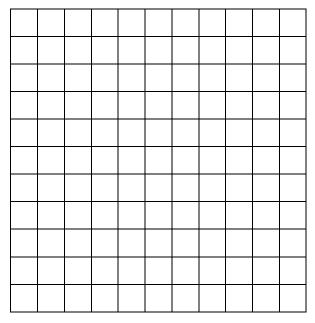
Puzzle # 103 – December 2009 "The World's Biggest Atoll"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from four to ten 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. Five across words and five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those ten letters spell a word related to the title of the puzzle. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.

Across

- 1. A dime could get cut to a twelfth
- 2. Mandarin has a point about rage
- 3. Minor fracas about English wool
- 4. Number of children in Eden
- 5. Author returned boy's badge
- 6. Keen to get new class of chemical compound
- 7. Massachusetts in 1620, eg: end of story
- 8. Modification turned louder around 5
- 9. Never goes back after Republican leaves
- 10. Revised dates for glacial time period
- 11. Evidence Peter started to drift
- 12. Beginning to read badly scored documents
- 13. Examination inside was cancelled
- 14. Small, pale bird
- 15. Starting another list of edible African succulent plants
- 16. Idle, broken-down toiler
- 17. Muffler license renewed before start of race
- 18. Kind of music Harry plays in company
- 19. Unlikely result for an overcoat
- 20. Finally seeing girl in mirror
- 21. Priest, fulminating about love, gets sharp retort



Down

- 1. Sick lady swallows one every 24 hours
- 2. One welder encloses a vertical support
- 3. Messenger getting \$1000 for rabbi and warrant officer
- 4. Frightening wound you opened
- 5. Google essentially redesigned trademark
- 6. Dakota Indian put nothing in damaged tent
- 7. Small living quarters and initially empty digs require this
- 8. Savonarola's rising star
- 9. Reviles birds
- 10. A passerine among passerines
- 11. Mean swindle gets 1000 for 500
- 12. A songbird is so nice in flight
- 13. Water's on for a period of time
- 14. Ruin debris and eastern waste
- 15. A thicket of fuzz and earth
- 16. Carbon & calx produce weather conditions
- 17. My uncle in Paris drops new eye piece
- 18. Sent back mugs and junk mail
- 19. Lift to reveal disorder
- 20. Fuss about the French blade
- 21. Italian port from very English city in France
- 22. Southern instructor's stretcher
- 23. Look small when gaining weight