

Harvard Puzzle "The Italian Connection"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to nine letters, and nine 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. Six across words and five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those eleven letters, taken in order in across and down words, spell a three-word phrase related to the mystery entries. Thanks to Kevin Wald '93 for test-solving and editing this puzzle.

Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Get tough in your talk
3. Brook is in thriller
4. Rival's drink after end of play
5. Remain inoperative at sea
6. Soccer player's hopeless at heart
7. Mighty river shelter
8. Stomach upset—strange but not new
9. Surprise! Crimson currently engaged in comeback
10. Mac's backtracking is a swindle
11. One vehicle for a Russian czar
12. Understands about starting runners in sequence
13. Laser initiated with an experimental current
14. Piece of aluminum or selenium
15. Earl not in time to give a lift
16. Cloth covers top of dusty basswood
17. Pace of slowest rider
18. Weed's weight
19. Very old Turner expressed a preference
20. There's a rat in this French box
21. No mercy wasted about eastern rite
22. Twist of blade for marking
23. Annulment results when a leader of exactitude is absent

Down

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Attribute of unstable free radical
3. Punk in satin derby
4. Author captivated by medic's interior design
5. Lay to rest in plain territory
6. Cut north for river
7. Insatiable greed consumes Stowe character
8. Sane Scandinavian has left for north
9. Permits fools to go after start of play
10. Fabric for an English actress
11. Increase energy with breakdown of lactase
12. Decoration of food covering Durga's head
13. Turkic person from Egypt at a reception
14. Easily managed 101 in handout
15. Quote me about something that makes people throw up
16. Number equal to two-thirds of six
17. Forced to stand up in police department
18. Odd parts of tardy essay
19. Contest total comes to zero
20. A welt treated with heat finally becomes a fleshy lobe
21. Love excitement a lot
22. Name another school on Massachusetts Avenue, the number of fingers you have, and a garment you wear on the hand