

# Crossword

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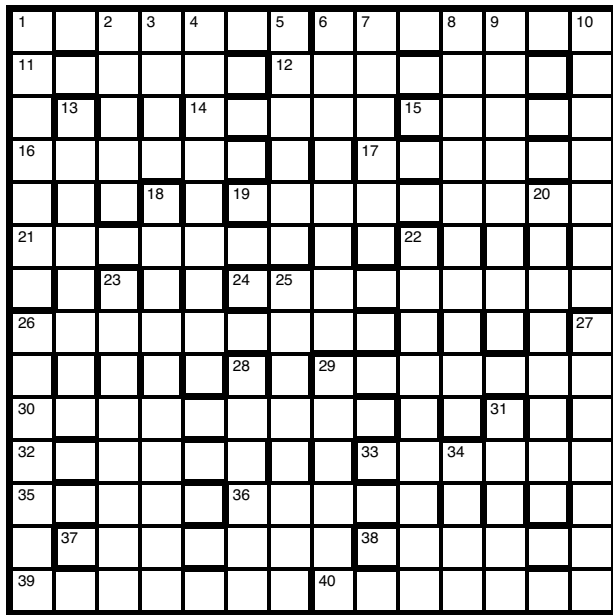
## Shut up shop

by Doc

The unclued lights (three pairs and two individually and two of which are of two words) are now of a kind.

### Across

- 1 Spice rack item revealed by horse and page (3,4)
- 11 Plenty of space, we're told, for nursing with a head cold (6)
- 12 Deserts featuring brown palms (7)
- 14 Nasty creature in the presidential car! (5)
- 15 Cold – it's good wearing a hat! (5)
- 16 Chap stops Conservative speculation (6)
- 19 A nice mild rum is restorative (9)
- 21 Worried escort carrying egg on two-wheeler (7)
- 24 Down with these folk who frustrate turning northwestward (9)
- 26 Han Solo and me arranged house-buyers' advances (4,5)
- 29 Returning to knight for rice dish (7)
- 30 One song by new Christian (9)
- 32 Know French right away, when arriving at Eastern département (6)
- 33 Mean one 'n' tenpence (6)
- 35 Alternative pieces, cycling, were large (5)
- 36 Father, say, in risky venture (5)
- 37 Mixed aloe vera, getting rid of very dark spots (7)
- 38 Go and fix (6)
- 39 Liberates partners inside France's second largest prison (7)
- 40 Commercial appearing in capital's radar antenna housings (7)



### Down

- 2 Antiquated address to soldiers in Gulf state (5)
- 3 Let us discuss our openings for game (4)
- 4 Making it tremble and break easily (9)
- 6 Sad, even when swapped (4,4)
- 7 Arrive at junction in a flurry (6)
- 8 Excuse old disguise (10)
- 9 Indian cricketer, Farouk, is a road constructor (8)
- 10 On board, having rotten seats (7)
- 13 Netflix drama at PH (3,5)
- 20 Getting excited about lawn treatment? (8)
- 22 Penny felt bitter and showed it! (9)
- 23 Good eater drunk more vino (8)
- 25 Batty said head was creative (3,5)
- 28 Three times for the choirboy (6)
- 29 Lone cowboy is Ibrox footballer? (6)
- 34 Some petty point in the proofs? (4)

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