

Harvard Puzzle "Since 1890"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eight letters, and four are capitalized) 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. Twelve across words and twelve down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those twenty-four letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words spell a familiar five-word phrase. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.

Across

- Relax in times of tension
- Ace has no plan at first to exercise
- Announce today's fruit
- Band breaks up going back
- Shrewd to get 500 for new confection
- District in Manhattan initiating survey of home owners
- Lager brewed light
- Old city is in a state that has failed to fill up to capacity
- Nothing is removed from picture box
- Corrected on-line error pertaining to one of the popes
- Minor mix-up involving chapter's length
- Reality about Eastern plane
- Strumpet holding ring and card
- Boat not under water with zilch inside
- More about love for Marianne, perhaps
- Endless speech for a pile of rocks
- Remove sulfur from herb for security
- Ailing dean's holding top of chair to rise
- Classed with fluorine and floated on water
- In *Macbeth*, an eager landowner
- Disguised in taupe as a flower
- Get bishop out of hole and put father in trench
- A note about love
- Clan leader has to go in the middle

Down

- Hardy heroine turned to embrace a Parisian in decline
- Run in once fixed with a protective eye covering
- Getting left out of universe elicits comment
- Classified and stored incorrectly
- Closet party breaks up around noon
- One badly done battery part
- Ned and the German turned crimson
- Shorthand notes transcribed
- Stick used in combat only
- Motor south carrying trunk
- Crack and francium poisoned curate
- Hans deciphered an Asian language
- I am screwed by English girlfriend in Geneva
- Last of seven former trustees introduced the one who came after
- Neurotically clutching at the ear
- Superannuated but not beginning to give in
- Boiled rice after it started getting colder
- Produce new reagent that traps energy
- Penny leaves Alfred wild and untamed
- Fierce terriers surrounding a group of badgers
- Switch is closed around noon
- Dad and mom take in North American country
- Charlie, in sudden fright, is hard to find
- Transport company and jeweler to get registered trademark for start of telemarketing
- Inspector's score running around ten finally