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1881: One of five by Doc

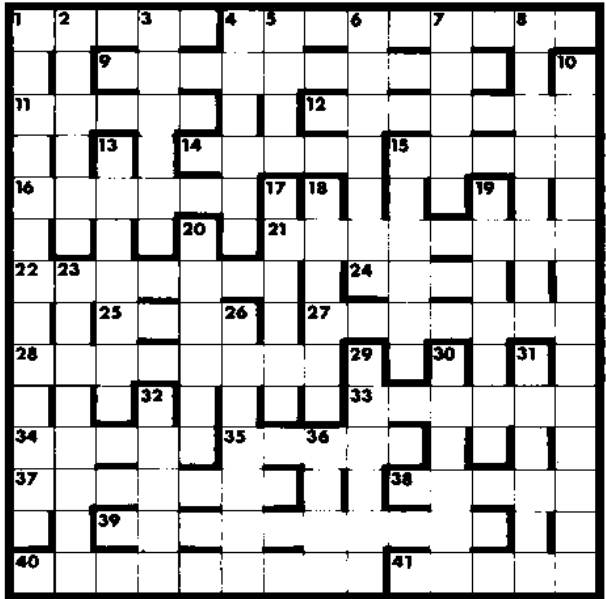
The unclued Down lights exemplify each of the unclued Across lights, all verifiable in Brewer.

ACROSS

- 1 Over half a miserable wage for bread (5)
- 4 Determine as positive (9)
- 9 Out there, Arab and king despair (10)
- 11 Some uproar, Airdrie-like (5)
- 12 Wailing spirit placing boycott on Manx animals (7)
- 15 Uses a spoon, where porridge is served (5)
- 21 Income obtained from gin and snare (8)
- 24 Support hasn't left calm (4)
- 27 Uprooted thistle. Such language! (7)
- 28 Rough calculation re-building site with workman (8)
- 33 Round river, one plant (6)
- 34 Epic of Virgil I advocated (5)

DOWN

- 1 Respighi meant to change district discussion (13, two words)
- 2 Turkish hospice has evil spirit in it (6)
- 3 Easter trips for saint (6)
- 4 Irritable about game on boat (6)
- 5 Point-to-point lodge (4)
- 6 Group deletion (7)
- 8 Lazy talk on Krypton? (8, two words)
- 10 French tests, if revised, are celebratory publications (13)



- 13 An oil-tree, eroded, showing signs of life (7)
- 15 Governing body having army joining at half-term (6)
- 17 Note of thanks on plateau (6)
- 20 Lord Mayor in care, wearing a hat (6)
- 23 Lee gains new animal fodder (8)
- 26 Grassy plain — sage mostly and mostly elevated (7)
- 31 100% frozen fish (6)
- 32 Land-owner keeping deer's head at back of den (5)
- 36 Company drinking session (4)

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Solution to 1878: Battle-stations

Ultima ratio regum (at 31/35/32) suggests the WARS forming the remaining unclued lights, paired at 13/39 and 18/15A.

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