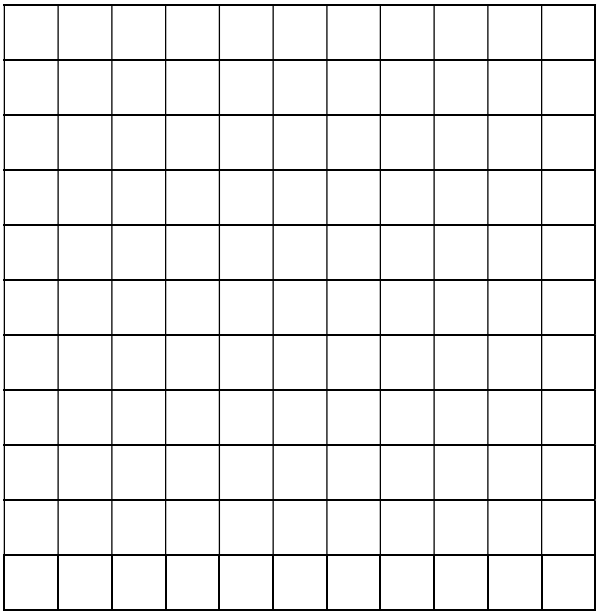
Puzzle #29 – October 2003 "On the Up and Up"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to nine letters), 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 margin continue on the next line below; down words that don't end at the bottom margin continue in the next column to the right. Two across words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those two letters, taken in order, spell a word related to the four unclued mystery entries. Answers include four proper names. As ever, I am grateful to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. Ice is filmier after end of spring
2. Half ran back for class
3. Bury poor Ben, holding back witty remark
4. Excellent, non-fattening cream
5. Basis of vessel's time and speed
6. God spoils
7. First of priests to tell bishop, for example
8. Marsupial dropping a nut
9. Crave unity and get lost
10. Scenery in wide corridor
11. A good looking young man said, "No, stranger."
12. More to the left either coming or going
13. Toto eschews covering what's on his foot
14. Revolving mathematician holding onto number
15. Gossip about funny gold
16. Carla's odd number
17. Angry having first half of term to repeat
18. For every opera with no overture or finale
19. Started on deep rehabilitation
20. Rash, if inconsistent, Muslim magistrate
21. Initially precipitate, turned oddly circumspect

Down

1. *Mystery entry*
2. About a roof of sorts and a castle lacking one
3. Cheer about a princess and a black swan
4. Less common in summer are redstarts
5. Theater in square named
6. End of winter chills grains
7. *Mystery entry*
8. In bed with onset of rash that's hereditary
9. Shoulder covering has right projection
10. Kind of lily goes bad
11. Peripheral part of proto-uterus
12. Hill climbing is nonsense
13. Left single and solitary
14. Hands up a bill of fare
15. *Mystery entry*
16. Turned cupid angry
17. Hair mattress coming up in arguments
18. Censorious speech without one exchange
19. Gave out award about time
20. Decomposes sulfur in unvarying ways
21. River running up inside baseline
22. *Mystery entry*

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