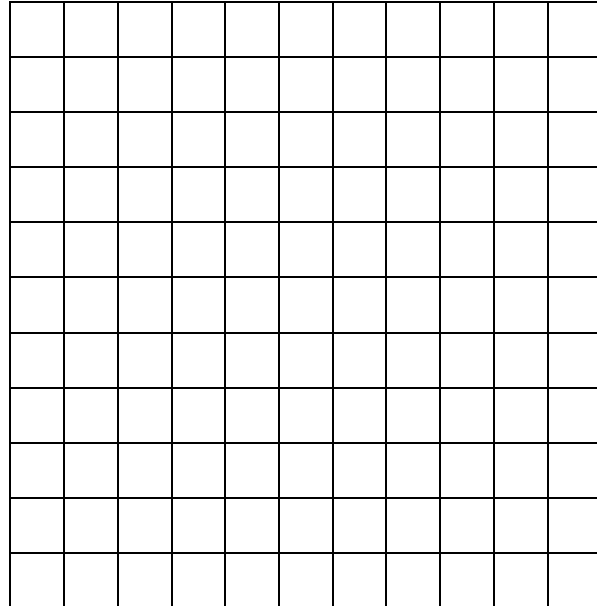


## Puzzle # 194 — July, 2017 "Sleuth"

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



### Across

1. Reign of crackpot alien
2. Voice of a Briton moving with energy
3. Bare sink containing plant exudate
4. Yesterday pronounced bucolic
5. Pot containing rare edible plant
6. Seaweed basin
7. Bastion of comforts
8. Name of city domicile
9. Cut encircling part and join
10. Partisan built around island
11. *Mystery entry*
12. Makes very sympathetic final auditors
13. Agreement to include chapter design
14. Millicent wearing diamonds
15. Animal guide
16. Clear, non-rigid inner self
17. After running, stop
18. Function of roster in speech
19. Language of men in rear
20. Samuel confined and exhausted
21. Now or never having tired
22. Drink as do bats
23. Worried Sue cares for a halt

### Down

1. Power of full core when reassembled
2. Exceptional place is . . . exceptional
3. Dials on a radio involving echolocation
4. Nothing reflected Ed getting wrinkled
5. Extra large mushroom
6. Discovery is part of belief in dreams
7. Bug backing up gets into water again
8. Bird took coca to get dizzy
9. Brewing regal beer
10. Stifle radicals having wild spree
11. Expiration of soprano trashing tunes
12. Nasty beast eating small dog
13. Bone turning up again
14. Carbon in the German coal
15. Horse turned around for run through
16. Single lifeless rock
17. Ship has nothing for one solitary guy
18. Boxer with a second assumed identity
19. Welcome weather
20. Said burden is to remain
21. Returned Gabor's greeting
22. Name of the Spanish/French sea
23. Most ovens will contain a kiln
24. Trickle of rubber in sink
25. Cask having earth and air