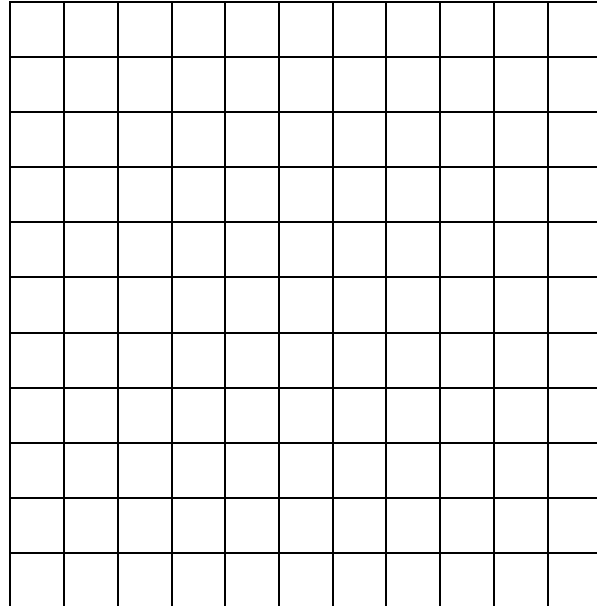


Puzzle #180 — May 2016 "As You Like It"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to fourteen letters, and three are capitalized) 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. Seven across words and six down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those thirteen letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell two words that represent the theme of the puzzle. In addition, two cells in the grid are occupied by whole words, a different one in each case. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Dynamic mike is the tool in the first part of the line
2. Spoken part of pastorage
3. Constrict stuff with pressure
4. Strip and strike with energy
5. Carmen dislikes having to make repairs
6. Roof projections that shelter first of early birds
7. Compel safety to be end in soccer scrimmage
8. Tied the day before at noon
9. Intensely righteous about Testament
10. One getting out of cart is pale
11. Teasing straightened a bent rod
12. Helper keeps silver out of the way
13. A timeless phase for Herb
14. Dollars for quarters
15. Bird king takes it easy at first
16. Back not having Sabbath for worship
17. Loses crumbled sediment
18. Chuck emerged with no goal to atone for
19. Courteous cops will have time for children
20. Pet vomits a green plant
21. Time to muse
22. Question Mr. Carney while drinking up two pints
23. Former river in Puerto Rico
24. Fired rocket—duly, abruptly, and totally
25. Insurer is knowledgeable about the chances of injury

Down

1. "Shoot moose," I tell Dick in the second part of the line
2. Error marred club's solar system model
3. Penny is wrong to get out of shape
4. Wildly excited, get egg out of cassava
5. Moisten odd bits of wheat
6. Result of mad queen's losing new line
7. Cervids around Nova Scotia are more crowded together
8. Lift weight of dog: 50
9. To transfer title is part of precedent
10. Bear shot and stripped
11. Aperitif fit for a king
12. A grave confusion causes great damage
13. Jeter's bad stuff, including error
14. Get even for a victory Gene scored
15. Old-timer holding small dress
16. The archaic fellows in Arab country
17. Plant in street
18. Priest converted pixie
19. Very steep turn
20. Value of consumer items
21. A clavus is a nut
22. Sailor, I see, is half primate
23. A tot photo messed up—that's something nobody wants to handle
24. Karl roasted bird