

Crossword

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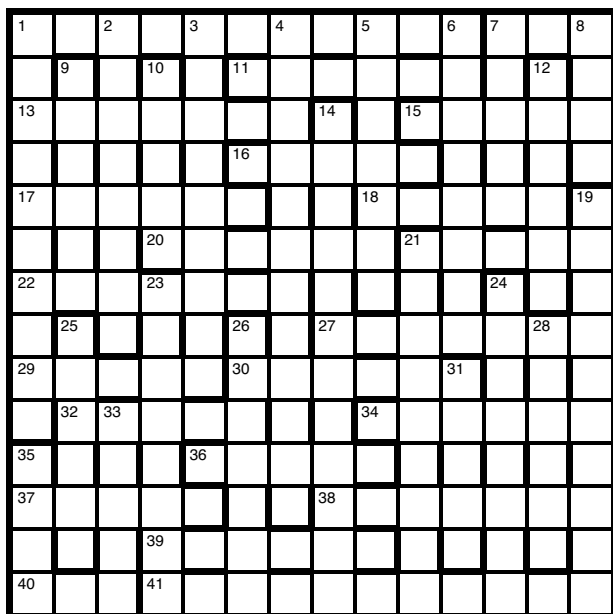
On the shelf

by La Jerezana

Two of the eight unclued entries, appropriately placed, were likened to two others by a name hidden in the grid. The other four unclued entries are thematic. Unchecked letters could be arranged to spell 'NO VAIN OAP MISBELIEVER, HIM'.

Across

- 1 Treated ATMs etc like cash cows (4,7)
- 7 Tailless parasite twitching (3)
- 13 In France you rent by day, as instructed (7)
- 15 Shy cat leaving second small rodent (5)
- 17 Deliver German plough (6)
- 18 Absolute maniacs shedding clothes (5)
- 20 Reportedly conceal girl in hotels (6)
- 21 Tiny creature, part of agamid genus (5)
- 22 Cleanse thoroughly and prevent case of gangrene (7)
- 27 Finish work corralling wildebeest from the east (4,3)
- 29 Last of three cycling hit road (5)
- 30 Losing heart, Sheik and Nigerian bishop go downhill in winter (6)
- 32 Redesign chart for mechanical device (5)
- 34 Tempted American with sex in the sack (6)
- 38 Somali worried about right way to communicate with the deaf (7)
- 39 Tower said to be thing of great beauty (6)
- 40 Triumphed without compunction, essentially (3)
- 41 Unoriginal finding: rally infiltrated by detectives (11)



Down

- 3 Colour of country wine (6,3)
- 4 Guy finally made waves in *The Bletchley Circle*, perhaps (4-8)
- 5 Support English drunkard, drinking quietly (7)
- 6 Time to stop annoying sleeping partner perhaps inhaling drug (8)
- 7 Herb season announced (5)
- 8 Some idyllic Russian vineyards (4)
- 9 Perhaps howling wind up Nile? (6)
- 10 Clear throat in company? That's disgusting (5)
- 12 Wet, copper-coated penny (6)
- 14 Doctor outing cousin, not close (12)
- 19 Mum yells angrily about Bill's trick (4,1,5)
- 21 Chap loves to engage a fellow in single combat (4,1,4)
- 23 Hearing row about husband being less inhibited (8)
- 25 Silence over upturned anchor, cause of trip (6)
- 26 Led you and me to this place on delta (7)
- 28 Real monster I raised to lead (2,4)
- 33 Absolutely unimpressed at first by fashionable hormone (5)
- 35 Stuck-up softies sweat (4)

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