

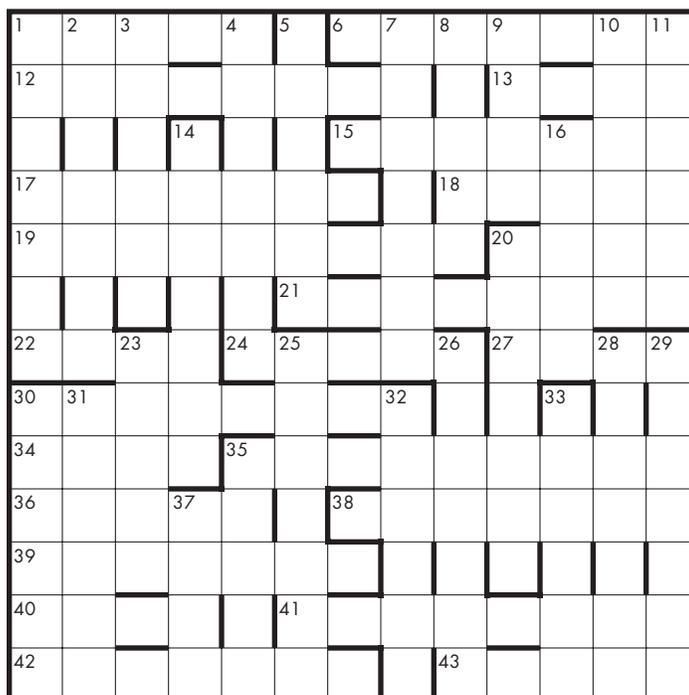
THE PUZZLER

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Magic Show

This puzzle was made by a couple of magicians. One has transformed ten of the Across grid entries; the other has caused something to appear out of nowhere in ten of the Down grid entries. The magicians themselves cross in the grid, but the clues for those two entries don't give names as definitions; in fact, they consist of only cryptic wordplay or a secondary definition. In addition to the magicians, nine 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.



ACROSS

1. Nellie eating Ira's crust and roll (5)
6. Guide picks up everyone standing close to home? (7)
12. Seconds occupying Stanley Eliot (8)
13. Cornell period encompassing the end of a series (4)
15. Falling down after the first practice (7)
17. Loan Met abstract pillar in the form of a man (7)
18. Hornswoggle an oversized Cimmerian (5)
19. Mix up eater with menu list (9)
20. Entice the first person into club (4)
21. Seen in a new light, a raw knee is an eye-opener (8)
22. Abner Doubleday possesses a character that's not very attractive (4)
24. An inclination for closing of doors before run (5)
27. European swears by taking the odds (4)
30. Football team drives around central Guadeloupe (8)
34. Means of writing the fourteenth letter of the alphabet (4)

35. Ebbing or decreasing drastically, as vanishing (8)
36. Give a thrashing to a Buddhist monk (4)
38. Tennis bum grabs shirt designs (7)
39. Call up Yale town endlessly (6)
40. Plains ruminants squealed when in retreat (4)
41. Finishes with relative's glove material (8)
42. Bank on the left side of the Red (5)
43. Full of zip, like a Chinese dynasty? (5)

DOWN

1. In Berlin, please run for hoppy beer (6)
2. Arouse the anger of hotel coppers by speaking (7)
3. Club in a rundown part of town offering shelter (6)
4. My ears hurt, pierced by 1,000 cries (7)
5. Backs away from Al Gore at market (5)
7. Lift fish in tail-to-head way (7)
8. A problem for the unclean girl at a tea party (5)

9. In Paris, the "out" sign (3)
10. Address an audience for zero cost (5)
11. Stake in comic hospital drama (5)
14. Hindu hero acquires commercial line of hotels (6)
16. One in nine nuts is empty (5)
20. Caesar captivated by some queens, too (7)
23. The sound of wind is authentic (4)
25. Shelter for the Confederacy? (3,4)
26. Error now established in visual exam (3,4)
28. Upcoming lives in the sport of boxing (6)
29. I say, beg pitifully for New Orleans (3,4)
30. Crack left in skewer (5)
31. The one giving a verbal account (6)
32. Witness captures middle of wedding feast (5)
33. Writing material filling wrong register (4,2)
35. Frames groups of drifting clouds (5)
37. Regret not having young female's address (4)