

The Triplets (solution)

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First, form valid clues by combining one phrase from each of the three columns. Note that the first two columns are given in alphabetical order, indicating that their given order should not be used and that the third column's order is important.

Through some of the easier clues, such as "Carol Doda or Lada St. Edmund, e.g. (2-2 4) = GO-GO GIRL", and the "Triplets" title, it can be observed that each of the answers are a phrase of the form X-Y Z where each of X, Y and Z start with the same letter. This should help with identifying / confirming the rest of the answers

Weapons that are	ground-based	and fire flak (4-8 9)	ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY
The ongoing	pursuit of knowledge	by an individual (4-4 8)	LIFE-LONG LEARNING
Avatar and Titanic	are examples of these	in their times (3-6 12)	BIG-BUDGET BLOCKBUSTERS
Consoles or	laptops that	consume less power (6-9 11)	ENERGY-EFFICIENT ELECTRONICS
A relationship between	potential profit	and possible losses (4-6 5)	RISK-REWARD RATIO
The first one	was the Western	Electric model 1500 (5-4 9)	TOUCH-TONE TELEPHONE
Statistical method	for validating a hypothesis	in both directions (3-6 4)	TWO-TAILED TEST
Only 22 of	these appear in	the genetic code (5-5 5)	ALPHA-AMINO ACID
Some examples include	zero or	forty-two (3-8 6)	NON-NEGATIVE NUMBER
Carol Doda or	Lada St. Edmund	e.g. (2-2 4)	GO-GO GIRL
A chance that	is unlikely to	come about again (3-3 11)	ONE-OFF OPPORTUNITY
A circular ornament	that's unlikely	to tarnish (4-9 4)	RUST-RESISTANT RING
One such as	Toni Morrison or	James Baldwin (7-8 6)	AFRICAN-AMERICAN AUTHOR

Reading off the first letters gives ALBERT TANGORA. This allows solves to form the final clue: "Albert Tangora, e.g. (3-4 6)". A quick search should reveal that Albert Tangora is the world

record holder for speed typing on a manual typewriter. Given the theme of this puzzle, the answer should again be a phrase where each part starts with the same letter. Given Albert's background, the "6" enumeration is likely to be typist, hence we'd need to find a synonym for "world class" that is 3-4 and uses words starting with T. The final answer is **TOP-TIER TYPIST**.