

Ropin' Raisin' and Rushin'

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Below are the solutions to the slitherlink, corral, and shikaku puzzles:

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| | | 12 | 17 | | 17 | | | | | 18 | |
| 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 6 | | | 3 | 8 | | | | | | | |

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| | | 6 | 3 | 9 | | | | |
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The flavortext suggests you should pay attention to the shikaku crates that contain no cows. There are five of these, and if you superimpose both of the two previous puzzles onto the shikaku and combine the loop pieces that pass through the interior of these five crates, you get letters spelling the answer, **RIATA**. (A riata is a lasso, which likely came in handy during the ropin' part of the process.)