

# Crossword

## 2612: Grounded

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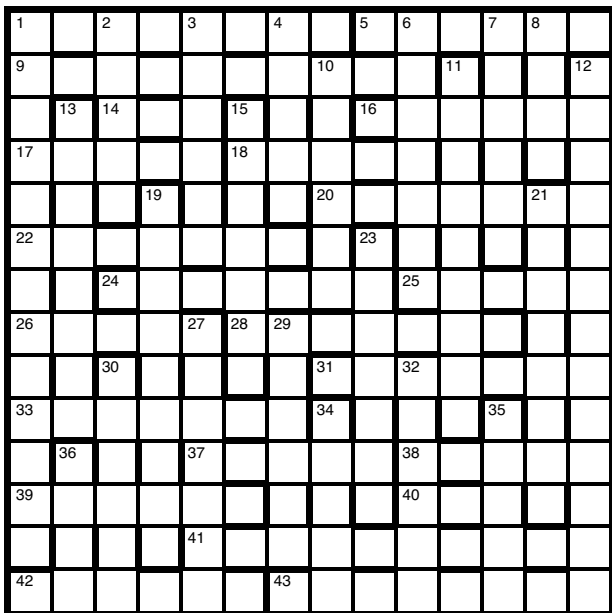
The eight unclued lights are, or were, of a kind.

### Across

- 1 Daily column about introduction of alternative fuel (8)
- 5 Cold, and damned unpleasant (6)
- 9 Tumbledown hut in barbarous realm (10)
- 16 Drink is finally within reach (6)
- 17 Joins female on Med, perhaps (5)
- 18 Unclothed Yanks fled joint (5)
- 20 Shamefaced bishop found in boozers west of Slough (7)
- 22 Harry in pursuit of tripe, symbol of Britain (7)
- 24 Capone perhaps poised to import hard liquor (7)
- 25 Confirmed last of resources exhausted (5)
- 26 Run over someone stepping back (5)
- 28 Married friends cycling round old country (7)
- 33 Endless niceness aroused anger (7)
- 37 Spirit of low-down gutless ingrate (5)
- 38 Regularly moan and cry like a crow or parrot (5)
- 39 Monkey is in danger, he suspects (6)
- 41 Showman from India shocked Paris and Rome (10)
- 42 Concealed overdue books (6)
- 43 Extravagant faults we condemned (8)

### Down

- 1 Spooner's assured transport firms help with road safety (5,8)



- 2 Slam German, half-cut in capital (5)
  - 3 Sought selenium in African country (6)
  - 4 Scoring hole in one, Gascoigne oddly dismissed golf (5)
  - 6 Tries again to practise, falling short (7)
  - 7 Some heart-rending hymns in small open boat (6)
  - 12 Committed model who only dieted (4-2-3-4)
  - 13 Extremely capable prop supporting rugby blue (8)
  - 15 Virginia deer make tracks (7)
  - 19 Awkward kid following every setter on the rise (3,2,4)
  - 21 Rambling raconteur losing new suit in Brussels (8)
  - 23 Way to stop rude Republican boasting (7)
  - 29 Penpusher denying she scuppered union agreement (3-3)
  - 30 Emphasise chance to banish primitive instincts (6)
  - 32 Most biddable, try boxing in the morning (6)
  - 34 See you in the north holding current Triple Crown (5)
  - 35 Head of seedy scoundrel with fine dandruff (5)
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