

# Crossword

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by *Fieldfare*

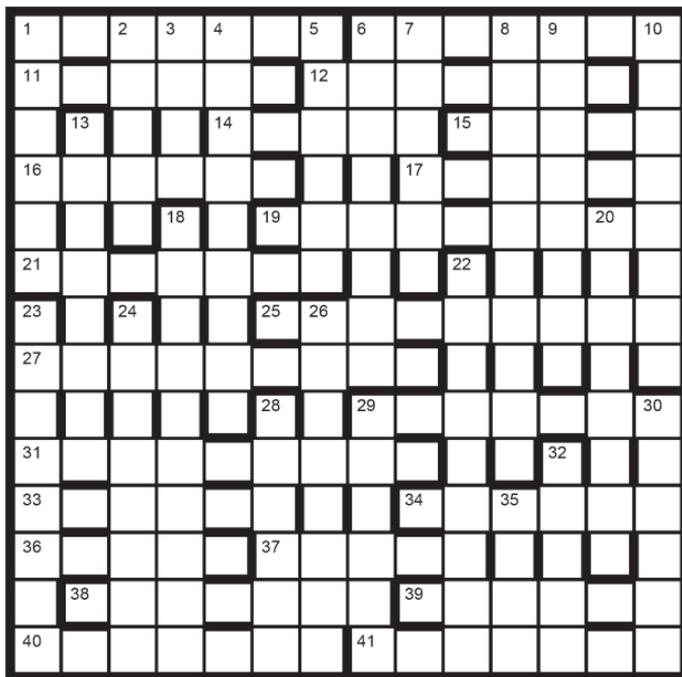
The unclued lights are of a kind.

### Across

- 1 Eruption as aerosol explodes (7)
- 6 Almost snap at man's trite remarks (7)
- 11 Austen's creation, American village where Jesus was seen (6)
- 12 Painting taken back to storehouse ruined (7)
- 14 Bear mark, a ritual emblem (5)
- 16 Delays handling pose taken by boy (4,2)
- 17 Sparky schoolteacher regularly told to slice cheese (6)
- 21 Fine character finally dropped armour plate (7)
- 27 In the grounds a couple reading say books issued over time (9)
- 29 After the event researcher cancels date for hospital (4,3)
- 31 Side I lead out considered perfect (9)
- 33 Short story about dunes that shift at the back (6)
- 34 Run behind man on floating platform (6)
- 36 In hide, at last see birds in flight (5)
- 37 Arab is back carrying gold and diamonds (5)
- 39 Intricate section of book not typed (6)
- 40 Not breaking wooden edges of bridge (7)
- 41 Step out with a German sculptor (7)

### Down

- 1 Perhaps Chinese cargo initially said to be steaming here? (3,3)
- 3 Bitter vetch holds active seeds in these (4)



- 4 Unpopular? Regularly admit many big stores are now (3-2-4)
- 6 Sailors drink in such a jersey (4,4)
- 7 Young Jacob died, a character (6)
- 8 Charlie not trained to use steriliser (10)
- 9 Leader engages second executioner (8)
- 10 Bill breaks into peaceful love song (8)
- 18 Upsetting, a translated Greek text (10)
- 20 Attractive person available at first for *Spectator* (8)
- 22 They steer apple cart through ship (9)
- 23 Divides banana dish and drink (6,2)
- 24 Carte blanche to remove restrictions from announced rule (4,4)
- 26 War preparations give a marine bad scare (4,4)
- 29 Fringe benefit includes uniform and, at the head, expensive wig (6)
- 32 Only the last balls promptly bounce (5)

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