

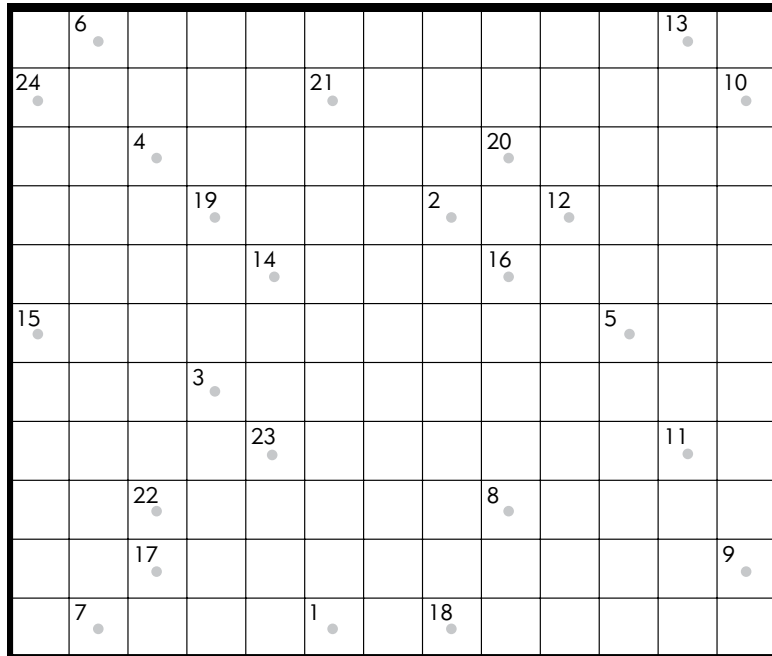
THE PUZZLER

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Connect the Dots

Each clue answer touches on its correspondingly numbered dotted square in the grid. It may go across or down, and the dot may come anywhere in the entry. An entry may include more than one dot, but only one is used for identification. When two clues share a number, either the Across or the Down may come first. If heavy lines were used in the diagram, the grid would look the same if rotated 180°. The contents of the dotted squares are connected by means of the unclued 13-letter across entry starting in the square numbered 15. Four clue answers are capitalized.

Note: The instructions above are for this month's puzzle only. An introduction to clue-solving may be found online at www.theatlantic.com/issues/puzzclue.htm.



CLUES

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| <p>1. Ordered right size (5)
Disturbed he-men's snare (6)</p> <p>2. Household deity covering the stew (6)</p> <p>3. Banisters fare poorly in sumo venues (8)
Intricate work in dossier about one test for advanced learners (8)</p> <p>4. Irish city failing since being absorbed by region (7)
Freshly smear brig with wax from a whale (9)</p> <p>5. A French dude understanding whole (8)</p> <p>6. Mongrel took some bites out of cleric (6)
Careening racer is more frightening (7)</p> <p>7. Laurel performed very badly, for the most part (4)</p> | <p>8. Overhaul a king's wood (3,3)
Editor's arranged for body builder (7)</p> <p>9. Give misleading information about false biography (4)
Through speakers, page Eric's son (4)</p> <p>10. Move queue around a station's front for fuel (8)
In poverty, Saint Louis came together in a familiar way (7)</p> <p>11. Cracked nail cut off (7)
Intimate friend having terrible snore (8)</p> <p>12. Arrow Meg shot with screwy mechanism (4,4)</p> <p>13. Underestimate pugilistic group in lounge (7)
Security chasing a person from another country (5)</p> <p>14. For aromatherapy product, perhaps playfully squeezing orange is the wrong way (8)</p> <p>15. Clamor in favor of entering old Mideast alliance (6)</p> | <p>16. NRA sale, perhaps? (7)</p> <p>17. In rush, allow time for cheese (8)</p> <p>18. Cheese the guy had aged, ultimately, in wheels (7)
Pre-battle ritual with knight in charge, one outranking a king (3,5)</p> <p>19. Added amounts impair holders of drinks in conversation (7)</p> <p>20. Gets emotional about a dental problem (6)
Leave a blemish on back of old trophy (5)</p> <p>21. Got free "S" in error, like Superman? (7)</p> <p>22. Pair of athletes wear out clothing (6)</p> <p>23. Carefully examines old soldiers (4)</p> <p>24. Grain alcohol found in sort of radio (5)
Get lost in small stuff (5)</p> |
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