

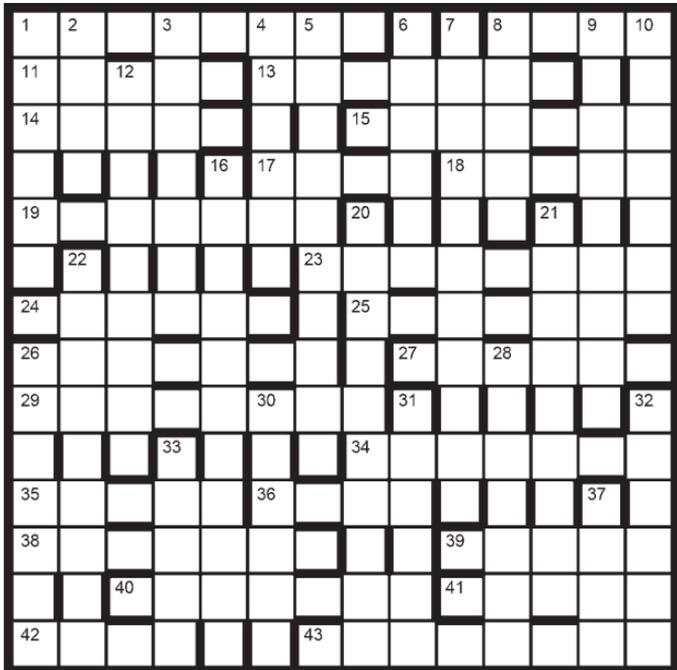
Capital fellow

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Unclued lights (including one pair giving a name, and one of three words from a quotation) form three groups; the word that links them all must be highlighted in the grid.

Across

- 1 Make bourgeois rogue grin, yet to embrace female (8)
- 8 Small cover for head or neck (4)
- 11 A sailor pockets peso with original value (2,3)
- 14 Old Yemeni's brief month in Israel (5)
- 15 Some poetry's mood extremely humane (7)
- 17 Expert delaying old emperor (4)
- 18 Politician blocks great excuse (5)
- 19 A relative pens book having no life (7)
- 23 Fish in benign border of greenery (4,4)
- 24 Shearwater bird eats silver penny (6)
- 25 Arbiters' dispute with soldiers (7)
- 27 Film writer welcomes current work (6)
- 29 Ma working with needle American decorated (8)
- 34 Speaking about pounds, making killing (7)
- 35 Edna, untroubled, hosts relative (5)
- 36 Thus touring occasionally posh bit of London (4)
- 38 Record almost everything concerning innards (7)
- 39 Benefit, isolating small particle (5)
- 41 Time in new home for Aussie addict (5)
- 42 Endlessly long period (4)
- 43 Huge ruler put on weight, mostly (8)



Down

- 1 Chatterbox like bishop cracking joke (6)
- 2 Poet's easily cut old number (4)
- 4 Admired Conservative plugs kind of bonding (6)
- 5 Bed rest for invalid from wood (6-4)
- 6 Fitting clothing for earl – it can't be declined (6)
- 7 Soldier claimed drunk's helping doctors (11)
- 8 Critic's special complaint (5)
- 10 One's splitting common rock (7)
- 12 Boats from Riga with sea up high (9)
- 16 Poor sides in ideal soccer tie with equal potential (11)
- 21 Most spotted means to stop heartless poet (9)
- 22 Party can be darn merry (4,5)
- 30 French article by wise French writer (6)
- 31 Smashed British house (6)
- 32 Drink for one award that's lifted (6)
- 33 Prophet adopts new taunt (5)

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