

Crossword

2550: Shorties

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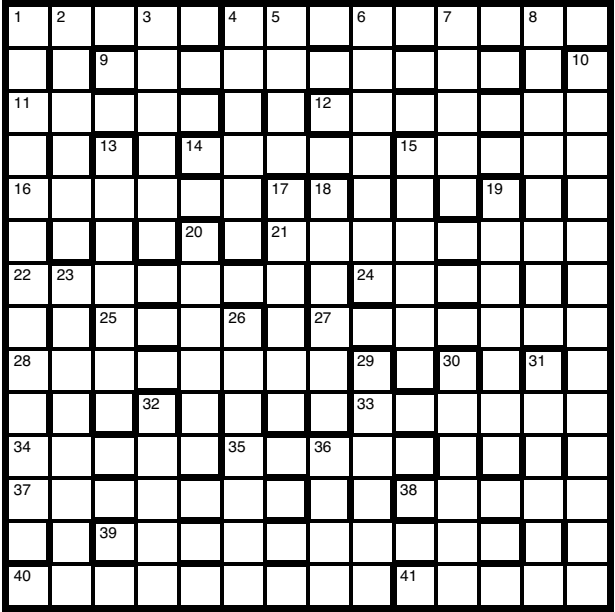
The unclued lights and eight
clued without thematic defini-
tion are of a kind, expressly con-
firmed in a section of *Chambers*.

Across

- 4 Artisan on board,
apparently (9)
- 9 Airline having to secure
shopping accessory
(10, two words)
- 11 Alton United seen
regularly (5)
- 12 State loudly and close
the innings (7)
- 14 It's terrible about half of
the lake having dried up (5)
- 15 Maintain he has left
Michael in trouble (5)
- 16 Washes electronic
instruments (6)
- 21 Waterproofs for artist in
river up north (8)
- 22 Weeks at school in one
or more stations (7)
- 24 Caesar's for backing
mine! (4)
- 25 Noted German out for
fifty, opening (4)
- 27 Short sight? (7)
- 28 No good wheedling about
capital (8, two words)
- 34 I left during a race on a
slope (5)
- 35 Quick foray, seizing
power (5)
- 37 Those who plunder small
files with folio missing (7)
- 39 Grave demeanour having
repaired one roué's sari
(10, two words)
- 40 French novelist has time
with rhyming girl and boy
(9, two words)
- 41 Cash for thoughts? (5)

Down

- 1 Vandal and striker broke
metal drinking vessel
(13, two words)



- 2 He leaves the baps for
fishes (6)
- 3 Portrays office employee –
isn't wrong! (6)
- 4 Fold on the pitch (6)
- 7 Small friend's sudden
attack (5)
- 8 Abba's album at airport
facility (8)
- 10 Smells rose and rye
brewed without respite
(13)
- 13 Coat with lines and
wrinkles (7)
- 17 Repaired a shirt (6)
- 19 Play 'Stormy Weather' (7)
- 20 Most prevalent form of
strife (6)
- 23 Balanced diet set out late
in the day (8)
- 29 In the centre of a poorly lit
twisting street (6)
- 30 Fertile isle's borders (6)
- 31 Dubliner's heart set on
pin-up (6)
- 32 Somewhat well-endowed
(5)
- 36 Some upcoming amateur
player (4)

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