

Crossword

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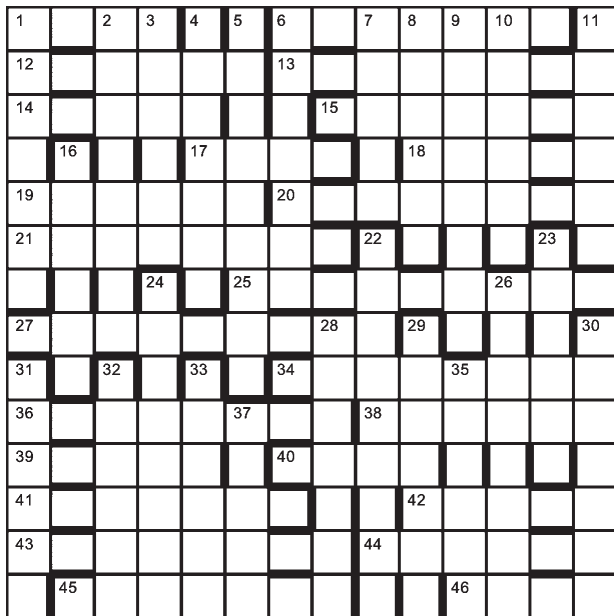
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Eight unclued lights (two of two words) advise solvers '3D 38A is 9D, 32D 32D-17A, when 6A 44A 31D'.

Across

- 1 Don't at first knock small amount of liquid (Scotch) (4)
- 12 Last, as do picture capture and future exposure (6)
- 13 What's in deadly new compound (8)
- 14 Burn short jacket (5)
- 15 Judge almost misrepresents village's case (7)
- 18 Off-and-on, His self-ease dwells in Man, say (5)
- 19 Camp male holds note (6)
- 20 Yeats is beginning to study complex sort of writer (8)
- 21 Anxious, sons taking lead in cushy job (8)
- 25 Legally levied estate, half of which in red? (9)
- 27 Overcharge copper and chief over returned dish (4,5)
- 34 Forbidden sector in old Indian state near base walls (2-2,4)
- 36 Wrote law differently, after which passage is easier? (3,5)
- 39 Extension covering each leave of absence (5)
- 40 Hero's line following marriage vow (4)
- 41 Given awful terms in shotgun wedding, Will's inflicting retribution (7)
- 42 Transfer first bit of cash in transaction (5)
- 43 National Society advancing among schoolboys (8)
- 45 Rulers stand sadly having been turned out in chaos (7)
- 46 Once guessed answer, embarrassed (4)



Down

- 1 Society girl topped finicky French composer (7)
- 2 First male workers perhaps lost diamonds (8)
- 4 Open up English diner after press release (7)
- 5 Regret, over supporting nasty end to tour guide, is required by etiquette (2,7)
- 6 Reportedly changes relinquishing statements (7)
- 7 Partially hid East's plans (5)
- 8 Priest cuts short story from a cluster of cases? (6)
- 10 Cover provided by sleuth left with credentials (6)
- 11 Scottish horse's inclined to stop continually around pen (6)
- 16 Superfluous books I love on myself, essentially (6)
- 22 Forecast act of self-harm in prison's rioting (9)
- 23 Facing bearing of 45 degrees entering turn (6)
- 24 Shaking breaks spar on part of goods train (3-5)
- 26 Eccentric curator checks British vehicle (8)
- 28 Blimey, academics joining police lines (7)
- 29 Was unable to tell when lethal dosage has been injected (7)
- 30 Mixed-up clothing went first (7)
- 33 Minor hit – trendy American film (6)
- 35 Changing cell before noon, convict set about warden in seconds (6)
- 37 Oxbridge, say, after last of finest port (5)

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