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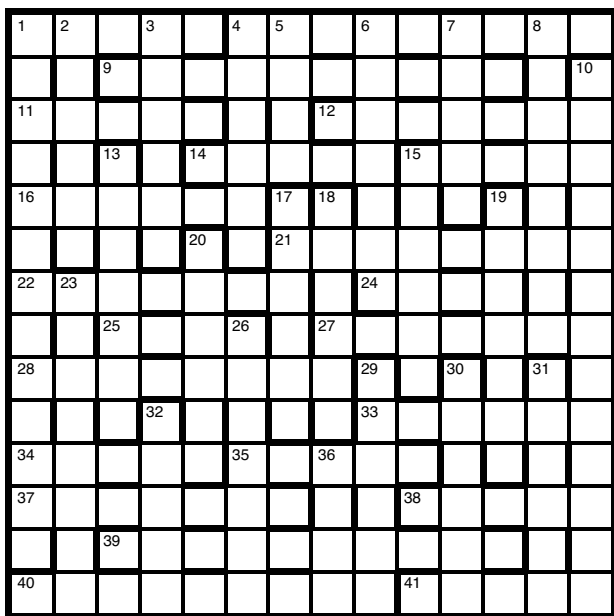
Double entry

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The 12 six-letter unclued lights bear a common feature, different in each case, but ignore one hyphen.

Across

- 1 Put up a hammock for son with Heather (5)
- 4 One lies drunk after attempt to restore equilibrium (9)
- 9 After seven days, say, shall journalist be wimpish? (4-6)
- 11 Muse was, for Caesar, love (5)
- 12 Cunard cruise finally turned to French river (7)
- 14 Vocalist shortly to be a scorcher (5)
- 15 Just a bit of a fight! (5)
- 21 Such gall on day in May (3-5)
- 22 Mournful key member CIA outed (7)
- 24 Some delayed up at university (4)
- 25 Sandwich filling aunt cooked (4)
- 27 Fire-fighters from sailing vessel needing help, we're told (7)
- 28 Swedish tennis star with one killer stroke (8)
- 34 Sign overlapping with 41 for record collections (5)
- 35 Official change of course back to Edgbaston, first (5)
- 37 Pipe second carol outside Kings (7)
- 38 John taking one grand home (5)
- 39 Secretary's wise style down the aisle (10)
- 40 Had one in need of an exorcist? (9)
- 41 Sign of tooth decay not initially conquered (5)



Down

- 1 Stokes admitted by Romantic poet and WI fast bowler to hill-climb venue (8,5)
- 5 Last winter's hotel bed request (4)
- 6 Visionary music outside of Kerry (4-3)
- 7 Top removed from cleaning liquid for drain (5)
- 8 Suspect lace sold out (2-6)
- 10 Censures poor persons in here (13)
- 13 Speedily run off with Tilly, regularly (7)
- 19 Ask peer about Hoyle? (7)
- 23 Savaged poorly planned dilation (4,4)
- 26 Begin to deal with notice on deck (7)
- 32 Hanging up in disarray (5)
- 36 Trim *EastEnders*' privet boundary (4)

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