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Two of a kind  
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Two works, 1A/8 (four words in total) and 27/36, are by authors born in 25 and 17 respectively. Two other unclued lights give their forenames: a further relevant name will appear in the completed grid and must be shaded. Ignore an apostrophe.

- Across**
- 7 Maybe bowler's come again wanting wickets (3)
  - 11 Turn out active ox not acceptable within summerhouse (6)
  - 13 Soft landlord produces hammer (7)
  - 15 Refuse to kill nearly everybody (5)
  - 16 Insect notes garnered sesame (5)
  - 18 About 586 yards past American state (5)
  - 20 Brazen co-regent's demand for more (6)
  - 21 Pushers of quality drinking in room with no end of champagne (5)
  - 22 Lord Dandy in blackish-green (7)
  - 29 Circuits in Bahrain and Silverstone (5)
  - 30 Note blade in Hiawatha's place? (6)
  - 32 Severe rebuff for busybody (5)
  - 37 Spooner's very cunning (5)
  - 38 Parrot takes time flying round palm tree (7)
  - 39 A small police station in Asian city (6)
  - 40 Pigeon delivering letter for sister (3)
  - 41 Bloomers poorly grown by northern beings (11)

- Down**
- 1 A skill of Fred could be apt for puzzlers (10)

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- 2 Unceasingly worm is hiding in eastern seaweed (8)
- 3 Auditors set to work in large ships (9)
- 4 Where poet overheard storekeeper (12)
- 5 Small vessel in west half of very small bay (7)
- 6 Book easy to promote (8)
- 7 Country dance keeps feet vigorous (5)
- 9 Jacobean linguist desperate for oil (6)
- 10 Man perhaps carrying tons shows fibre (5)
- 12 Nose of bright yellow wine (6)
- 14 Modest punter cheating death (12)
- 19 Send moth up about singular scruffy state (10)
- 21 Pass time in English and Irish town (9)
- 23 Plant in plots with upward growth (8)
- 24 Man, visiting Virginia among writers, goes camping (8)
- 26 Quiet piscivore coming up quicker passage (7)
- 28 I live by river over near waterfall close to lake (6)

- 31 Growing outwards: eaten trifles?
- 33 What could be green around a navy (5)

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