

Crossword

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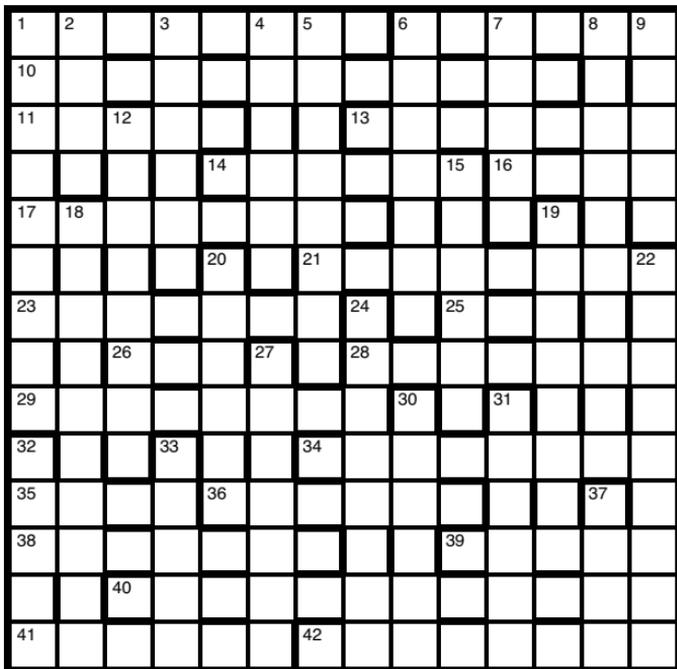
The unclued lights (one of three words), individually or as three pairs and a trio) are of a kind, one doing double duty, and all but one are from the same source. Ignore any possible definite article and one apostrophe.

Across

- 1 African fox regularly takes fish to intrude on territory (8)
- 6 Stir former partner with call (6)
- 11 Publican with a decorative plant (5)
- 13 Gulpers out on a spending spree (7)
- 14 OT patriarch points to taxes (6)
- 17 Islander giving small book to another (8)
- 21 Feet ends pose problems! (8)
- 25 Small flat's ready (3)
- 26 Head over heels, finally fall in love (3)
- 29 Pay all one's debts for bench in court (6,2)
- 34 Jalapeno pepper from cooking utensil used in country (8)
- 36 Fabric Dame Lipman suggests (6)
- 38 Oration about province (7)
- 40 Large knife making two small cuts (5,3,4)
- 42 Where unheeded comments fall having safeguarded new dug out (4,4)

Down

- 1 Moral philosophers with dram for Christmastide, maybe (9)
- 2 Ten leaving island temple (4)
- 3 Street repairs entail second exam (6)
- 4 Only pretend to influence (6)



- 5 Cavers in trouble – nearly all see deep crack (8)
- 7 Locksmith is not quite plump (5)
- 8 Note gun-metal is adapted like a natural covering (10)
- 9 Islamic ruler turning up in three medallions (5)
- 12 Below stairs employees around small taverns (8)
- 15 Moonlight, perhaps – some falls on a table (6)
- 18 Northern saga about Iron Age Yukon, now and then (10)
- 19 Allows it to pass, as Elsa does in *Frozen* (4,2,2)
- 20 Top-level luminary keeps hide for writing (6)
- 22 Delays impressions describing unique selling point (9)
- 24 Leg veins of injured sea elephant let out (8)
- 27 Triumph again with Irish novelist's broadcast (7)
- 31 Glum medic with Ena Harkness, say (6)
- 33 Classical actor and English actor's forename (5)
- 37 Duck, brightly coloured, coming up river (4)

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