



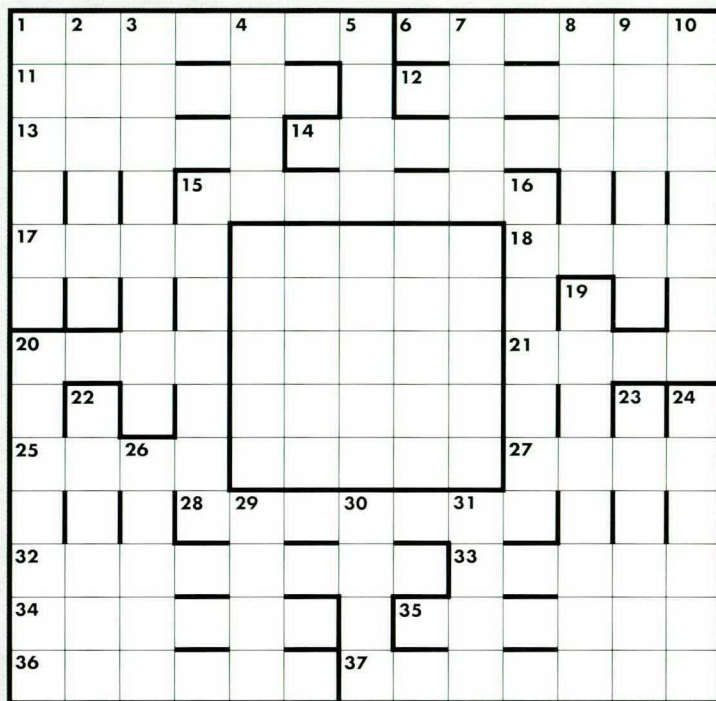
THE PUZZLER

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Word Square

This month's puzzle is for lovers of squares. First you need to solve the outer portion of the diagram, which contains words clued and entered normally. Next you'll find that the inner portion is a "word square," in which the five Across entries are the same as the five Down entries. Cryptic clues to four of these five words (listed **a-d** in no special order) are formed by designated entries from the outer diagram. As a finishing touch you must deduce the fifth word, which appropriately names the completely filled inner square. In all, answers include twelve capitalized words.

The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 97.



Across

1. Cartoonist returned official property owned by a lord (7)
6. Sherpa changing expression (6)
11. Turned TV knob with nickel set ornamentally (6)
12. Married perennial boss (6)
13. Burns fuel—about two liters (5)
14. Member of the opposition left with tragic Greek woman (8)
15. Getting high, depression is ended (7)
17. Feminine name in *Vogue* and *Self* (4)
18. It's a Byzantine Italian city (4)
20. "Beat" work—chic (4)
21. Vocally chase off dog protector (4)
25. After commencement, prepare for fall (4)
27. Swindle involving one piece of change (4)
28. Antelope in front of brown well, behind stones (7)

32. Cut the price of frilly fabric? (8)
33. Title article "Island Sheikdom" (5)
34. Go by the Spanish cathedral area (6)
35. Republican tucked into bloke's bed-clothes (6)
36. Menace Democrat with wrath (6)
37. Rock forward, keeping vow (7)

Down

1. Hot temperature maintained by fruit in rows (6)
2. English flipped over Latin charm (6)
3. Utter poor are a nuisance to state (8)
4. Section of wharf is hiding troll, perhaps (4)
5. Solitary river going west in Western vacation spot (4)
7. Crone embraces one former Secretary of State (4)
8. Jots answer intended for manuscript (5)
9. Bats seen at upper house (6)
10. Recluse spider's relative found behind

- this place in London's East End (7)
15. Upsetting practice at a restaurant (7)
16. Ottoman partakes of punch (7)
19. Pounded pellet into red-hot plastic (8)
20. Ran after Battle sang (7)
22. Hack affecting the style of occultism (6)
23. Singing barber in card game taking in one grand (6)
24. Awfully silent volunteer (6)
26. Old Peruvian jailed? (5)
29. Gaelic poetry volume missing (4)
30. Walk dogs and such on the way back (4)
31. Ring of gold in French bouquet (4)

Word Square

- a. 23 Down + 12 Across + 35 Across + 31 Down
- b. 36 Across + 15 Across + 3 Down
- c. 32 Across + 9 Down + 20 Across
- d. "21 Across" + 35 Across + 1 Down

Note: The instructions above are for this month's puzzle only. It is assumed that you know how to decipher clues. For a complete introduction to clue-solving, send an addressed, stamped long envelope to The Atlantic Puzzler, 77 N. Washington Street, Boston, Mass. 02114.