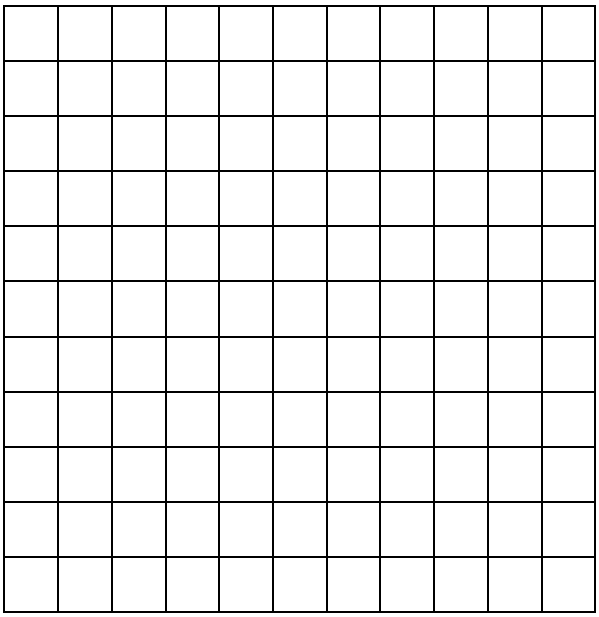
Puzzle #7 — December 2001 "A Visit from Saint Nick"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to eight 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 continue on the next line, 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 removed. Those twenty-three letters, taken in order, spell four names related to the title of this puzzle. The four unclued *mystery words* are similarly related. Mystery words excepted, answers include three proper names.



Across

1. *Mystery word*
2. Obstruct herd in rampage
3. Get in boat unmoored
4. Having held by crown in glory
5. Bark with nothing in stem
6. One in charge of article in trough
7. Approve sign on back
8. Said to conceal a London Park
9. Put pressure on small lock
10. Foretellers of sound gains
11. Start big grass strain
12. Copied from tape deck
13. Count, replacing king in speeches, applies powder
14. Masquerading as ten buttocks
15. Protozoan having eyelashes
16. Turn to ward off infected one
17. Examiner of bed canopy
18. Private office for taking pictures
19. Time between stone and iron alloy
20. Cosmetic that costs more in Mexico
21. Handle victory in look
22. Appearance of cap set rakishly
23. *Mystery word*

Down

1. *Mystery word*
2. Rush headlong into life's work
3. Express disapproval in matter at end of train
4. Bad weather attack
5. Mother has small ace
6. Indian philosopher
7. Levelers put him in ship
8. Bicycle ring about dead
9. Tree place in Colorado
10. High/low grade charge with gas
11. Mark city in GA about right
12. Schopenhauer's expectation
13. Jaunty harbor in Australia
14. How to seesaw upside down
15. The ones here in lithe sets
16. City leader talking wildly of desire
17. Delaware tube to take off
18. Twice around endless line for little pancakes
19. Smaller around radius, but fairer
20. Gee! Sex is picked apart in analysis
21. Laos beleaguered as well
22. Five ardent dances in green
23. *Mystery word*

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