## An easy (appearances notwithstanding)

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Instructions: Sixteen words defined by numbered clues are to be entered-from left to right or from top to bottom as the case may be-in the correspondingly numbered rectangles of the inner grid, one letter to a square. Letters that fall in numbered squares should also be entered in the correspondingly numbered squares of the outer grid. Letters that fall in blank squares of any two contiguous rectangles should be anagrammed to form a new word (anagrammed words are defined by unnumbered clues), and the new word entered in the unnumbered rectangles indicated by an arrow. Once again, letters that fall in numbered squares should also be entered in the outer grid, and letters in blank squares should be anagrammed, this time to form a two-word phrase to be entered in the innermost grid. When the diagram is correctly filled in, the connection between the innermost and outermost grids will become apparent. Beware! The clues are cryptic; they contain puns, anagrams, and other outrageous devices.


## Clues

1 Hornblower's owl
2 Unseated-royally, by the sound of it
3 Rugged novelist
4 Oracle is reversed by fifty
5 What the song says I got: beat
6 Mental distress might express grief
7 Tree that's official with man
8 Crazy Norse sleep sound
9 We declare! A spider, perhaps
10 Not easy with nothing put aside for emergencies
11 Confusing to her, not to me
12 Current producer working Monday
13 Mad for a bit of Grecian Gryphon
14 What's cooking down the path?
15 Halfway achieve? It doesn't quite measure up
16 Monkey's mistake
Put hydrogen in later to make foam
Current Mix Master
Fifth reading suggests part of fabric
Matured in attempt at drama
Put money back where you shouldn't keep it
"Heal thyself" to get well
Greeting floor of the past
What will make you rather wet (soggy) than dry

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