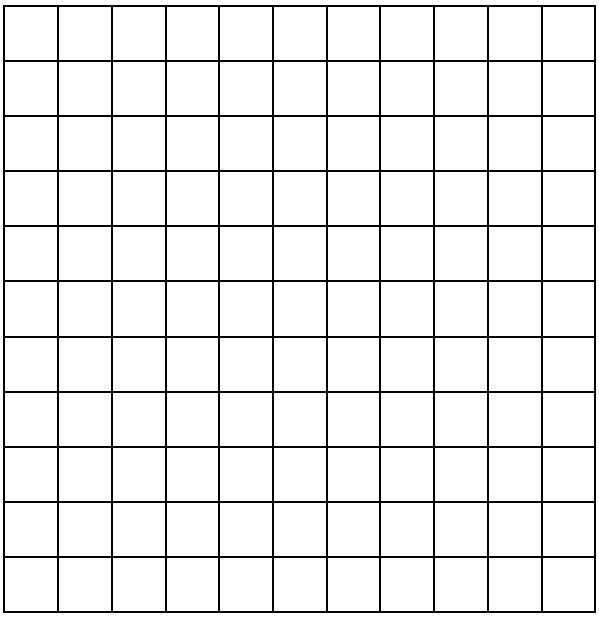
# Puzzle #172 — September 2015 "Hubble"

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



**Across**

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Attempt to restrict feed contract
3. Treachery's extent
4. Rest snugly in new framed steel
5. Ill-fated, violent splash drowns echo
6. Utopian gives up 500 for juicer
7. Ultimate shape
8. I will take Earl's place in course as winner
9. Most rye is ground after middle of harvest
10. Dancer fish carried by Paris rail line
11. Got a torn robe
12. Peg's talk about an edible root
13. Craftier twist of wire holding core of clip
14. Part of anecdote is not even in Latin
15. First empire collapsed after losing leader
16. Sheer fabric starts to shrink while in soapy suds
17. Tied after turning back the French soccer team, maybe
18. Mass inside circuit will generate light
19. Ms. Sarkisian embraces German theologian in square
20. Ripken and Player in Canadian city
21. Enthusiastic diva headed west
22. Sore feet treated with sulfur and essence of horseradish
23. *Mystery entry*

**Down**

1. Split tapes are trashed
2. Strike with sound
3. Lack of movement is a characteristic of municipal systems
4. Neat page border
5. Pleasing quality of good competition
6. Eliot about managed to get across
7. Repair track around center
8. Strict sire always has energy
9. Endless scenery obscured in film
10. Celine's strangely quiet
11. Marshal terrifyingly carrying a rope for hanging
12. Charlie's talk, a short selection
13. Returning party gets lift
14. Has a tendency to eat stuff
15. Baking recipes must be exact
16. Men in riot disturbed island
17. Women vied crazily to get married
18. Child's troubled realm turned more peaceful
19. Send payment in return for measuring device
20. Start of full reading in old court lobby
21. Evil, once aroused, becomes physical force
22. Bottom part is damaged
23. Support one list of candidates to make laws