

Problem XIII

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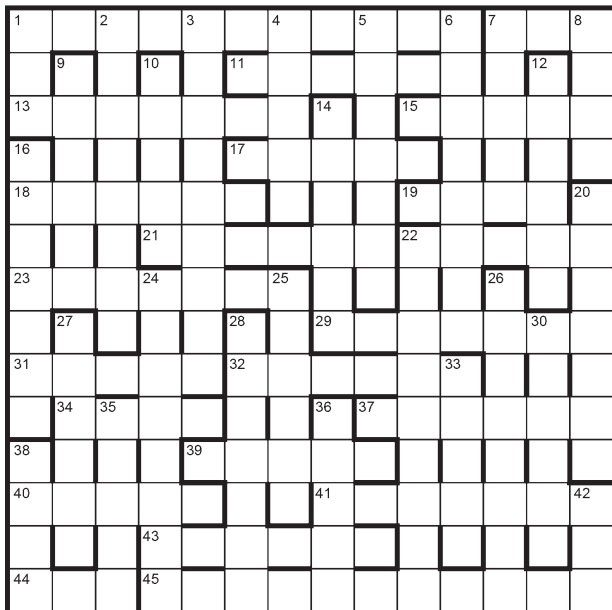
Singers will know that where 'Q' = 'the number of': Q34/22A x Q41/39/1D x Q3/8/38 = Q the 14. 41/39/1D is a 7D. 3/8/38 is four words in total.

Across

- 1 Ship transported new preemies (11)
- 7 Salary drama lecturer forfeited (3)
- 11 Parrot crosses centre for orris plants (6)
- 13 A smart criminal and former scholar (7)
- 15 Hard-up duke ditched rotten rowing boat (5)
- 17 Smart subaltern's snazzy sword guard (5)
- 18 Woman with floor-covering HM adopts (6)
- 19 Female Irish scholar (4)
- 21 Garish German brightened unknown Yankee (6)
- 23 Test out very good new tile (7)
- 29 Quiet old fellows gradually relax (4,3)
- 31 Judge with sex appeal gets facelift (5)
- 32 Assets the law regulated (6)
- 37 Gross ogler becomes more mature (6)
- 40 Note from former king (5)
- 43 Plants old husband planted amid rubber trees (6)
- 44 Prince spots missing hydrant (3)
- 45 Reviver animated surer cleric (11)

Down

- 2 Benevolent creature absorbs commonplace salts (8)
- 4 Lawless Wesleyan drunk very little (5)



- 5 Small cones grasping Mister takes beforehand (3-4)
- 6 Trained repairer matured early (4-4)
- 9 Band played La Mer with Trenet's intro (6)
- 10 Posh Carol hooked on alcohol (5)
- 12 Resistance from Mohegan endlessly mistreated (6)
- 16 Pavlova possibly pirouetting with plaits (7)
- 20 Tree beneficial to Dutch town (7)
- 22 Confine several camels in roofed yard (9)
- 24 Woman's suit – it's bristling with allure (8)
- 25 Thinking lioness left off waffling (6)
- 26 Rule book reputed company's first to prepare for printing (4-4)
- 27 Old doctor from Georgia entering Split (6)
- 28 Shootings wound invading group up (7)
- 30 Stinking enemy poem's about (6)
- 33 Philosopher and toerag imbibing gallons (5)

- 35 Partial concussion's bad for Adelaide (5)
- 36 Fish in estuary head off (5)
- 42 French for Morgan or Charles? (3)

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