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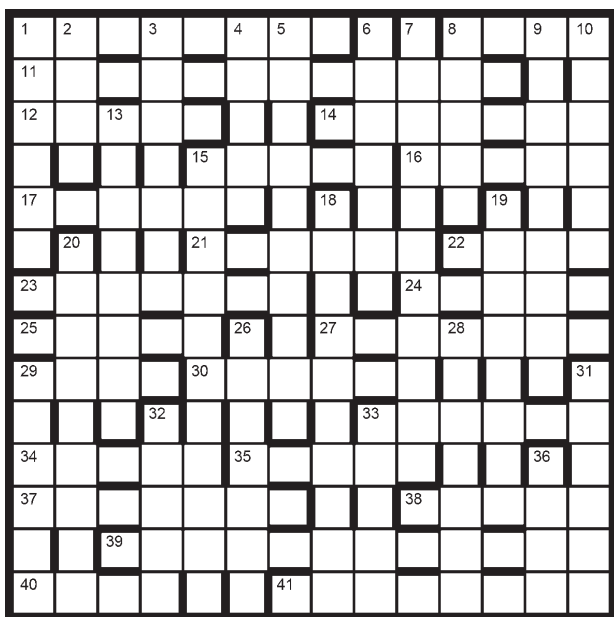
The right name?

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Paired unclued lights are an author and his eponymous characters. Crossing letters in 7D suggest the name in the title; solvers must correct this, entering the character's real name by changing the contents of four cells, always making real words.

Across

- 1 A mob alas with disorder of gut (8)
- 11 I head into transport, and fit into attire (8,4)
- 14 Silly berk and his containers (7)
- 15 Table of bard essentially? (5)
- 16 Invested wager about Serbia's banks (5)
- 17 Recover shower curtains say (6)
- 21 Keeper raced in clothing for soccer (6)
- 22 Woman's caught current successor (4)
- 24 Struggles keeping new plants (5)
- 25 Foreign article about falsity (5)
- 27 Like bendy twig, small and magical? (7)
- 29 Orderly Scot's mood unknown (4)
- 30 A clot's awfully bony? (6)
- 33 Llama caught in mountain areas (6)
- 34 Better leave cycling (5)
- 35 Auditor's perceived incident (5)
- 37 Longer tail of Sealyham wagging, or mutt (7)
- 38 Child by the Spanish fence (5)
- 39 Bandage patient where toiletries are (8-4)
- 40 It precedes the final house (4)
- 41 Yes, cinema's lead star could be this? (8)



Down

- 1 Hates tailless equid Jack's mounted (6)
- 2 Lantern only around Austria (4)
- 3 Mark papers with hasty exegesis (7)
- 4 Number is divisible by two (5)
- 5 Like doctor mostly nursing one's heart issue (10)
- 6 Old reed is twisted with twigs (7)
- 8 One derides shy monarch (5)
- 9 At sea, I bash head in boats (9)
- 10 Endless Asian festival (6)
- 13 Policemen in Monopoly making killing (8)
- 15 Detective on beach without job, prepared to sail? (11)
- 18 Experts making argument that's artificial (10)
- 20 Like dry fruit, not dates, in liquid doses, oddly (9)
- 26 Freest Parisian is following ladies and gents? (7)
- 28 Cheers very softly, given jewels to hide (7)
- 32 Bead type – King George dons silver one (5)

- 33 Against some Bohemian enticement (5)

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