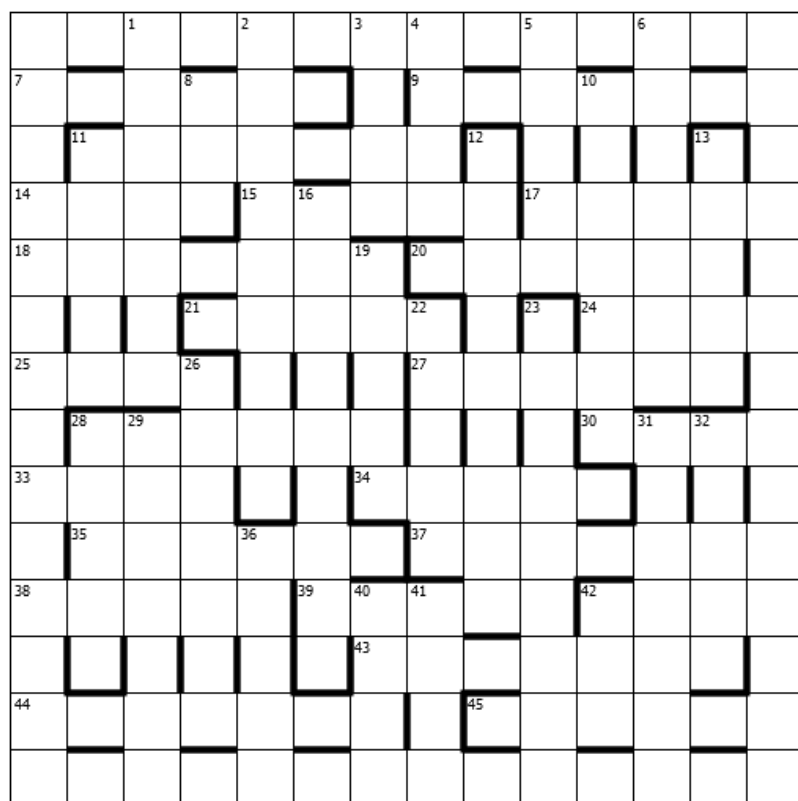


Adorns Anew by Yimin



Three works from four unclued entries - 11a/13d (three words), 13d/26d (three words) and 12d - reveal the identity of the subject of the perimeter quotation (in *ODQ*), which runs in an anti-clockwise direction from a cell to be determined and is followed by the source.

Twenty-six clues have an extra letter to be removed before solving, always leaving a real word. In clue order these letters fill the unchecked squares of the perimeter starting at the top-left corner and running clockwise.

The quotation explains why three entries differ from their answers.

Punctuation may mislead.

Across

- 7 Infidel from ancient city chasing American soldier about gold (6)
- 9 Begin, say, revolutionary serial - buy *Independent* (7)
- 14 Poet's crown held by Eino Leino (4)
- 15 Feud occupying bishop's assessor (5)
- 17 Billy's buck - light chestnut - runs away (5)
- 18 Opening takes care of blind spot (7)
- 20 Discovers hot sex - gets laid! (6, two words)
- 21 Lizard's fine in Perth's river (5)
- 24 Grimace from shy person losing ESA (4)
- 25 Slaloming on narrow skis beginners broke bones (4)
- 27 King and emperor entering shocks women's quarters (6)
- 28 Songbird's reviewing younger associate with limitless special unfailing talent (6)
- 30 Trachea's cilium covers cells (4)
- 33 Be prone to dispute rejecting conclusion (4)
- 34 Smooth back interrupted by adult's old birthmark (5)
- 35 Aim to renovate breaking edges of cornice crowned with leaves (6)
- 37 Lacking square section, condense by force mould of concrete blocks? (7)
- 38 Balm from cold water against redness of skin (5)
- 39 Measure record chard returned in this year (5)
- 42 Enthusiastic about Ingres' opening with new Tate in Edinburgh (4)
- 43 Island's braving eastern militant organisation (7)
- 44 In cold month of March retiring to look for sheltered aspect (7)
- 45 Dunst in high school head over heels for kiss (6)

Down

- 1 Lord Justice raps institute over slovenly guards (7)
- 2 Former Auctioneer at a loss about inferior mounting (9)
- 3 Brood of pheasants briefly raised beside small island (4)
- 4 Cut a thousand leaving hypothetical score (4)
- 5 Turn on the radio to be at ease (5)
- 6 Mandela's uncle supporting rent for small shop in Soweto (7, two words)
- 8 Ingebritsen's thin - energy's the foundation for gold (3)
- 10 Mark off aberrant miasma on loss of sense of smell (7)
- 11 Prevents Loach going for beers (5)
- 16 Antique weapons Tutsi accepted seem defective (9)
- 19 Dress trouble toppling nurse (5)
- 22 Atomic accident swallowing earth previously in a mound (5)
- 23 Chase over baseball plate to force in completely (9, two words)
- 28 Steele's painted woman essentially deepened chestnut tones (5)
- 29 Experiences without understanding upset waiter full of denials (7)
- 31 Chinese port feeding Huangshan to Ulsan (7)
- 32 Rib bone piercing centres of rectal sites abraded (5)
- 36 Broom to be operated, sweep away last of muck (5)
- 40 Groom pretty much to try by kissing in Gretna (4)
- 41 Man devouring fish concealed plaice (4)
- 42 Japanese city in the northern end of Hokkaido (3)