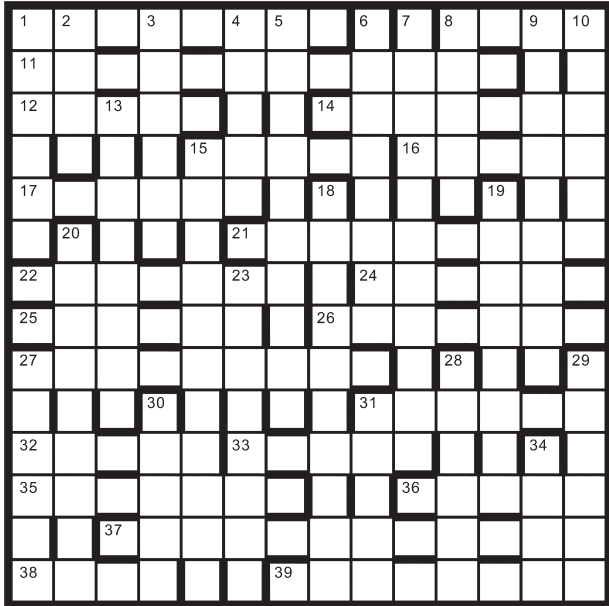


Crossword

2536: At rest

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Unclued lights are three sets of three words of a kind, along with a name which connects them all (two words). Something that this name should possess (5), which is also a thematic item, must be highlighted in the completed grid.



- Across**
- 1 Always bored by job, like rebellion (8)
- 8 Dancing girls wanting a relief (4)
- 12 Follow it to leave bathroom (5)
- 14 Going furtively out of east, moving sinuously (7)
- 16 A lot of Italian beer for Eva? (5)
- 17 Biblical land about to get bread (6)
- 21 Image about one mount joining several states (9, hyphenated)
- 24 Tower's inhabitants party with partners (6)
- 25 Indianan keen to embrace necessity (6)
- 26 At sea, use gill or scales (7)
- 27 Friar's faithful daughter not a queen (9)
- 32 Piggy uncovered phenol obtained from lichen (5)
- 33 Seething with onset of awful skin blemish (5)
- 36 Problem children (5)
- 37 Little remnant of rum? Turn up little drink (12, two hyphens)
- 38 Cad heard somewhere in church (4)
- 39 Fictional detective's forgetting line in platforms (8)

- Down**
- 1 Glimpse one who imitates copper (6)
- 2 Writer initially told to shut up (4)
- 4 OT figure and not recovering addicts turning up (5)
- 5 Fish I scraped on rocks (10)
- 6 Tailless Spanish fly in drinking cups (8)
- 7 Alarm! Pig had troubles of part of midriff (11)
- 8 Like gardens to be unsymmetrical (5)
- 9 Native American setter one put forward (9)
- 13 French writer with fun bird (8, hyphenated)
- 15 Deny kneecap's broken where there was lift-off? (11, two words)
- 18 Bait from Germanic settler by German city (10)
- 19 Caribbean country boring sailor condemns as corrupt (8)
- 20 Thrown maroon pot in which bird's-nest's found (9)
- 23 Trust old object to captivate an Earl (8)
- 28 Hebrew prophet or priest's laugh (6)
- 29 Shocking to sect or groups (6)
- 34 Foreign clergyman is an odd fellow (4)

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