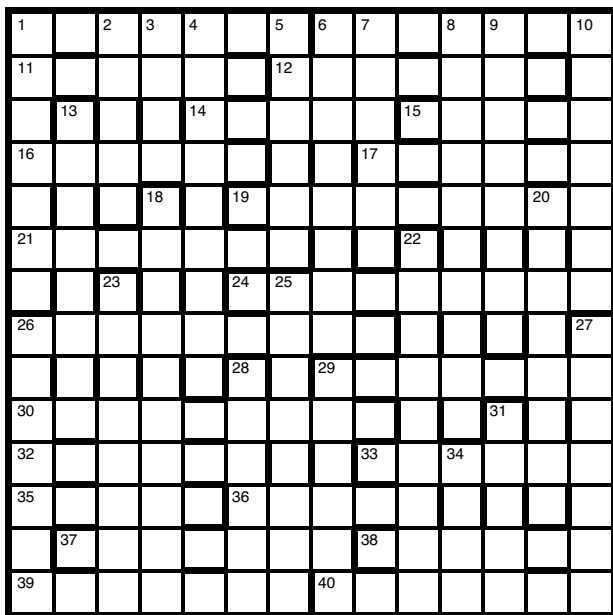


2596: Charades

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Unclued lights provide three definitions each of a whole word and of its two syllables. Solvers should highlight the word where it appears on this page.



Across

- 1 In clinic came up against a barman (7)
- 6 Walker and cyclist on stone (7)
- 12 Polishes round back of altar in hallowed places (7)
- 14 Bird in casserole with two eggs? (5)
- 15 Stitch up salmon (5)
- 17 Not good, arguing about old Eurasian languages (6)
- 19 A label: 'Pierce immediately' (2,1,6)
- 21 Cattle pens leak regularly, I fume (7)
- 24 Nurses aim to treat swellings (9)
- 26 Metal and its symbol to use finally in somewhat decadent period (6,3)
- 29 A pain when my monarch is put out of African land (7)
- 32 One asks about sprays (6)
- 33 Assistant takes advantage of breaks (6)
- 35 Smell gold? That amuses the Yanks (5)
- 36 Forgetting name, chaff old woman perhaps (5)
- 37 Cross and tense, Duke's deputy (7)
- 39 Disapprove of clubs; make certain to follow (7)
- 40 Drop out falling here, say, changing extra clothes (7)

Down

- 1 Spotted picture of fern stalk around public library (7)

- 2 Girl gets nothing out of Beethoven's work (5)
- 3 Go to change (4)
- 4 Pronounces letter often dropped, like certain G&S characters (9)
- 5 Shrewd to topple statue (6)
- 6 Get up entertainment with beer – gallons (4,1,3)
- 7 Depression is hard for Rector to break (6)
- 8 Realise bin to be replaced is impossible to remove (10)
- 9 Fresh condition of the French clarets admitted (8)
- 13 Almost essential bird, a basic nutrient (7,1)
- 22 Make an escape: it's no staycation (9)
- 23 Beggar once hit chap with broken bottle (8)
- 25 Grand inhaler, bubbling away (8)
- 26 Sort of poetry program welcome in special clubs (7)
- 27 Has-been's dreadful portent of death (7)
- 31 Fruit drink from palm tree, very Italian (5)
- 34 Deserves to be spoken of as Ashes sites (4)

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