

Crossword

2683: Famous

last words

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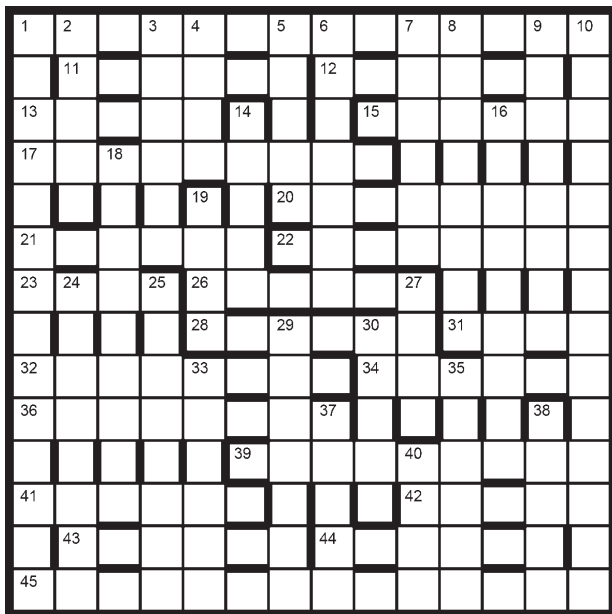
Around the perimeter clockwise from square 1 goes a quotation in *ODQ* minus its last word. This last word suggests the remaining unclued lights, a final example of which (6) must be highlighted in the completed grid.

Across

- 11 Jam is an Asian food (6)
12 US record nut with some bread (6)
15 I'm surprised after soldier deserted tree in Oz (6)
17 Petrol is running around a rock (9)
20 Two newspapers probing rotten thief's birthday (8)
21 Question about mince pie resembling dairy product (6)
23 Card player, for instance, in film (4)
26 Gnome fixed cutter's tool (3,3)
28 Latvian regularly ignored after excessive interval (6)
31 Praised argot but not Latin (4)
32 Wrong about time lasting forever (8)
34 Wake up and drink after leaving clubs (6)
36 Anecdote about terpsichorean activity (3,5)
39 Like some hotels or hotel in odd retreats (5-4)
41 Coming from Paris, erstwhile features of flights (6)
42 Deliveryman is kind in short period (5)
43 Tutors working in school? (6)
44 One entering is given tithes up north (6)

Down

- 2 Remove obstacle from sound American houses (5)



- 4 Loves grabbing policeman – how surprising! (4)
5 Shoots up, showing a bit of character (5)
6 Attires rogue in Scott's regiments (7)
7 Noble is tense after bagel's put down (6)
8 Teacher upset by chess champ's head movements (8)
9 Particle chosen and not rotating (8)
14 Toy put on a basin (5)
16 Relative's rage provoked twit (5-4)
18 They suppose media endlessly covers ancient city (9)
19 Sport thus gets little cash (4)
24 Money-worshipper taking top off fossil (8)
29 Hat worn by Greek characters in art movement (7)
30 Man's very advanced service (5)
33 Under divine sun, turn off busy road (3,3)
35 Duke's lapse, wearing gold ring (6)
37 Books happen to bring up writer's inspiration (5)
38 The Spanish seek to overturn 11 dish (5)
40 Ruler in revolutionary old poem (4)

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