

Crossword

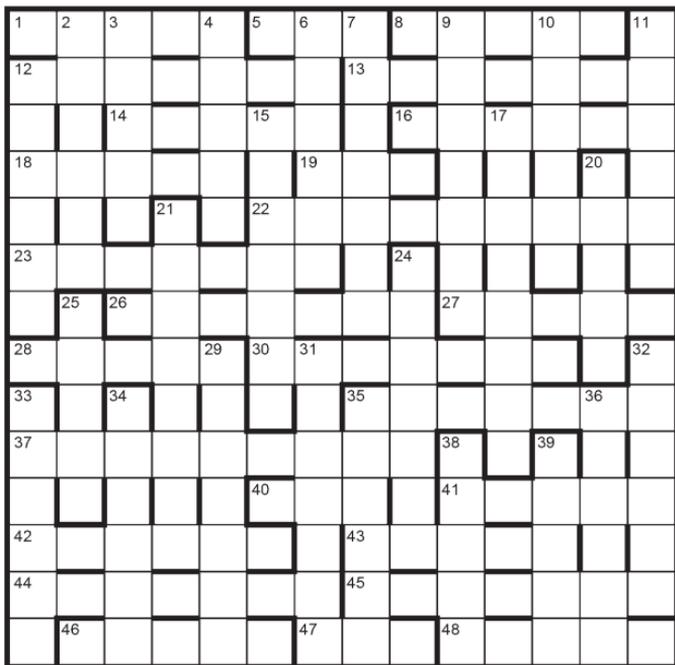
2587: Silver

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Five of a kind (including two of two words) can be derived from the letters of 26/27, 40/41, 46/47, 3/34 and 10/39 (all real words). 32/12D suggests mispronounced praise of the theme. Elsewhere, ignore an accent.

Across

- 1 Soldiers drill in circle (5)
- 5 Knave less than chaste (3)
- 8 Rude Rastaman ignoring Mr T's yoga pose (5)
- 12 Examiner Jeremiah shortened question (7)
- 13 Last old engineers preserving Troy (7)
- 14 Snakes go grey around central Assam (5)
- 16 Some clod I'm with? (6)
- 18 Fine Caledonian island they say (5)
- 19 Scot in a reel? (3)
- 22 Miserable Denis missing Italy yells for ever (9)
- 23 Pike reduced seabird's fodder (7)
- 28 Poisonous plant – signal end for Victoria (5)
- 30 One's pain crossing Oregon is bad (7)
- 35 Heartless odist greeting uxoricide (7)
- 37 The Saints' Walcott, poet Christopher and Pusey? (9)
- 42 Respect Paduan town with short river (6)
- 43 Money Larissa lost leaving steamship (5)
- 44 Seed novel aunt broadcast (4,3)
- 45 May classy nut develop with mellow fruitfulness? (7)
- 48 One disease getting northern dramatist (5)



Down

- 2 God and Esau awkwardly network (6)
- 4 Irish people tense about hospital (5)
- 6 Like teddies wee sons cuddled (6)
- 7 Belgrade (not Lima) rebuilt market anew (7)
- 9 Pay author enthralled by bouncing poems (7)
- 11 Radical metropolitan starts to hate your liturgy (6)
- 15 Old piece has pianoforte (English) lifting spirits (7)
- 17 Ravel sees main musician (8)
- 20 Funeral song, say, in a cathedral (5)
- 21 Bravo certainly not blue (4,4)
- 24 Failing degree, botched moderate question (7)
- 25 District attorney has tea in country house (5)
- 29 Romeo avoided vile terminal illness (7)
- 31 Silver catch in flash generator (7)
- 33 Worry of soprano possibly forgetting lied? (6)

- 35 Bar in extension on Hamish's hill (6)
- 36 Last pair in Piccadilly go astray with drug (acid) (6)
- 38 Dramatist's fiddle (5)

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