

Crossword

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Customary taxes

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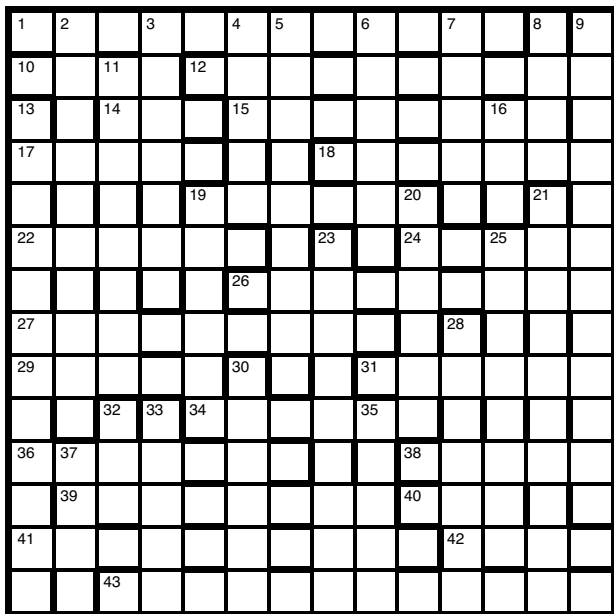
The unclued lights (one hyphenated and plural, and another in the past tense) are of a kind, all verifiable as such in *Chambers*, most of them on a specific page.

Across

- 1 One son half-naked, at first, during old broadcast (12)
- 10 Bird losing head and part of foot (4)
- 12 Series of files from *Game* on BBC once (10)
- 14 Return of low relative from abroad (3)
- 17 Fruit found when Christmas in over, Frenchman penned (5)
- 26 Find fault with husband and unnamed folk's cellular radios (3,6)
- 27 Bess and Isaac worked out geometrical co-ordinates (9)
- 29 Craftsman for two generations (5)
- 31 Stage of journey in tea wagon in Russia (6)
- 34 Exam result, we're told, was looking old (6)
- 36 Two drugs for leading actress (7)
- 38 Main target, regularly, for an aspiring cleric? (5)
- 39 'New Deal' with parliamentary assistant in city (8)
- 40 Aussies regularly take drugs (3)
- 41 Material dries white, sadly (5,5)
- 42 Neat cut (4)

Down

- 2 Like a Turin-Bern trip? (10)
- 4 Involved oneself endlessly in German trade fair (5)



- 5 Patients treated outside hospital way back when (2,3,4)
- 6 Variety of ivy from state with another name cut short (6)
- 7 Recently turned up, adopting one Amazon business, say (5)
- 8 Record sleeve's last in box (4)
- 9 Land initially seen as useless (6,6)
- 11 Flatten lint pad (8)
- 16 President at furniture company dropped one (3)
- 19 Preparing for plastering on reef in Gabon (6)
- 20 Produced a sound copy (6)
- 23 Wild notion of wild aide? (5,4)
- 25 Free from fine nut-tree, felled (8)
- 28 Tree is beginning to topple – one on volcano (2,5)
- 30 Pants are not highly decorated (6)
- 32 Primitive plough in circular ditch (3)
- 33 Old motto – English or not (5)
- 35 Kuwaiti prince backing some agreement (5)
- 37 Nobleman nearly at the centre (4)

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