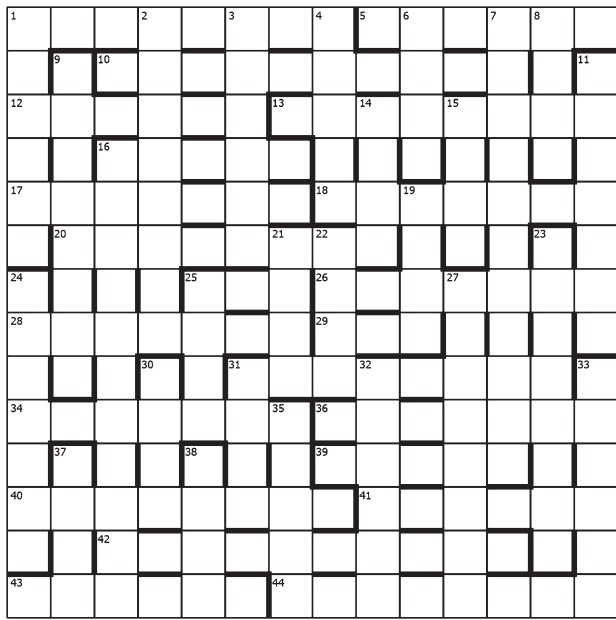


Crossword

2692: Flexibility

by Madrigal

We welcome the duo called Madrigal to the compiling team this week. The unclued lights (including four of two words) can be arranged to provide a quotation (in *ODQ*) and its author.



Across

- 10 Learn of American through grammar school covers (6,4)
- 12 African country's note covering one rule (6)
- 13 First-rate head polled children (3-5)
- 16 Song featured in *Top of the Pops*, almost every week (5)
- 17 Instrument Luke played on the railway with energy (7)
- 18 Newcomer, one that years in Scotland? (7)
- 20 Pure wits dismantled reviews (5-3)
- 26 Impress English with praise (7)
- 28 Distribute evenly in New York for speed (7)
- 31 Cabalist crumbled like rock (8)
- 34 Young boys are pickpockets (7)
- 36 Nothing souses drunk like a Costa? (7)
- 39 Close, perhaps, reporting depression (5)
- 40 Working a lever to lift (8)
- 41 Average out as in French summer (6)
- 42 Priests, perhaps, redeveloping Bern Castle (10)
- 43 Hardy fish in enclosure (6)
- 44 Northern calypso dancing cause of fainting fit (8)

Down

- 1 Titipu's heroine anticipating a delicious meal? (3-3)

- 2 Male's ire turns more petty (8)
- 3 Question European protection (6)
- 4 Strap in with ongoing cover (5)
- 6 Sisters displaying one in new style (4)
- 7 'Nothing to clear up in post' is showing off (11)
- 8 Scottish stranger involved in gun control (4)
- 14 Briefly analyse standards (4)
- 16 Do pie recipe cooking from historical novel (6,5)
- 19 Expressing hesitation to depart so (4)
- 21 Fluid waste from ancient city river (4)
- 22 Indulged animals offended feelings (4)
- 23 Clear out modern vehicle with a clever limiting of acceleration (8)
- 24 Dog that has lifetime that is long (7)
- 27 Head over after liturgy's slow passage (8)
- 30 Dubious character giving odds on four (4)
- 31 British routine that's not sweet (4)

- 35 Slow, lazy obnoxious bodies suggested primarily (5)

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