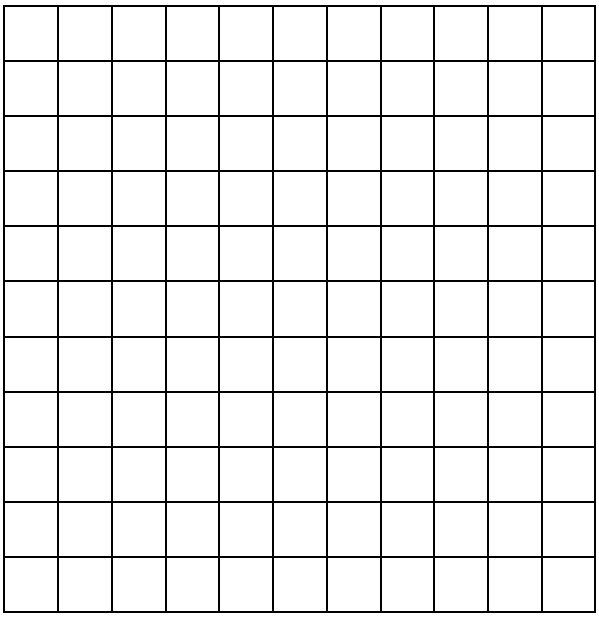
Puzzle #81 - February 2008 "Unpronounceable"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to eleven letters, three of them are capitalized, and one is a variant spelling), 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. Three across words and three down words won't fit in the grid unless a sequence of letters they contain is removed. The sequence is different in each case, but all are similar in a certain respect. I thank Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. Broken limb covered by the metal cap
2. Rip and cut horrid wife's last image
3. Some advertising about an intoxicating drink
4. Lower ring inside plug
5. In pieces at about standard value
6. Copper takes most of mint as flavoring agent
7. Stone monuments that sound metallic
8. Gold and aluminum for the mouth
9. Media personality has things baby needs
10. Extreme pressure of the atmosphere
11. Started day in brave confusion modifying part of speech
12. Having nothing teed Titus off
13. Change time of holiday to one causing less inconvenience
14. Prong pierces sentinel
15. Wipe-out allowed in unfinished deed
16. Get free English school garment
17. Voiding note, give in to get a new lease
18. Cuts off some part of Italy
19. In uproar, Jack replaces loud deliberator
20. Striper, e.g., eats herring's heart and cheek
21. Commend remark about cracked lip
22. Fish has yen for test

Down

1. The radical disease of heat
2. Language of Perseus
3. Stir clumsily, not starting to sleep
4. Judge a Republican dog, perhaps
5. Remove one of exercise system's discs
6. Redeemer carries metal loop
7. Spoke with energy and allured
8. Before present company is to be united
9. Starting to tear and stumble
10. Our group comes back to relax in utmost security
11. Propose to ride vehicle around University
12. Mama having the fits for arithmetic, perhaps
13. Note carbon lubricant in backward action
14. Aunt cooked a fish
15. Rule about true division
16. Duke devoured a fruit
17. Help a student with ancient history
18. Positive result that finally emerges from messy dispute
19. Rodent's lair
20. A hooker's back for layers
21. Bird to shift course before end of day
22. Native American eats bit of pie and pancake
23. Soccer player embraces a clergyman and author
24. Combat is really about nothing