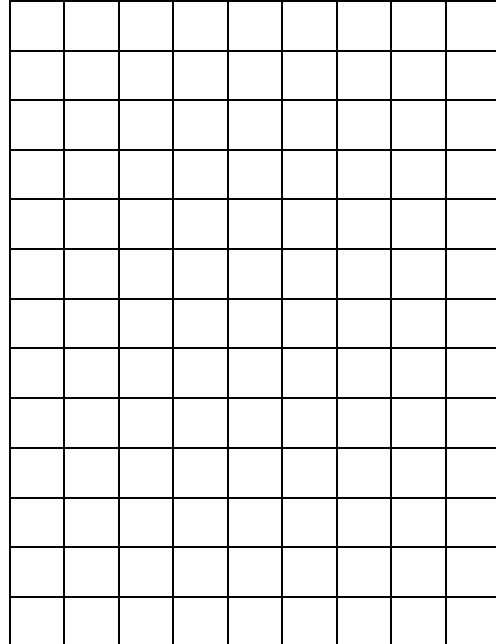


Puzzle #159 – August 2014 "Cataract"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from four to thirteen letters, two are capitalized, and one is an abbreviation) 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. Six across words and five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those eleven letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a hyphenated phrase in a foreign language related to the mystery entry. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. VIP more motivated to get better
2. Bird seen in Zagreb environment
3. Initially gray mire turning to blackish soot
4. Start to beat, stir, and expose to heat
5. Cruel, ugly, open sore
6. Pass leads deceptively around top of divide
7. Southern suite or line
8. Beginning of the German river
9. Hotel's ancient storage space
10. Announced bigger kitchen implement
11. Currency of industrialization
12. Branch infused with oxygen has a fragrance
13. One Iranian embraces Persian leader in bar
14. Anna, loosely holding shirt and tie, started swimming
15. Body of minor prophet brought back
16. Best of trade features
17. Charlie's time in stir
18. Mend ends of old boa for Joan
19. Robe gets soaked in a wall of water
20. Related to Lady Penny
21. More sound comes from flared nares
22. A lout hurting women is criminal
23. Men are unlikely to change identity
24. Sly Yankees scored, erasing one error

Down

1. I made an offer for the same place, in brief
2. Challenge attorney with note
3. Guys trapping wild rat and small carnivore
4. Skin covering the French projectile
5. Animal's old range collapsed
6. Bar guests having quarrel
7. Bad dream's end . . . done . . . over
8. Swelling, Henry becomes tense in temperament
9. Luxuriant color lacking force
10. Read nonsense about town getting assessed
11. For example, do not start to eat
12. *Mystery entry*
13. Meyer crumbling corundum
14. Male in ship is a portrait painter
15. Dire peril
16. Unreliable data about population change
17. Respond to bad news in Argentina
18. Noise made by phantom heart in pouch
19. Smallest meadow and street
20. Break-out-and-run dog, perhaps
21. Bird ingesting innards of crab and fish
22. Pitcher Young eats a rabbit