

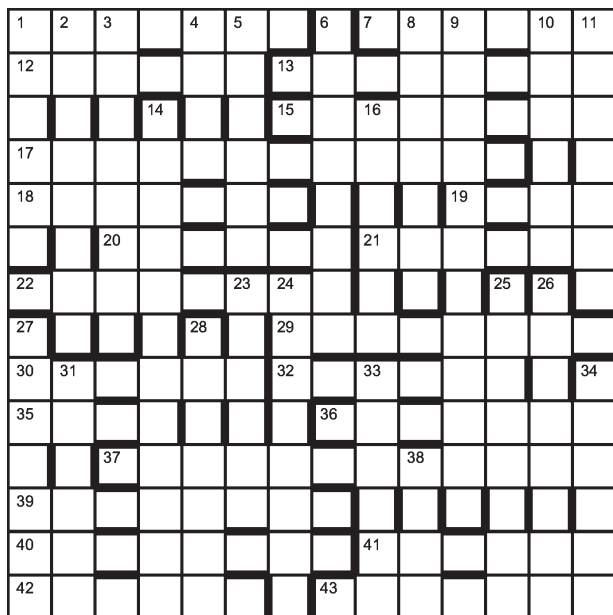
Tandemonium?

by CheeseCracker

Eight unclued lights comprise four pairs.

Across

- 1 Doubling my carbon in low country (7)
- 12 American sanctimonious state at the top (6)
- 13 Geological fold running nicely round north east of south (8)
- 15 Treatise outline includes pretentious odds and ends (8)
- 17 General Secretary holds back brief register on new retailers (12)
- 18 Ingesta, put another way? (7)
- 20 Yemen fighting spread by unknown catalyst (6)
- 21 Extremely deceptive curt tightwad's failure (6)
- 22 Biased head of personnel wants skilled worker (8)
- 29 Marine mammals, not large, catch marine gastropod (3,5)
- 30 *The Spectator* objectively embraces wise customs (6)
- 32 Reliable team at first out of practice (6)
- 36 He ain't upset about what winds up Mistress Quickly (2,5)
- 37 April's rent revised on returned IT equipment (5,7)
- 39 Secret news posts regularly censored western material (8)
- 40 Treat as alien exotic theories (8)
- 41 Top-rate duo of accountants backing plant (6)
- 43 Statesman sadly snubbed German philosopher (7)



Down

- 2 Run pole upwards, ending at collapsible lid? (5,3)
- 3 Joiners, of a sort, exposed back of ship guarded by tugs (8)
- 5 Tenacious greylag's wings stuck in fine-grained earth (6)
- 6 Silicate mineral extracted from cattle in burning woodpile (8)
- 8 Turned about, yielded and came forward (7)
- 9 Organised a tournament involving lake beyond the mountains (12)
- 10 Capers stuffing Atlantic salmon (6)
- 11 Boiled article plunged into dust (7)
- 14 Again makes entire goal up on base secured by straps (12)
- 16 Outstanding helper raised sloth (6)
- 23 One responsible for tender organisation? (6)
- 24 Star skater is smashing (8)
- 25 Rick keeps riding gear around yard (8)
- 26 Climbing shrub once known on northern (Yorkshire) river (8)

- 27 Particle of gas orbiting quickly, off and on (7)
- 28 Standing Greek god embedded in piece of mosaic (7)
- 31 Indigenous Californian sabbaths ruined without books (6)
- 33 Illusory granules barely moving (6)

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