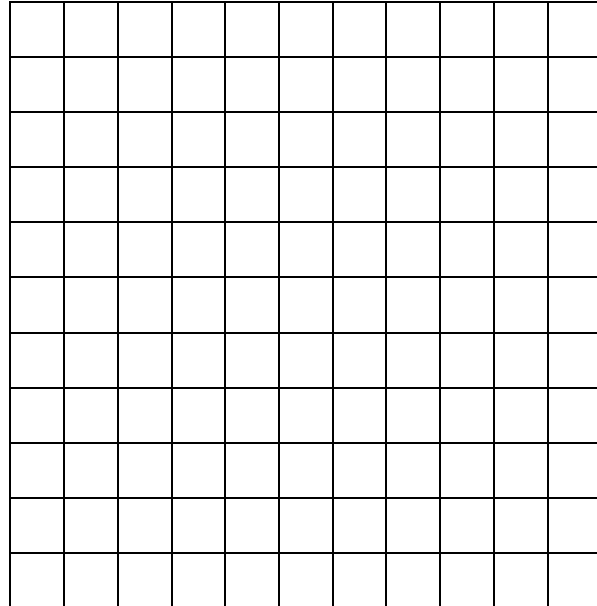


Puzzle #166 — March 2015 "Practitioners"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to nine letters, two are capitalized, and one is foreign) 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. Six across words and five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those eleven letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell two words that define the mystery entries. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Display a Norway fish
3. Third failed treaty separately involving India and Korea, essentially
4. Not many iron women
5. Mended shoe and stockings
6. Midinette has to have a meal
7. Whitish color needing a bit of red for lobby and drawing room
8. Antelope of eastern country
9. Nearly managed catching head of company in thievery
10. Flow of power smothering resistance
11. Father's flat note
12. Oddball beginning to change position
13. Peter's impulse to clean up
14. Animal love in act I aborted
15. Expensive part of trade arrangements
16. Made corrections involving stage setting
17. Wants nitrogen-free seed
18. Emil is translating a figure of speech
19. Fish a lot
20. Emissary's glee at deceiving
21. Soup I mixed with a bit of tartar sauce
22. Disciplinary is deficient in matter
23. *Mystery entry*

Down

1. Ken's awfully long week around beginning of December
2. Roman hat worn in a race
3. Tell of one in Crete gone astray
4. They may get gold as a speculation
5. English king in French school
6. Nanny's note at first sure confused
7. Siena's starting center making a goal
8. Confined the Spanish stationery maker
9. Get across St. Martin running
10. Help a Princess of Ethiopia
11. Fraternity has taken charge
12. Democratic symbol of Massachusetts
13. Former AK governor's heartless punishment
14. Badly need degree to be finished
15. Giant hornets having a spine
16. Deposit of ore around Kenya revealed
17. A posy when crushed becomes oily
18. Dad grabs mom's head in plain
19. Endless decline for city's bad neighborhood
20. China farmhand keeping at a distance
21. Penny's sure crazy for prize money
22. Kind men ran wild
23. Charlie has a daring new jacket