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Killer instinct

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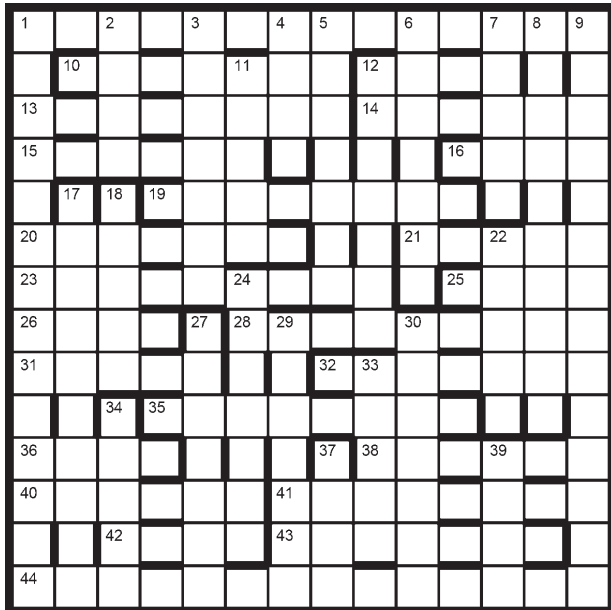
34/28/19 (five words) is a quotation verifiable in the *ODQ* from 23 (two words) which suggests how to complete the perimeter (six words).

Across

- 10 Dissolute old peer's lament (7)
 12 Satisfied noise, leading around kings (4)
 13 Queen hugs almost dehydrated girl (8)
 14 Veep cycling in stubble field (6)
 15 Chilled time with one drug in some bars (3,3)
 16 What I do, given time, in animal's home (4)
 20 Politician seized by firm idiot's grasp (7)
 21 Smoke from vehicle carrying soldier back (5)
 25 Parting word in depression (4)
 26 Old dog, extremely lovely setter (4)
 31 Some success, excitingly, for cricket side (5)
 32 Monk finally burning book – what's in sermon? (7)
 35 Causing movement to Mali, or abroad (8)
 36 Long, black jackal (4)
 38 Part of SW England without space to reverse (6)
 40 A painter with trouble around decorative plant (6)
 41 In putsch, Chinese dynasty's appearing (6,2)
 42 Authentic Spanish outfit (4)
 43 Straighten out a nun's trembling hands (7)

Down

- 2 Insect around river and barley (4)



- 3 Mournful line in 15, oddly (7)
 4 Mayor nearly crosses French river (4)
 5 One who annoys maker of sewing kit (7)
 6 Jig around primitive old cloth (7)
 7 First Hanoverian king, say, and composer (5)
 8 Take LSD and fat bananas, getting persuaded (4-6)
 11 Fibs from hermits losing head (5)
 12 Minor gods criticise broken skis (7)
 17 Hip story I concocted about large deity (4,6)
 18 Parent's following current religious leaders (5)
 22 Actress in dress circle (5)
 24 Milky resin, a bluish colour (7)
 27 Steer round part of UK with an elite graduate (7)
 29 Small element of pride? (4,3)
 30 Cheating husband dismissing inspiring love (7)
 33 Bard's season to hurry over writing (5)
- 37 Loudly call poet's enemies (4)
 39 Monster thus from Oz? (4)
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