

Crossword

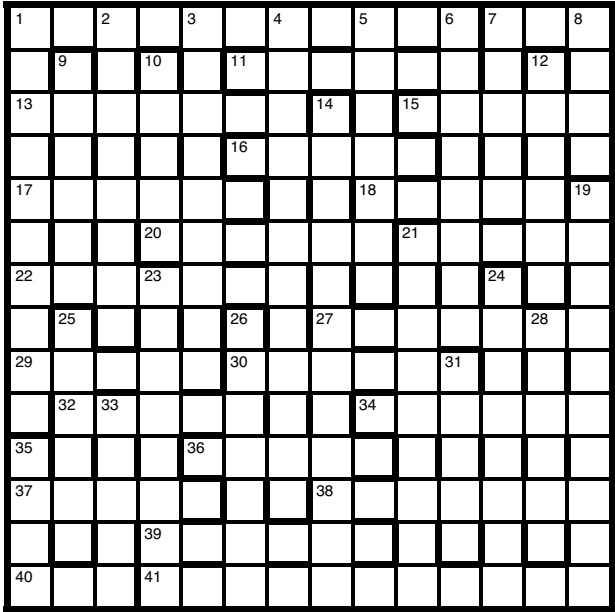
2672: Seamless schemes

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The eight unclued lights are of a kind.

- Across**
- 1 One slandering and misrepresenting our claimant (11)
 - 7 Purpose of Maoism oddly forgotten (3)
 - 11 Trees concealing old furrow (6)
 - 13 Bitterness of soldier on the radio (7)
 - 15 Signature is tamper-proof, to some extent (5)
 - 17 Sturdy or, conversely, broken? (6)
 - 18 French here about to turn more frosty (5)
 - 20 Tension of female teacher leaving motorway (6)
 - 21 Initially sickened by green gunk (5)
 - 29 Delete article in Irish Gaelic (5)
 - 30 Giving up golf, glass worker becomes less active (6)
 - 34 Paced mostly unforested grassland (6)
 - 36 Camp joke about university lecturer (5)
 - 37 Rattle Kurt Waldheim? (5)
 - 38 I phone hosts about smoothing things out (7)
 - 39 Backing independent expert in Ukrainian city (6)
 - 40 Ultimately they undermine society, I agree (3)
 - 41 Silences cat, terrible pest (5,6)

- Down**
- 1 No Liberal, girl redacts naughty magazine's contents (10)
 - 2 British grass covered by pine bark (8)



- 4 Inveterate rebel I admire wildly (12)
- 5 One boring French city finally got visitor (7)
- 6 Shopkeeper and servant having left for north (8)
- 8 Second-class loaf (4)
- 9 Oscar regularly announced Conservative enlightenment (6)
- 10 Attack is part of periodic tussle (5)
- 12 Sycophantic millions following small crowd (6)
- 14 Serializes a novel about female permissiveness (7-5)
- 19 Spooner's married girlfriend perhaps is heavy burden (4,6)
- 21 Small-time dons scoffing vegetable (9)
- 23 Wrongly interprets confusion of sad miser (8)
- 25 At first Eva Braun acts sophisticated (6)
- 26 Deposits of gold round lakes and Roman road (7)
- 28 Wolfish occupant of bed, character facing eviction (6)
- 31 Checks rules for auditor (5)
- 33 TV awards upset setter and setter's son (5)

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