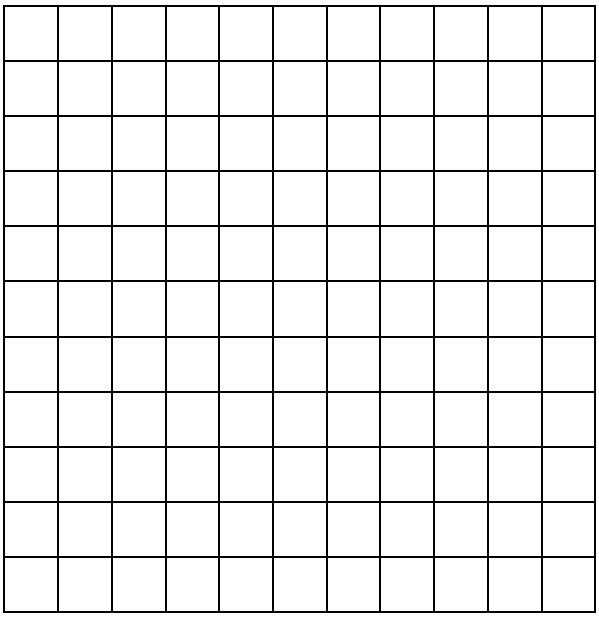
Puzzle #167 — April 2015 "Cetacea"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to ten letters, two are capitalized, and another is internally 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. Six across words and seven down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those thirteen letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a three-word phrase distantly related to the mystery entries. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Small, small monster turned angry
3. Arouse respect to some extent for employer
4. Malicious and talkative when husband's not around
5. Beginning to translate Gaelic, in brief
6. People at first had cold meat loaf
7. Throws around nine at first and stands out
8. Lean, active, owning nothing, and single
9. Left in preserve to work hard
10. Go up cedar's top branch
11. Look, shop has one for nothing
12. Contemporary alcove restored
13. Henry's truck started to stall
14. Prevent having a tie
15. Resolve to administer pills without carbon
16. Madness about a bit of lined paper
17. Bishop's *letter* letter
18. Likely to embrace a radical of another kind
19. Potter's first and last kiln is shown
20. Rescue five in turbulent sea
21. A bit of time to take in a letter as a memorable marker
22. Wilted petal in dish
23. *Mystery entry*

Down

1. Reason Tom returned four empty
2. In reality, working with liberal leader made Victor kind
3. Charlie in Tennessee, suffering, losing energy at the end, and growing old
4. Bryophytes brought back in blossoms
5. Rod once chastised for informally gathering information
6. Reversed old opinion about music producer
7. Dotty lets us fight
8. Hit back and inflict damage
9. Sound senior is endlessly busy
10. Oliver has to exist
11. Body's initial weight prompted exuberance
12. Peter and Oscar concocted an ointment
13. Experienced otherworldly event involving sun god
14. Bachelor's flexible and carefree
15. Mark is failing at Eton
16. One following fake faith healer
17. Silent diplomacy involving India
18. Property's ultimately unsuitable condition
19. Appearance of warped space and time
20. Record of southern dead
21. Poor Teddy has part in bad play
22. Dwelling for women in lawless part of upper Manhattan
23. Avila's uncertain advantage