

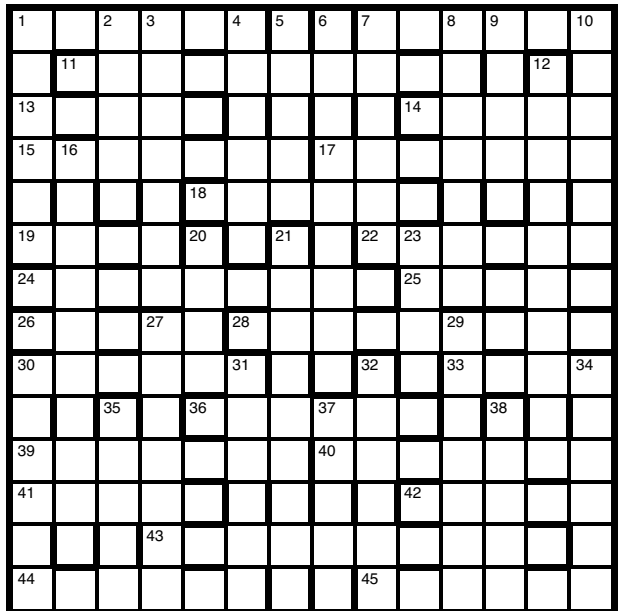
# Crossword

## 2634:

### Word chain

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The eight six-letter unclued lights half-overlap each other and so yield a complete word chain beginning with any one of them.



#### Across

- 1 Complex U-turn before end of lane. Wrong! (6)
- 7 That woman's returning remains of make-over (6)
- 11 Boss has to grovel for LA brawn (4,6)
- 13 Old manuscript containing a series of tests (5)
- 14 Aptitude of fellow at home (5)
- 15 Ancestor heard refrain (7)
- 17 Facing the facts about Moeen's millions (7)
- 19 Narrow road in two states (4)
- 24 Generally accepted that turn in wet is wrong (9)
- 25 Hymn from Phillips, almost (5)
- 26 Get rid of European visitor -- that's not universally acceptable (5)
- 28 Black gardening tools and another component on a bike (5,4)
- 30 Smallest four out of five non-Communist countries (6)
- 33 Fish and chips primarily the focal point (4)
- 39 Navy lacking force with 33's relative in waters moving with the wind (3,4)
- 40 Met Dons playing final (7)
- 41 Award first discussed during lunch (5)
- 42 Patterson drops note about small fish (5)
- 43 Repaired Steve's limo without reason (10)
- 45 Trim Google browser (6)

#### Down

- 2 Around second half of year, put up rents (5)
- 3 This walker runs with another (7)
- 4 Ordered non-zero calorie confection (6)
- 5 Lacking drink (5)
- 6 Sign of life in Aidensfield series (9)
- 7 Free to exchange vouchers (6)
- 8 *Catch-22* author's old coins (7)
- 9 Range that's popular once more (5)
- 12 Taints *The French Bear* nightclub, first (10)
- 16 Awfully old pale green rind (6,4)
- 20 The very worst place for theatre bands? (4)
- 21 Tactical distribution of non-e cigarettes (9)
- 23 Top copy that's marked wrong (4)
- 27 Posted a letter to former archbishop (7)
- 29 Direction to holiday-maker to run for it (7)
- 31 To go out together, as of now (2,4)

- 34 *Courage* beer here! (6)
- 35 Doctor having the same upset with leading consultant (5)
- 37 Pull out of Wyche Avenue (5)
- 38 Body to the right, thus (5)

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