

Crossword

2738: First-rate
third-rate
by Pabulum

A ship is the theme. Clockwise round the perimeter from 39 appear a type of event followed by the names of three such events she attended with distinction and the name of her most famous passenger (6,3,8,5,2,4,3,4,9,8). Unclued lights give her nickname (a pair) and her final role.

- Across**
- 12 Jug of cool Pepsi (4)
13 Not quite the reverse of natural affection for caves (5)
15 Clumsiness of tepid tune I composed (10)
17 Type of bone second pair of coyotes buried outside (5)
20 Poet talked sport continuously (8)
21 Aunt trained children in dancing display (6)
23 Long account hack abridged (4)
26 Sons rent warehouse (5)
27 Dogs herding a thousand young sheep (5)
28 Some jongleurs are stars (4)
30 A little tiffin with some bread and fishes (6)
31 Books of words free to French abstainer in fact (8)
36 Punch-up and fighting over in British Library (5)
38 What fracturing Celia with baton could be (10)
39 City of much spirit with large numbers coming back (7)
40 Middle Temple admits Isaiah (5)
41 Dominant idea of half bumbling inspecteur (4)
42 Flash bird snubbed magnate (5)
- Down**
- 2 Moneyless monodist chewed with uniform teeth (7)

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- 3 By the way, supply of food contains fish, and is to be had (10)
4 Views of mid-Atlantic on board ship (6)
5 Swift ships hurriedly leave on time (5)
6 Rakes investing money in comedy acts (8)
7 Mystic active in city (5)
8 Couple in omnibus taking more dope (5)
10 Hardy sergeant besieged city (4)
16 Boring sandwiches executive committee condemn (5)
18 Expert malik won out (4)
19 Chubby chap and nanny sometimes dance (10)
22 Hero comes up clutching Arabic antique coin (5)
24 A son pickled in fizz becomes lady-killer (8)
29 Parts of flowers sustained energy (7)
32 A bugle blowing fish (6)
33 Photo gin maker's gear as before (5)
34 Game sheep showed a leg (3,2)
35 Hate a pain in the ears (5)
37 Petulant person used to live quietly (4)

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