

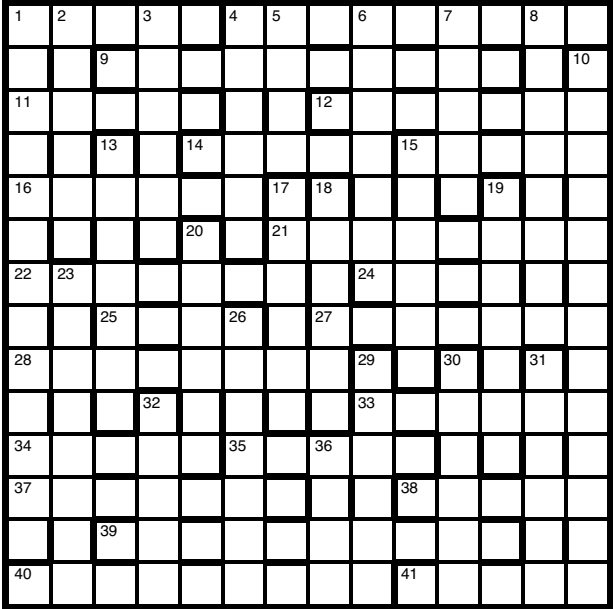
Crossword

2775: Small
fragments
by Pabulum

At 2D/22A is a 3D of an 18D with his 30D friend called 24A. The 18D, whose surname the title suggests, famously worked all round 39A (two words), which he thought should be renamed 4A which it now is.

- Across**
- 1 Josh deploys endless cups and saucers etc (5)
- 9 Austere lookouts aft... (10)
- 11 ...try gutted eels for instance (4)
- 12 Gross crostini out of Thailand I'll help you eat (7)
- 14 Poor golf action (5)
- 15 Catcher of many fish, whale not once (5)
- 16 Small amount of Dutch, spy retains (6)
- 21 Stock-farmer Anatole possibly skinned lion (8)
- 25 Tide's down earl dives into (4)
- 27 Go and all but glorify Scottish town (7)
- 28 Rock icon rocking in gallery (8)
- 33 Sibling's issue resolved since end of June (6)
- 34 Raving rover ignores priest (5)
- 35 Answer long letter (5)
- 37 Like cruel tyrant mostly quaffing grand cocktail (7)
- 38 Composer with a lot of energy on hand (5)
- 40 Flexible female fit following exercise (9)
- 41 Person gambling loses time after time (5)

- Down**
- 1 Like some moulded plastic vacuum flask having no top (13)
- 4 More mischievous novelist (6)



- 5 Some runcible hooks? (4)
- 6 Function in English under canvas? (7)
- 7 All the best gold Pip mines (5)
- 8 Arbor in Ireland sadly not always upright (4,4)
- 10 Attractive group of friends crowding outside (13)
- 13 Promote commercial veep (7)
- 15 Nearly spoil wine that's consecrated (6)
- 17 Decorated men navy had (6)
- 19 Poison in Hell upset springkeeper (7)
- 20 Unworldly spires church intended (6)
- 23 Short pause for refreshment with Dee providing eats (3,5)
- 26 It gives you a hard nip swimming, no shred of doubt! (7)
- 29 Shield canine, imbecile lashes (6)
- 31 Tide's up, we hear, covering freehold possession in Miami (6)
- 32 Flourishing son's over bacterium (5)
- 36 Crossbowman in command (4)

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