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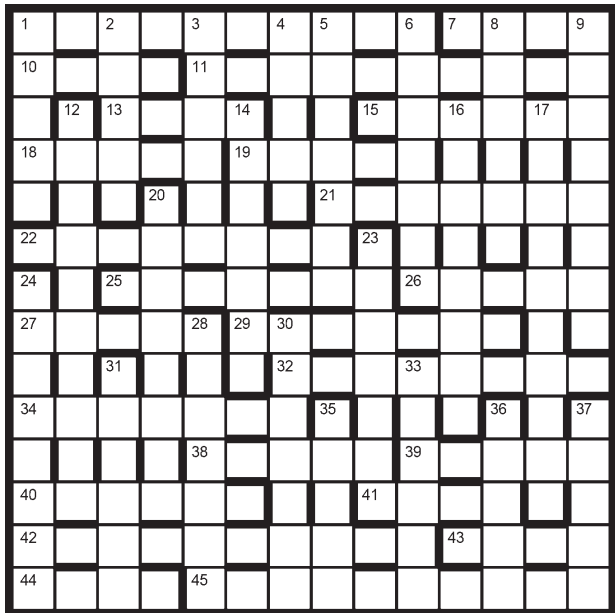
### Him and her

by *Fieldfare*

Each Across unclued light is associated in the same way with a Down one (one of two words).

#### Across

- 1 In small conurbations, transport deficiencies (10)
- 7 Walk from Piraeus to Athens (4)
- 15 Huge resistance from masculine self-importance? I wonder (6)
- 18 PM's residence about to receive first of rock stars (5)
- 19 Correct uncle, and head's bitten off (5)
- 25 Cheers afternoon, taking in TV hospital show (7)
- 26 Excellent on Polish and Persian verse (5)
- 27 A line gets out of position rapidly (5)
- 29 Dull, like a little lake? (7)
- 32 Catch simpler-sounding shapes (8)
- 34 Final words in row more rubbishy (7)
- 38 Gang steals rupees, lots of them (5)
- 39 Funny remark about large villain of Dickens (5)
- 40 Cornish to leave failing clearing-house association (6)
- 41 Expected to live after I've lost fight (4)
- 42 You, say, taking October working with me for author (7,3)
- 43 Bridge international taking over (4)
- 44 Elite troops, hard band (4)
- 45 Freshly set ode did fine in poetry competition (10)



#### Down

- 1 Lots, including oxygen, up one's nose (5)
- 2 A chap grabbing one violently (5)
- 3 Couturier's name once blanked by TV station (6)
- 4 Not all up for covering miles in hike (5)
- 5 Thoroughly assigned to section 8? (2,5)
- 6 Aggressive cricketer in front of square left false stroke – runs! (7)
- 8 Sort of mirror, double width, a toy to play with (3-3)
- 9 Such a critic to provide ammunition for head of committee (8)
- 12 One man dropped in first to see new mums (10)
- 14 Under mountain, hate to move (7)
- 16 To fill hole wife hires idiots (8)
- 23 Handled a horse in the sea (7)
- 28 Fastidious type with no time for online film? (7)
- 31 Greeting, pokes modest attire (6)
- 35 Politician leaving muffin for condiment jar (5)
- 36 A part of mouth blows up following spicy dish (5)
- 37 Young salmon, special: what it is caught with? (5)

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