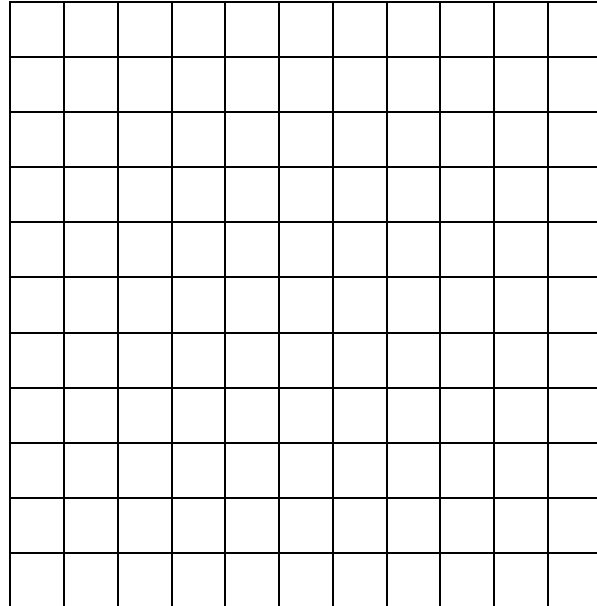


Puzzle #120 — May 2011 "Side Effects"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eleven letters; four are capitalized, one is foreign, and four consist of more than one word), 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.

Warning: One answer is to be entered in the grid in a non-standard way, and nine others won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is excluded from the grid in a systematic way, which solvers are left to determine. The nine excluded letters spell a familiar two-word phrase. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Chance to get shilling for down payment
2. Code sequence period is around ten
3. Resist spoiling a woman
4. Start cooking pigeon pierced by end of pin
5. Drain silver pitcher
6. Phallus tumescent with sexual desire
7. The point at which yours truly editorially embraces her
8. Nothing, in essence, is made right in photo
9. Able to travel, taking first of trips for one mark
10. Frantic about angry speech
11. Bars and crosses that Oscar left
12. *Mystery entry*
13. One odd coin containing charged particles
14. In Germany, I will be in Richtenberg
15. Clay mixture or assemblage containing phosphorus instead of hydrogen
16. Color's reversed in embroidery
17. Republican joined in agreement and achieved a turnaround
18. Made fun of old show with cowboys
19. A plant of the citrus family in a street in Paris
20. Jell covers core of fruit in fat
21. Nine Romans shielding emperor
22. Pedro Páramo's fall
23. Traveling person has time for a place in Ontario
24. Live with American University sweetheart

Down

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Something of value, like class
3. Bond traded with hesitation
4. Put to rest in mountain territory
5. Passenger craft plowed Nile River
6. Fasten securely, keeping tightly stretched
7. Tiny bit of Dominican tobacco
8. Has no ribbon to wrap chains up
9. Angry and cursed without wife
10. Go in front and quietly come back
11. Island's convulsive riot involving 1,000
12. Fanatical bishop takes part in attack
13. Slowly eat excellent eggs laced with a bit of dill
14. Chaplin yearned to embrace Roman naturalist
15. Sing of monarch making nothing of work
16. They leave tenure uncertain, making Rod cross
17. Small, tough fragment
18. Benefit of particle without spin
19. Southern journey's takeoff place
20. Appeal of rule-breaking
21. Military body is ill-adapted, lacking force
22. Unit added to new model is a standardized component
23. Goat said to eat horse feed
24. *Mystery entry*