



What's What | a cryptic puzzle by *Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon*

Acrosses and Downs are normal—but what's with the 15 randomly ordered clues marked "What"? Their answers are not what should go in the grid, although they are. What we mean is, those answers and their respective entries are different, but the same. If that seems cryptic, use the Acrosses and Downs as guides to find out what's what.

Across

- 3 Protection for a bank is also good amid slump (7)
- 6 Top follower of a creep (6)
- 7 Fruit requiring a long time on the tongue (4)
- 9 Rail traveling in empty Southwest, e.g. (7)
- 10 A person adopting pose at the workplace (2-4)
- 13 Region of Jordan takes ban badly (4,4)
- 15 Record of a voyage here in France with an adherent of Holmes (8)
- 17 Party listing closing of doors after hours (5)
- 18 Southwestern trees appearing covered with stickers (6)
- 19 One wrapped in fur wearing quaint little thing (7)

- 21 Doctrine of man's best friend's dad's wife? (5)
- 22 As far as you can, cut two tails (4)
- 23 Liqueur in accordance with affirmative action (6)
- 24 High temperature grips Oregon at all times (7)

Down

- 1 Fixer using a last item from the oven (7)
- 2 Kind of boost for energy and drive (3)
- 4 Notice nothing in French man's name (6)
- 5 Bearing note, receive welcome (5)
- 8 Ten trains out of order at once (9)
- 11 Ballpark figure now in hospitals (4)
- 12 Texas town crackpot losing kilo (4)
- 14 Popular movie villain's name for hostile alien (7)
- 16 Drug ring private eye put away (6)
- 17 Cyber-browse, catching MGM's last toon (5)
- 20 European city that is caught up in grand victory (4)

What

- a Not as large curve in a road (4)
- b What's reflected in benevolence? (4)
- c Hunt after the first chat (4)
- d Hostilities had a tiresome effect on the ears (3)
- e Region can set straight a clueless state (9)
- f Science student who grinds back shelf (9)
- g Carol admits mid-week dating (6)
- h Season with herb that can be pungent on the tongue (4)
- i Act like the Singing Cowboy, but without the right attractiveness (6)
- j Doctored license, for gag (7)
- k Dish best served cold or even gelled somewhat (7)
- l Larger egg bird mostly cracked (6)
- m A New York Times salutation—no good at all (8)
- n Hef sporting tutu about—what's next? (3,6)
- o Mind holding this guy's curtains? (3,3)

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