

The Atlantic PUZZLER

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DOUBLE CROSS

Pairs of clue answers in this puzzle must share accommodations in the grid. Every square is occupied by two letters; in squares where answers intersect, each letter belongs to one Across entry and one Down entry. The solver must determine which horizontal answers intersect with which vertical answers. The order of each pair of clues is arbitrary, as is their order of entry in the diagram.

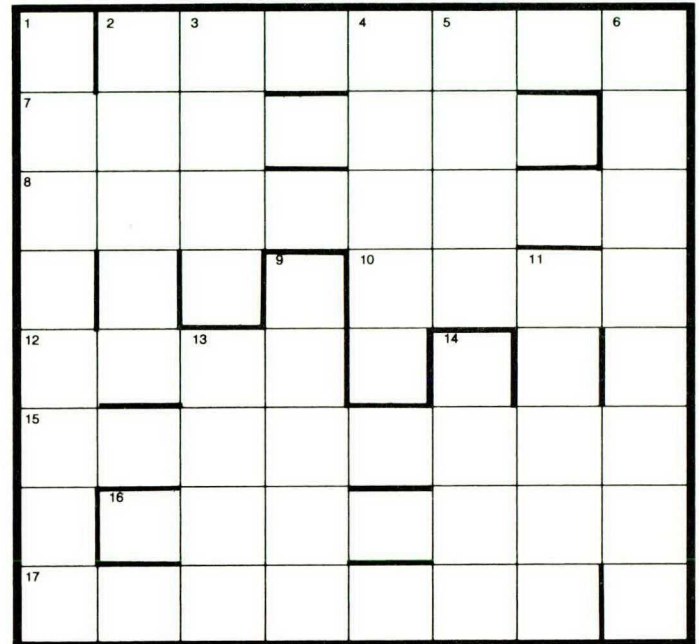
Answers include one common French word and one proper word. Punctuation may be used deceptively.

ACROSS

- 2a. You have choices about light in Double-crosses (7)
- 2b. Release granted from trap (7)
- 7a. Asked questions full of holes (7)
- 7b. Diamonds should follow otherwise, given that opening (7)
- 8a. A dressmaker's unhappy customer (8)
- 8b. Make indifferent boxer a teen Rocky (8)
- 10a. Double the circumference of the head (4)
- 10b. Cross pair of mules, e.g. (4)
- 12a. Someone singing flat, missing F, and moving on a whole note (4)
- 12b. A student's behind what's shown in nude sketch (4)
- 15a. Brood in . . . in . . . in sort of box (8)
- 15b. Being obsequious to one with one foot in the grave (8)
- 16a. Crooned melody in reverse, having some wine (7)
- 16b. With big nut, choke opening of elephants' trunks (7)
- 17a. Canada geese and unusual herons seen around central lakes (7)
- 17b. Retrace explosive supplier (7)

DOWN

- 1a. Cryptic acrostic pertaining to a certain Greek (8)
- 1b. Threateningly wave cereal bowl? (8)



- 2a. To get oddly amusing lift peer over lady's head (5)
- 2b. Greenish liquid containing bit of garbage in bottom of boat (5)
- 3a. Bet is taken up by two kings (4)
- 3b. Return of tendency to correct (4)
- 4a. Excessive amounts of food add pounds to stomachs (5)
- 4b. Wet plastic resin (5)
- 5a. Highest point is one around top of mountain (4)
- 5b. Aspiring writer keeps article in sort of tidy condition? (4)
- 6a. Generate riots in youth (8)
- 6b. He adores being furious? (8)
- 9a. Register with branch of a secret society (5)
- 9b. Scoundrel's defeat (5)
- 11a. Device for holding name inside clothes (5)
- 11b. In motion, one gets cooler (5)
- 13a. Barely sufficient, incomplete examination (4)
- 13b. Well-disciplined voice trained (4)
- 14a. Progress with diet (4)
- 14b. Raise voice with reproach for double-crosser, e.g. (4)

Note: The instructions above are the special instructions for this month's puzzle. It is assumed that you know how to decipher clues. For a complete introduction to clue-solving, write to The Atlantic Reprint Department, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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