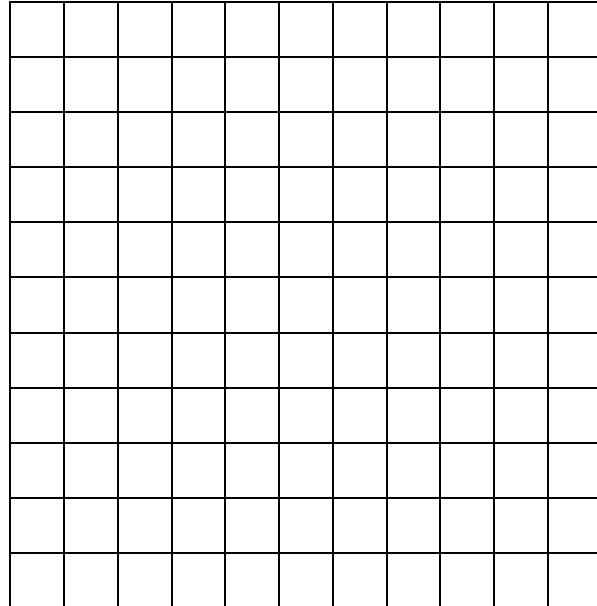


Puzzle #134 — July 2012 "Manual"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from four to nine letters, three are capitalized, one is foreign, and two are two-word phrases) 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. **Warning:** Two answers are to be entered in the grid in a non-standard way, which solvers are left to determine. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. County without a leader to engage
2. Ash, for instance, found in street
3. Mails a rotten sausage
4. Spoils of war god
5. Readjust misaligned inner part of dentures
6. Pleasant city
7. Determined gender of germ whose core's an unknown
8. *Mystery entry*
9. Start to claim what's left for crown
10. Obolensky's trunk
11. Spoor trail leads back around herd
12. Put out of building in which Henry's dead
13. Backing up, cross entryway
14. Mass and internal energy in operation generate an unstable lepton
15. Strange tide is swamping people with a madness
16. Wigs ruffled in draft
17. *Mystery entry*
18. Lederman's back for Christmas
19. Sent off to settle in a secure refuge
20. Shelter takes in new American householder
21. Greg gently turned around holding a moth
22. Heighten demand to have circumference made large
23. Fortune teller's wife taken out of gutter
24. Victor and the others start to hunt for tare

Down

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Insect taking in fruit for nourishment
3. Antonio nixes eating allium plant
4. Rapper riding train
5. Plan what it will cost to move out, finally
6. Half of marlin's head found inside whale
7. Shoe worn with socks
8. Feel bad? Run away
9. Laugh when Charlie becomes team's first lineman
10. Nothing's put in food box for a dealer
11. Mercedes, naked, dancing for shrink
12. Return rubber fabric brought up before start of service
13. Make up for a wrong note
14. To cut off everyone's head is drastic
15. Bachelor author will make soup
16. Misia gotten up to be very French
17. Criticize a coterie wantonly embracing Christ
18. Redraft a testimonial to include gallery
19. Ron eats mother in novel
20. Rule out Dodge carrying ninety
21. *Mystery entry*