.