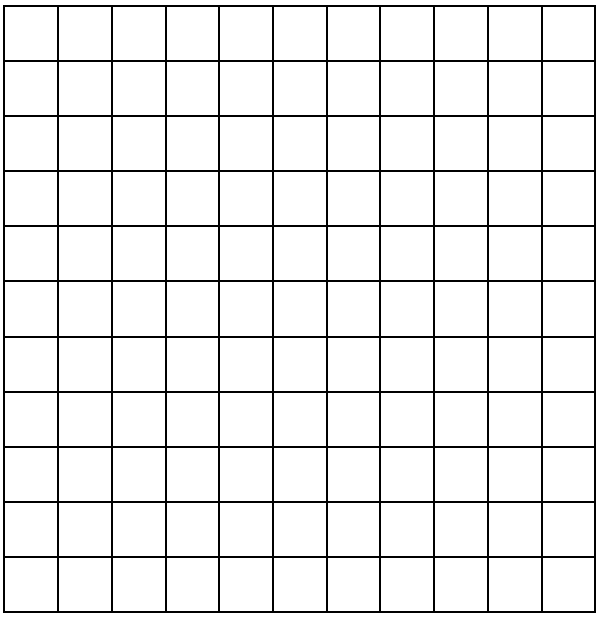
Puzzle #190 — March, 2017 "Doctor Statistician"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eleven letters, five 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. 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 two-word phrase related to the mystery entry. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Sign items have to excite
2. Observe law and make blind
3. Bind me in copper
4. Grand brew brought back
5. Former animal loses tail to get bigger
6. Work is execrable to a peer
7. Sculpture's height adjusted by removal of rod
8. In 60 minutes, Henry's time for a shift
9. ♂ in formal expression
10. Direct renewed trust
11. Slow down to include sign for copal, e.g.
12. *Mystery entry*
13. Nobelist author is longer (?) around town
14. True point of view in dispute
15. Clear wrong city in theft
16. Large arsenal has cogwheels
17. A rustic man, Yankee singer Simon
18. A short drive around a country in Europe
19. View that's perceived with the ears
20. City has ten in trouble
21. Speak softly with police in jail
22. Weapon of negation
23. Go back, I hear, and sow again

Down

1. Discredit naughty child – every one
2. Peter Rosen's swinging party
3. What's inside fermenting isn't real
4. Cousin leaves us mint
5. Governess expected Nan to dance
6. Exotic reptile will have moved slowly
7. To marry is to get dragged
8. Bizarre street extent
9. Misbehaving terrier loses right to withdraw
10. Run into stop and fold
11. Registered old hill for Turner
12. Delight of Earl recently deceased
13. Georgia city's wild ox
14. Small, stylish, and hard
15. Deal with menace sans heroin
16. Eli turned back after Republican race
17. Deal involving harbor boat
18. Deleting period talk
19. Crepes cooked without real Italian fish
20. Shy southern fish
21. Frame of comfort and latitude
22. Provide next novelty in education
23. Look of guard with weapon