

# Crossword

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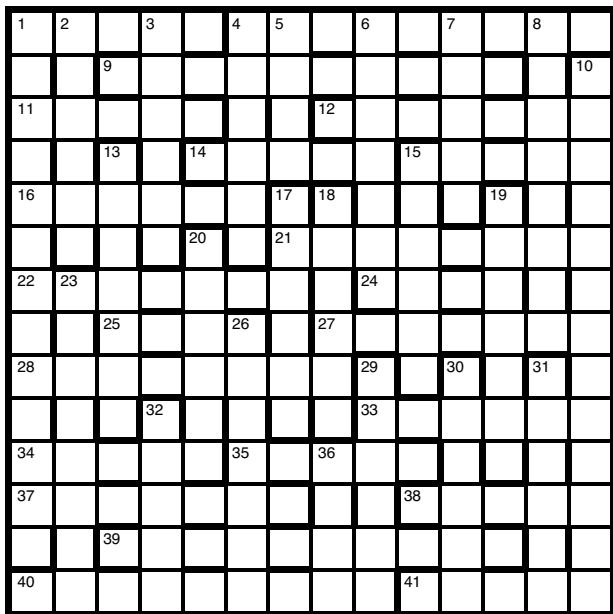
## Three of a kind

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The unclued lights display a common feature, different in each example. Elsewhere, ignore an apostrophe.

### Across

- 1 Tracks birds (5)
- 4 Top gear when cornered? (6,3)
- 9 So democrat organised convoys (10)
- 11 Unfinished old sailing boat in Sri Lankan city (5)
- 12 Expert model offer (7)
- 14 Capable assistant at office? (5)
- 15 Some *Tosca* villain's nitpicking complaint (5)
- 21 Too chill – put out waterproof material (8)
- 22 Top professional's critique of performance before opening night (7)
- 24 Mark from outside edges of scimitar (4)
- 25 Foolish folk back hot-tubs (4)
- 27 Weather report? (7)
- 28 Ballerina's stance performed stealthily (2,6)
- 34 Cooking range that's popular once more (5)
- 35 Dance for priestess (5)
- 37 It's too bad, tap isn't broken! (4,3)
- 38 Storm (fittingly), over Reims area generally, expected to start (5)
- 39 Pachyderm caught iron horse, wandering (10)
- 40 Entrusted eastern member in outmoded surroundings (9)
- 41 Sign of tooth decay not initially comprehended (5)



### Down

- 1 A putrid ghetto renovated, thus? (5,2-2-4)
- 5 Party leader's inner strong desire (4)
- 6 Shady rings of shocking scarlet (7)
- 7 Could be part of greenhouse palm (5)
- 8 Seaman, vice and the drink! (8)
- 10 Furniture from Cardiff theatrical employees (5,8)
- 13 Samples periphery of the Italian city (7)
- 19 Company tried out explosive (7)
- 23 Frenchman's run around with European traitor (8)
- 26 'Endurance' wrecked mainmast, all but one metre (7)
- 32 Flexible willow twig will become dry right away (5)
- 36 Scotsman with oriental spice (4)

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