

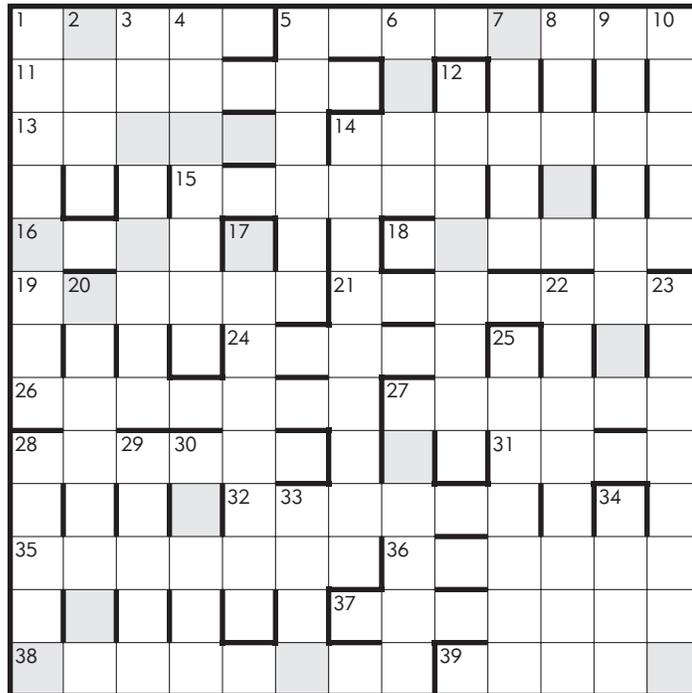
THE PUZZLER

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Flower Show

Eleven clue answers will not fit into the diagram until elongated in a certain way. Letters falling in the shaded squares, taken from left to right and top to bottom, will spell out the explanation for each of these eleven enlargements. Clue answers include ten capitalized words; new diagram entries include one proper name.

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. John has the knowhow (3)
5. Wife or husband or mother, mostly (4)
11. A coordinated group working in desert (7)
13. Amp effect always found in R & B (6)
14. Government agent given a meal (3)
15. Tie up a maverick Southwesterner (6)
16. Bone length in one of the Spaniards (4)
18. Walked and walked in south England (6)
19. Salutation in place for a Muslim (6)
21. Flourish arm (4)
24. A large B-1 sustains island defense (5)
26. Scoops and sprinkles, as with flour (7)
27. Ninth-inning relief pitcher is warmer (6)
28. Live in a Mexican's two homes in Taos (6)

31. Back up to it, arriving at Italian isle (4)
32. Writer and editor after nothing started (6)
35. Total commercial broadcast (3)
36. Mental institution houses ringmaster? (3)
37. Exposes U.N.'s evil maneuvering (7)
38. This man is on the cover of *True Crime* (5)
39. Just passing floater in current (5)

DOWN

1. Coach "Dutch" is a wag (4)
2. Abraham Lincoln's first or second son (4)
3. Long material for a cabin (4)
4. Reportedly got fruit in hand? (3,4)
5. Track race for Zola starting late? (4)
6. Food and drink for a legislature (4)
7. Surprise raid holds someone up? (5)
8. Capless Cuban is a National Leaguer (5)

9. You must carry bouquet for Roosevelt (8)
10. Moniker for a whirlpool in the sound (5)
12. Medicine that could make a confused eater ill (8)
14. Spruced up, if brushed off (9)
17. Rock inscribed with years evoking an early period (5,3)
20. Green border flanking a road, as in linear abstract art (4-4)
22. Daily sex remedied a learning problem (8)
23. Cloud overlooked in conversation (4)
25. Antlered beast in line, beloved to an audience (3,4)
27. Harvard president James Bryant is anti-bug (6)
28. Make red-faced with a crushing blow (5)
29. Round, and nothing like an egg (5)
30. Equine's unfinished hole (5)
33. Pretty girl with ripe bananas (4)
34. I, Santa's first North Pole aide (4)