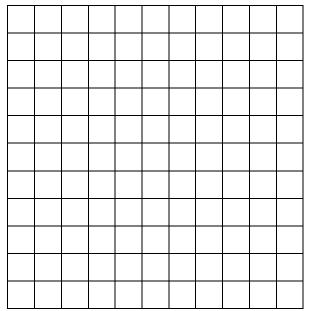
Puzzle #168 — May 2015 "The Pour"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eleven letters, two are foreign, and two consist of two words) 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 appropriate to the mystery entries. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

- 1. Mystery entry
- 2. Mad Pete's broken into a frenzied rush
- 3. Dad's included in a list arrayed in three dimensions
- 4. Towering alien engulfs men in melee
- 5. Extra small cut
- 6. Boy going back east to advance slowly
- 7. Start to waffle over collection
- 8. Earl, in unhealthy reaction, is beginning to crave dope
- 9. Vinny's got a place to stay for the night
- 10. Author's dreadful poems obtrude
- 11. New love falters in fictional work
- 12. Pierce one with ample motion
- 13. Ask Dotty about new English plumbing tool
- 14. Inactive, decaying talent
- 15. Mad Pete's got a piece of money
- 16. Rebel car scored as intellectual
- 17. Aeons wasted in Concord
- 18. Shopping complex initially marketed everything
- 19. Few errors would overcome pitcher
- 20. Agile monkey grabbing fruit
- 21. Mystery entry

Down

- 1. One who is sparing keeps fifty in a tray
- 2. Gore flying plane
- 3. Gals confuse me now
- 4. Novice commanding officer to begin leadership training
- 5. Britain's first floppy airship
- 6. Big deer lows before beginning to eruct
- 7. Clean and trim before stripping tent
- 8. Expert's meter is running
- 9. A Swede worked with energy to get algae
- 10. No German managed nine
- 11. Snow Queen goes back to embrace one in passageway
- 12. Fish turned back before start of thunder and freezing rain
- 13. Fuel damaged rocket's interior
- 14. A skilled performer of exceptional traits
- 15. Break end of bat and fasten securely
- 16. Pele's troubled slumber
- 17. Completely honest in action after husband leaves
- 18. Planet's path
- 19. Cover Bush talk
- 20. Tie up and clean off end of spindle
- 21. Mom's time is nuts
- 22. Living bird couple
- 23. Bad armor breached by end of last cannon shell
- 24. Damn spare is defective in character