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)