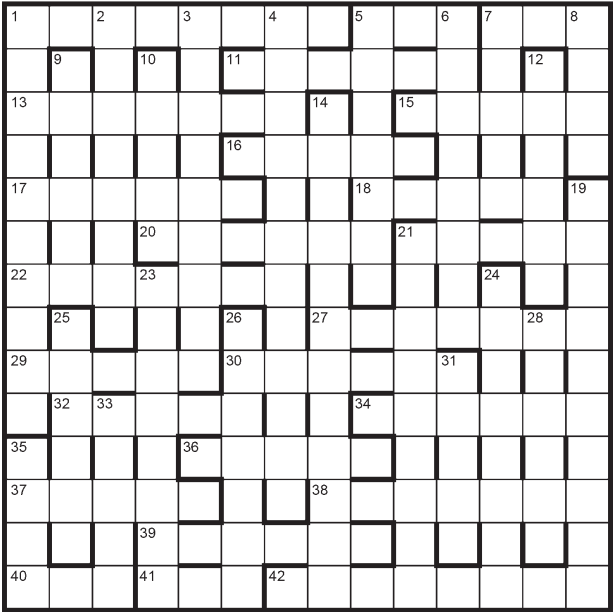


Crossword
2551: Madness
by Pabulum

Unclued lights (including two of two words) suggest nine words (all in *Chambers*) starting with the same four-letter word that will appear diagonally in the completed grid and must be shaded.

- Across**
- 1 A grass posing as gulfweed (8)
 - 5 Dip in swirling river (3)
 - 13 Oxford college with pool and some land (7)
 - 15 Refuse in Cornish river (5)
 - 16 Goats from Croatia within Aussie island (5)
 - 17 Lustrous cloth pressed by a painter? (6)
 - 18 Silver and bird get on together (5)
 - 20 Most rum in hot toddies I spurned (6)
 - 21 Almost like Hamlet's hairs (5)
 - 22 I blend fine rum mixing one for madam (7)
 - 27 Female convict meets hard woman (7)
 - 29 See red and shiny black (5)
 - 30 Safe Marley loaded (6)
 - 32 Lively tune keeps one merry (5)
 - 34 Slag crude Corsican stripped (6)
 - 36 Curses from mother not specified (5)
 - 37 The Gallic gentleman returned Georgia's sugar (5)
 - 38 Repellence of strong drink is my dogma (7)
 - 39 Country garden east of empty fish pond (6)
 - 40 Composer is retiring, we hear (3)
 - 42 No agency managed compound (8)



- Down**
- 2 Clique stalk hawk (8)
 - 4 Camel masters cooked shellfish (12, two words)
 - 5 Poop? Standard fertilizer (7)
 - 6 New larder contains iron shelving (8)
 - 8 What could be straw roof covering (4)
 - 9 Cop destroyed Nazi poem (6)
 - 10 Two erks climbing ordinary tree (5)
 - 12 I weaken first getting ringworm (6)
 - 21 Rector in Spain breaking rib (9)
 - 23 Odd tailor perhaps clothing bizarre rake (8)
 - 24 Smashing prince with spirit cycling (8)
 - 25 Horse dad found in lake (6)
 - 26 Deeds initially in a prescribed file (7, two words)
 - 28 Lasses promoting recipe start to eat fish (6)
 - 31 Distance no jay flies (5)
 - 33 Nigerian crosses river by Scottish suburb (5)

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