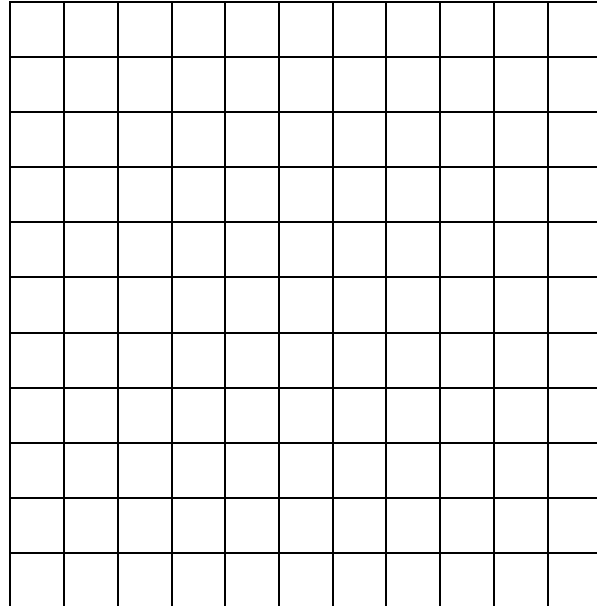


## Puzzle #178 – March 2016 "Entanglement"

**Instructions:** Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eight letters, eight are capitalized, and one is foreign) 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. Twelve across words and eleven down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those twenty-three letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a five-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. Firm retailed about one
3. Ironed drapes and cover
4. Open or active gene cluster
5. Ways to attempt catching a weasel
6. Learner is stunted in development
7. Bone break is up around end of rib
8. A trap set back at a remove
9. Moving out of limbo bursting with energy
10. Rod, in an official position, is starting to decline
11. A bad year, but lively
12. Trashed a cell containing fish
13. Lava is flowing and fluid
14. Before noon, finish and revise
15. Running time up for credit
16. Clever Charlie and Mark, in silence, do a switcheroo
17. Compiler Peter Mark cultivated *ergot*
18. Defenseless, Henry leaves in one piece
19. Break out part of mixer up there
20. A bit of thyme and anise mixed in a drink
21. Devotee of one in tailored caftan
22. White paste goes ill around top of skull
23. Wicked behavior, not good for sailor
24. *Mystery entry*

### Down

1. Translate a Carib language
2. Traveling aboard the French *Enchanting*
3. Bird with long English moniker
4. Guiana's exotic reptile
5. Deep sea inhabitant
6. Name retained in one's memory
7. Papa put on more and filled out
8. Trust a tailor to cover breast
9. Club membership's final total
10. Friend keeps up concerning growth stage
11. Single entity not qualified without female
12. Seen, heard, and quoted
13. 1977 hurricane was in part sanitary
14. Some at first disregard Roman title
15. Heathen reverts, clutching a cross
16. A gallery in Thessalonica
17. Faulty armature, the last quarter missing, results in injury
18. Limit sign and color
19. Remember to enclose a Semitic letter
20. Manage to have selenium stiffened
21. A metrical foot involving no speed
22. Stop believer's embracing society
23. Youngster with a new kind of sandwich
24. Polish/French queen eating a bit of food