

Acrostic Puzzle by John de Cuevas

Instructions: Write the words defined by the cryptic clues over the numbered dashes, then transfer the letters to the correspondingly numbered squares in the grid. When correctly filled in the grid will contain a quotation from a work whose title is given by the first letters of the answer words. I am grateful to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.

A. US, Can, etc., with no foundation, take 2000 lbs. of microscopic sea life

1 41 58 135 177 186 141 116 100 25 108 82

B. Dodgson sort of thought menu ended with French seafood

168 24 124 105 155 31

C. Endless game John played is a Chinese game

182 28 123 104 2 118 59

D. King, before lunch, has to fight Hector

66 51 161 111 167 27 170 3

E. English minister's first to take charge and get raise in relief

4 204 67 43 106 122

F. Sorry, unable to attend royal bird show's opening

44 6 64 125 81 93 159

G. Back up in game

187 176 30 87 178 207 35

H. Scrap some fabric

92 115 179 36 32 107 8

I. Earth free in orbit for a long time to come

26 68 7 91 193 199 79 117 174

J. Skill without chic is, finally, lamentable

52 102 195 126 10 80 121 63 75

K. Lumber treated with lac, mostly for protection

181 188 205 69 94 16 29 55

L. Turning back the fluid of life is retribution

127 17 46 154 62 164 194

M. For indirect expression in letter, sign off with "love"

70 133 171 144 206 160 45 11

- N. Harshly condemn and excoriate a pet virtue
- O. Cockney reportedly despises certain boats on the Thames
- P. Check about sweetheart turning crimson in response
- Q. Sweet canaries flying around court house
- R. One fellow finishing off with excellent cut towards the center
- S. Chaps showing egg-bearing fish
- T. Fuss about English hide
- U. A strange story about having no money to begin studying the stars
- V. I, wearing tarnished crown, have started for East Anglian city
- W. Finished drawing base line around male beetle
- X. Importunate old city fellow
- Y. All of a sudden running, Bart catches up
- Z. Ailing host lying about like one risen from the grave
- AA. Representative has to lose five for Jack to have fun

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