

# Crossword

## 2642: A cipher

### to decode

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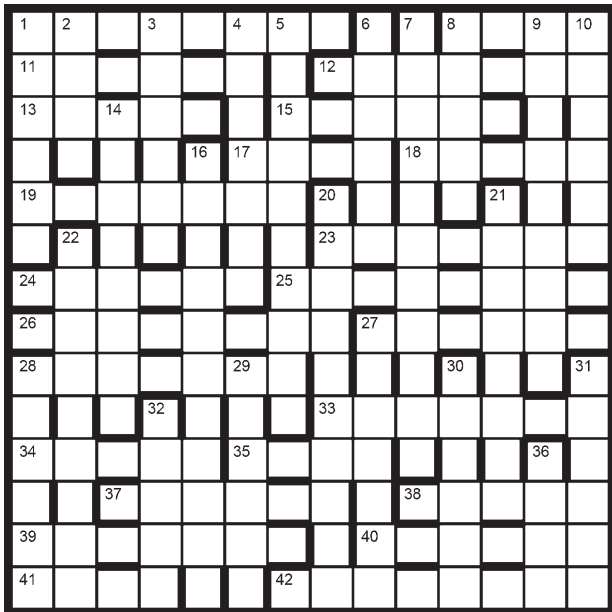
The unclued lights (including one of three words, one of two words, two hyphenated and one pair) have nothing in common.

#### Across

- 11 Get sober people welcoming sober person home (6)
- 12 Litotes newspaper plugs seem so funny (7)
- 15 Poser's strain (6)
- 18 Distributed case for delicate key (5)
- 19 Engineers, mature but not weak, assemble again (7)
- 23 Yale men amended hydrocarbon (7)
- 24 Dyes quiet clothing queen returned (6)
- 25 Scientist's anxiety with traveller (8)
- 26 Relative admits unknown crime in legal institution (5,3)
- 27 Moan from Sun King, grabbing queen a whiskey (6)
- 28 Second judge computing speed (3-4)
- 33 A failing besetting a miser, ultimately? (7)
- 34 Old men like to follow photographer (5)
- 37 You look, we hear, for African land (6)
- 39 Wicked, base convict – flipping criminal! (7)
- 40 Painter after long periods (6)
- 41 Flog monk here, we hear (4)
- 42 Fancy conceits for delivery method (1-7)

#### Down

- 1 People looking good: Turkic people one leaves (6)



- 2 Ear's somewhat noticeable (4)
- 3 Flavours men added to mugs (6)
- 4 Swallows and gnus let out (7)
- 5 Move gently around your paths for aircraft (10)
- 6 Rescue judge again? (6)
- 8 Votes against holding large crowns for bard (5)
- 9 Famous spring presently in Kingston's borders (4-5)
- 10 Fly – set off twice (6)
- 14 Add numbers to one cracking pageant, oddly (8)
- 21 Troops in rear ordered fries with ale (8)
- 22 One clergyman upset furniture? It's true (9)
- 27 Fur coats are very possible to 6 (7)
- 29 Beat Chinese people up in police station (6)
- 30 Scot's brewing tea loudly under gangways (6)
- 31 Like some fevers gravedigger reported (6)

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