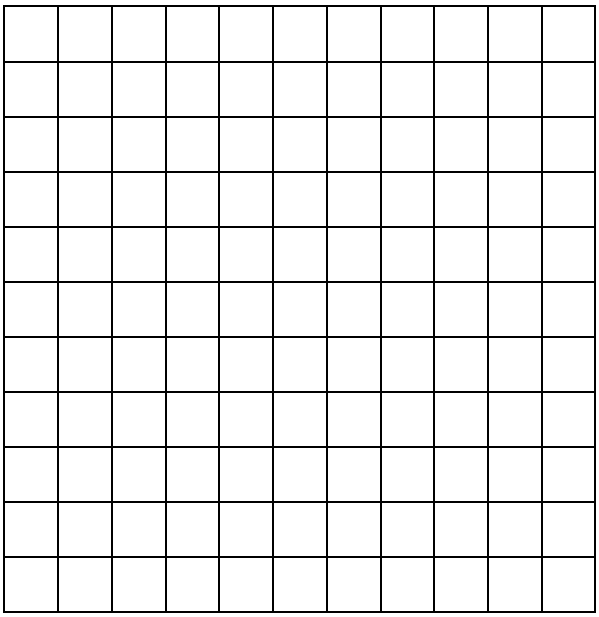
Puzzle #109 — June 2010 "Windings"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to nine 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. Four down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is placed outside it. Those four letters spell a word related to two other words hidden in the grid, the three together constituting a well-known English expression. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Power locomotive around South Carolina
2. Harmony sung, in part
3. Pollen-bearing organ of fragrant herbs
4. Back behind nag that won't start
5. Just start breakfast and clean up early
6. Store clutter includes top of brass lamp
7. Filthy pelican swallows gull
8. Drive around a country in Europe
9. Spirited Clay victory the end of George
10. Sun has energy for start of timeless burn
11. Bad guy is proud about evil
12. Dresser gets to keep fabric
13. Appropriate encounter
14. Essentially nasty, rotten, deceitful loudmouth
15. State created in 1821 through union
16. Seaman with beige plaid
17. Sound of newt's head in swampy ground
18. Cassandra's got polish
19. Roman warrior with Arabic name
20. Get a colleague to go back around site
21. Fashionable southern trade center
22. The last of home games
23. Personnel work fast before start of feast

Down

1. Mom's hot for builder
2. Persistently request more input after reshuffle
3. Whalebone and fish taken up in proscription
4. Squad leader in group is beaten
5. A sound of endless beauty
6. Mother Goose incubates accordingly
7. Dark brown bird goes around church
8. A suit worn after end of launch in space
9. *Apium* plant? Make haste without it
10. Permit covering start of trip in prospect
11. Fever time is about up
12. Sorry about trapped insect
13. Pongid featured in paper
14. Inferior quality of vegetables served
15. Refuse to admit having taken over its fortune
16. Visualized 7 - 5
17. Ate and drank without love
18. Catches up with an old Greek citizen
19. Cobalt in post is a symbol of good luck
20. Groan in pain with gas
21. Fight about iron and candy
22. Drive right around waterway
23. Brother turned around after bishop started to throw up