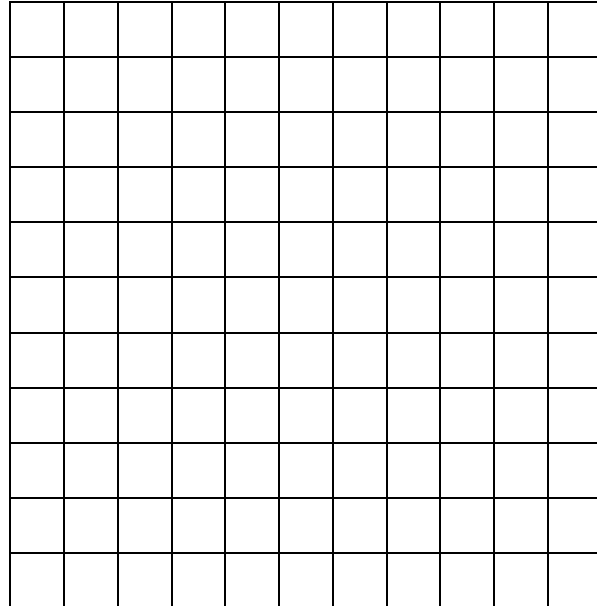


Puzzle #132 — May 2012 "Fairy Tale"

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



Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Clear borehole with shaft
3. Raucous Tommy gets put out
4. Kind of food featured in earlier article
5. First rider going west around Earth
6. Character of, say, steel
7. Liquid lye mostly, with a quantity of speed
8. Father chopped carrot with energy
9. Stadium tree
10. Letting loose without . . . um, a drink
11. Sippy and bashful around nurse
12. Require a reason to hold back
13. Mixed in pure caffeine, for instance
14. Naked Saracens, wild and mysterious
15. Penalty of ten in scene getting flogged
16. Fastidious woman's husband becomes loud
17. Stay afterwards to embrace actress Parker
18. Word of assent from *Henry Esmond*
19. Winged a flying teal
20. Appearance of lens became deformed with end removed
21. Georgia is after wicked Mark
22. *Mystery entry*

Down

1. Plan talk at noon
2. Plexus of mature telomeres
3. Paintings and spirits turned up at Gore's
4. Machinations involving earthenware
5. Air is awfully moldy around end of cave
6. Hey! No fooling, Sweetie
7. Woebegone; about to ask for charity
8. Lawlessness beset the heartland of America
9. Feel a nerve on the inside, up near the kidney
10. Regard with horror wild boar eating head of hare
11. Master in Panama letting mom go for cure-all
12. Troy badly hurt in reality
13. Unlikely reason to impound instrument
14. Sign Switzerland is beginning to mend split
15. Social group banishes lady spell-caster
16. Rapid measures to encompass length
17. Evergreen plant beginning to reproduce and divide
18. Dandy bay water from Le Havre
19. Broke par, but all of a sudden
20. Marauding ants capturing a devil
21. "Sober" is alleged about Tesla
22. What to wear at unorthodox rite
23. Wise guess about move from one topic to another
24. Sailing ship in rising waters
25. Arrangement of shirt in messy disarray