

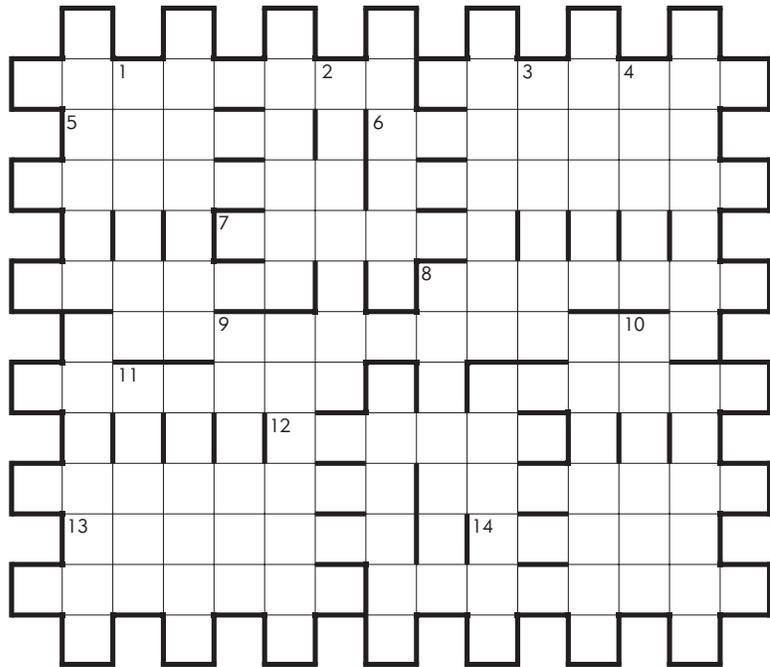
THE PUZZLER

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Tools of the Trade

This puzzle's unclued central Across entry names the plier of a trade whose tools are arrayed around the border in the projecting squares. Entries containing letters from those "Tools" squares are clued separately and in no special order; their proper places may be deduced with the help of the normal Acrosses and Downs. Eight 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

- 5. Wander inside next to fruit (5)
- 6. Falsely claim he is an angel (7)
- 7. Middle Ages poems that laud crystal balls? (6)
- 12. Rocky lets us fight (6)
- 13. In oxygen tent, enter informal alliance (7)
- 14. Feminine side goes in for one observing (5)

DOWN

- 1. City in Illinois first in election, or one in Pennsylvania (6)
- 2. Goats chewed on rag and a bit of shoelace (7)
- 3. Menace doctor outside of hospital (6)
- 4. Audited rooms in markets (5)
- 8. Small remnants for big shots? (7)
- 9. Good, complete water channel (6)
- 10. Part of a house I had eaten by rat (6)
- 11. Bouquet delivered to the audience (5)

TOOLS

- a. Young lady carrying copper kettle ultimately slips (7)
- b. How spa treatment turned out (6)
- c. A preface rewritten for classic thriller (4,4)
- d. Perennial candidate reviewed assets at end of campaign (7)
- e. Stir in salt and pepper with passion (7)
- f. Problems for podiatrists after the first marriages (6)
- g. Some boats are made as if they never end (6)
- h. Experienced at never deviating (7)
- i. Article hurt suffering old Texas town (8)
- j. Support structure holding a person in early spacecraft (7)
- k. Try to escape pair of cymbals, having a nap? (6)
- l. Redesigned mine for subatomic particle (7)
- m. Building site exploits water plants (7)
- n. Senator affected by recession gets behind critical economist (6)
- o. Tire nail burst is resistant to being changed? (8)
- p. Deity's turf invaded by antelope going the wrong way (3,3)
- q. Solidly established sci-fi author introducing alien (4-3)
- r. Metal covered in concrete connected with a membrane (7)
- s. Chaotic scene with Flash Gordon's foe rocketing (7)
- t. Company reconstructed *T. rex* brain, in part (6)
- u. Topcoat is stylish in angle (6)
- v. One of the Little Women chosen to play a queen of Thebes (7)
- w. Snail races poorly understood (8)
- x. Monkey's hiss picked up by outlaw (6)
- y. Very full guy, a glutton, taking last piece of bacon (7)
- z. Shrinks small, plump birds (6)