



Round Table | a cryptic puzzle by *Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon*

Pull up to our round table puzzle, a circle divided into eight shaded and unshaded sections. Each section has two radial answers going inward from Ring a to Ring f. One of the pair (it may be either) has an extra letter somewhere that doesn't mesh with the Rings. This should be shifted to its section's central wedge. Letters in those wedges, when read clockwise, will show what's on the table. Each Ring's entries go clockwise, starting at a point to be determined. Rings are fully occupied by clued answers plus six unclued "extras," appearing between clued answers, one per Ring. Choose your place accordingly.

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| 4 | Irk Papa, scattering red powder | Fellow said to be gloomy about one-pitch instruments (7) |
| 5 | Good, not so diligent installer of Windows? | Merge in buggy program (7) |
| 6 | In forum, pushed turmoil | c I must have stuck around brother, cross with kin (7) |
| 7 | Rocky fired up by sound from a lush | Electronic device converted plot map (7) |
| 8 | Flip cover on volume | Clear ridicule partially retracted (5) |
| 9 | Advertising phrase about a candy | d Doubt the guy is unfriendly, hugging buff (9) |
| 10 | A Republican staff unknown to most | Careless, smashed linnnet egg (9) |
| 11 | Laments rehashed in spree | e European deer on the outskirts of one fair abandoned colony (7) |
| 12 | Large piece of iron next to an inhabitant of Benghazi | Taking steroids here in Paris accepted by Swiss psychiatrist (7) |
| 13 | A fellow seeker in front of a toxic mushroom | Russian river going through alpine valley (4) |
| 14 | Riddle cracked in game | f Boy occupied with a piece of classical music (6) |
| 15 | One toy per toddler, ultimately | Marley, for one, playing a star (5) |
| 16 | Some canines leave, interrupting feasts | Royal family gets going around mid-January (7) |

Sections

- 1 Rebel in retreat caught by degenerate Scottish king
- 2 Old coins placed inside small green spheres
- 3 Fails to empty tin inserted in pepper

Rings

- a Nugget left behind fruit (5)
Ordeal disturbed border city (6)
Fallen off pier, dud exploded (5,2)
- b Love friend's birthstone (4)

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