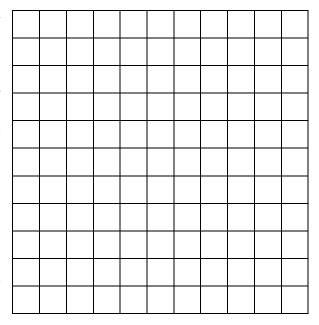
Puzzle #170 — July 2015 "Taste Test"

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



Across

- 1. Holy one eats very little candy
- 2. Human head of party in doorway is male
- 3. Island that I unhappily inhabited at first
- 4. Long part of rough operation
- 5. Rear end is turned in retaliation
- 6. Recluse left city going west
- 7. Supple sow has one
- 8. Incorrectly recite a sequence of three
- 9. Ann's expression of worry and peeve
- 10. Lots of hemorrhoids
- 11. Song has a name
- 12. Loose small talk
- 13. Taste of uracil revolted prayer leader
- 14. Right where Latin king could be a cubist
- 15. Prophet eats last of bread in feast
- 16. Dotty is inane and stupid
- 17. Heart of British bird dog
- 18. Reality of function and performance
- 19. Essay about bachelor of a group
- 20. Round, tall tale about Victor's fruit tree
- 21. Matter essentially altered in mammilla
- 22. Hill's rear end
- 23. After backing up, restore device to control sparking
- 24. Result of redesigned drop cut
- 25. Acid scrub lacking carbon

Down

- 1. Saline component of basal tyramines
- 2. Louise started to bury cottonseed fiber
- 3. Drollery about large flag
- 4. Cheapskate Jack's last in jetty
- 5. A quiet, small, empty building projection
- 6. Work fee includes one for labor leader
- 7. Lesser Peru bird
- 8. Polish and French queen surrounding friar
- 9. Freud or Adler would have embraced an email service
- 10. Disturbs and robs the insane
- 11. Get 1000 in exchange for 500 ground oats, perhaps
- 12. In hearsay, there's no rot initially but the beginning of terrible swelling
- 13. Plan about moon vehicle
- 14. Reddish-brown and fuzzy!
- 15. Faced about everything with a hammer
- 16. Pass on or scratch early
- 17. Maverick fog envelops Finland
- 18. Saint wearing glossy fabric
- 19. Solo vocal in variation
- 20. Slavic nymph holding love instrument
- 21. Proclaim new name held by expert
- 22. Insurgent fouled out, in sum
- 23. Distasteful, nasty tribute excludes uncle