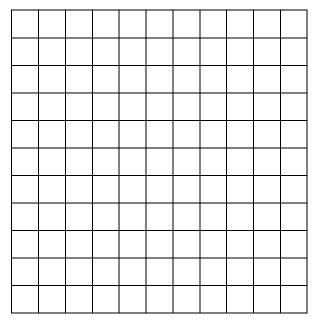
Puzzle #91 — December 2008 "What You Will"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from four to ten letters; six of them are capitalized, and one is a two-word phrase) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues. starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Six across words and six down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those twelve letters, spell a two-word phrase related to the mystery entry. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.

Across

- 1. Nothing swings into your ears or ribs
- 2. Ernest and Emily keep one behind the other
- 3. Steal English dress
- 4. The French number "X" is meager
- 5. Swore wildly and more terribly
- 6. Canine polo—diversion of an emperor
- 7. Wife abandons one who advocates for bed
- 8. Despot is punished and put on display
- 9. Holland embraces pot
- 10. Standing verb and article getting mixed up
- 11. Mystery entry
- 12. Run out of tonic on trolley
- 13. Couple rush to get fire started, for heat primarily
- 14. Crushed stone with mallet that has rubber head
- 15. Fodder from Arapei
- 16. Introduction of clip about official
- 17. Ruler of Florence returned
- 18. One who cures her drinking brew
- 19. Greedily eats grass
- 20. A nibble of mushroom with sulfur in it
- 21. The first man in a bar?
- 22. Child eats rotten pea in container



Down

- 1. Trash or ridicule can get ugly
- 2. Sponsor has run out of incense before long
- 3. Some go south to support selves
- 4. Musician's horse raced with energy
- 5. Bill wrongly claiming error in character assassination
- 6. Marilyn gets money back
- 7. Head of cowbird, corvid, or chicken
- 8. Pacino fan is finished
- 9. Hold off starting dinner before Eli comes up
- 10. Gracie and Nella turned up
- 11. Get rid of less radical facility
- 12. Inquire about four in secret
- 13. Citizen's open about . . . about author's return
- 14. Works with a rope that's tangled up
- 15. Fiery painting covers hole
- 16. Florist captures a lemur
- 17. Import centrally produced oil
- 18. Slowly develop good assets
- 19. Trust implement to maintain parity
- 20. Mark got beheaded in a foreign city
- 21. Quiet lion heard to cry for a chemical signal
- 22. Mismatch of supporting structure covering torn wreckage