

TIN PAN ALLEY WANTS IT STRAIGHT

Tin Pan Alley takes the morning off to settle a thousand pound question. It all began when song publisher Eddie Rogers produced a number about a pig with a curly tail - and offered a reward to anyone who could produce a straight-tailed pig. A couple of farmers took him up and here comes one of the claimants to face a panel of judges that includes Arthur Ashey, Charlie Chester, Jean Kent and Max Bacon. Straight or curly? Nobody seems to know the correct procedure for finding out.

"Slightly bent" doesn't count; it's dead straight or no thousand pounds. With the judges unable to reach a unanimous verdict, the wager's called off and nobody's any the wiser. The year's most baffling mystery remains unsolved - and the publisher breathes again.