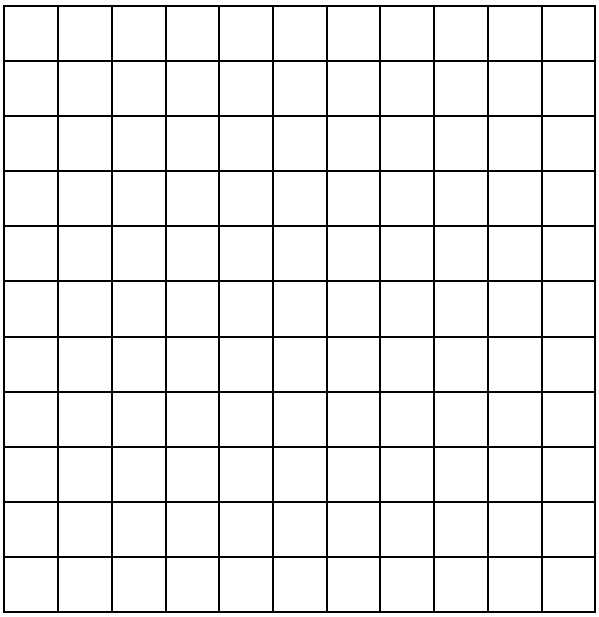
Puzzle #161 — October 2014 "House of Windsor"

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



Across

1. More disturbed about the unfinished dam
2. Glass plate left inside
3. Stir up a sick, weak nephew
4. Complain about tree
5. Diminish time used for part of composition
6. Fragrance wafting up free around noon
7. Person in Greece is a hopeless case
8. Wife telling about party
9. Bird dog's head is taken off
10. Supple mountaineer misses top
11. Sign in front of high booth
12. *Mystery entry*
13. Expression of female pilot
14. Ruler's open revolution
15. Speak with love for song
16. Town I terrorized with gunpowder ingredient
17. Firm's beginning to try for new agreement
18. Hooker holding old card
19. Lean and keen to follow Mike
20. One real snafu for Franklin's wife
21. Quick twirl of ropes around end of mast
22. Maeve's talking about a piece of clothing
23. Art baffled the German dealer

Down

1. Raunchy Olympia has made one eager at first to get a festive erection
2. Soldier often turned around at the front
3. Mark is infatuated with Oscar, for one
4. Spirit of Ireland
5. End of beat, no-good race horse
6. Provoke Earl within the bounds of law
7. Partly revenged or fully revenged
8. Hearing inappropriately investigates award
9. Story of true brew
10. Part of sail broke free
11. Naked in cabaret
12. Rubber tree outbreak
13. Peter's upset after losing shirt in binge
14. A bent or broken title
15. Raise drunk grabbing end of gaff
16. Priest holding active electrical device
17. First half of quintessential corruption investigation
18. Friend's set of rules about weapon turnover
19. Revise the name for a simple alkane
20. Get current union head to embrace Democrat
21. Foreigner has a claim
22. Love, in essence, becomes a concern
23. Wife replaces guard in group dance
24. Whole greeting without final note is lame