

# Crossword

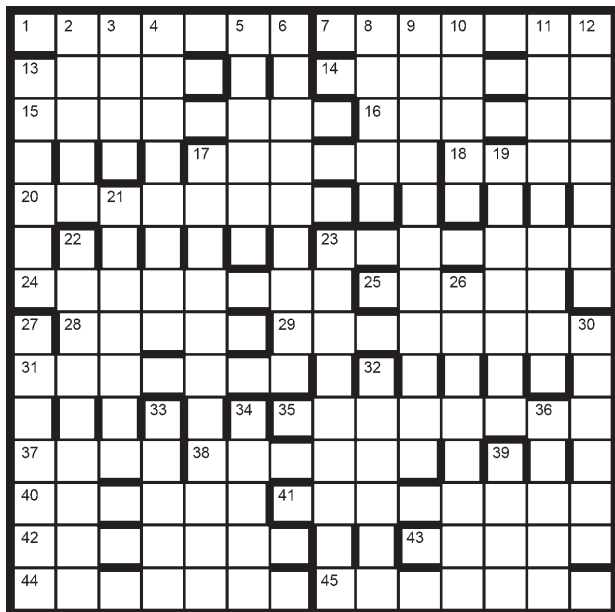
## 2656: A la carte

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Unclued lights, including one of two words (all in *Chambers*) display nine items of a kind in the grid, appropriately positioned in relation to each other. All nine must be highlighted.

### Across

- 1 Bear dire deed to resolve neurosis (7)
- 7 Indian city cleric lacking force (7)
- 13 Running into water ebbing for ages (5)
- 14 Flaw of terrible mishearing (7)
- 15 Expert to restrain lawyer's friend (8)
- 16 Record one bovid with adult parasites? (6)
- 17 Unwise or silly, eating seconds (6)
- 18 Coal dust around German city (4)
- 23 Old instrument's din heard (7)
- 24 New line in French church showing mercy (8)
- 25 Some feeding us tomato relish (5)
- 28 A fun time, consuming right jellies (5)
- 29 She tries to reform crooks (8)
- 31 Worries, cutting son's hair (7)
- 35 Family members in US city (8)
- 37 Poetry volume's neglected language (4)
- 41 Maria and I've developed health issue (8)
- 42 Botanist's tip about hostelry (7)
- 43 Analyse heart of tipsy chap (5)
- 44 Opens funny note, officially in residence (2,5)
- 45 Like Napoleon in exile in Leeds, oddly (7)



### Down

- 2 French loaf topping? (5)
- 3 Swindle one used in chess (4)
- 5 Fissure runs through vessel, nearly empty (6)
- 6 Noblemen she confused with a stoic (9)
- 9 Echoes seller: swears without hesitation (11)
- 10 American diamonds for cloak (5)
- 11 To sailors, perhaps they create solitude (9)
- 13 Sue picked up a ring (6)
- 17 Spreads out crisps eaten messily (11)
- 19 From literature, terse passages (7)
- 22 Rage working drill mechanism (4,5)
- 23 Study again on fire, overturned by bomb (2-7)
- 27 Soak atop the Parisian tower (7)
- 30 Holy writings in paper on OT book (6)
- 32 Bad painter wanting a pigment (6)
- 33 Emperor in PM's home? No, moving south (5)
- 34 Uncover dodgy haunt (5)
- 39 A setter's on line – radical! (4)

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