

Crossword

2697:

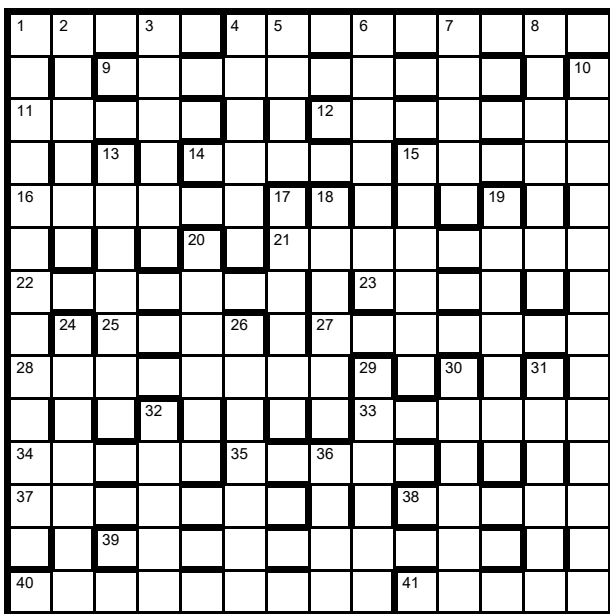
Futile felines

by Doc

Nine unclued lights (with one doing double duty) can be arranged into a possible quiz show announcement with the word lengths: 2,4,3,7,6,3,7,7,2,4,2,4,4,2,4,5. The three remaining unclued lights are possible answers. Elsewhere, ignore one accent.

Across

- 4 Democracies do wrong without desserts (3,6)
- 9 English artist having month involved with 38 (6,4)
- 11 Evaluate report for show (5)
- 12 Colonist who pays the bill? (7)
- 14 German novelist from the Wiesbaden area (5)
- 15 Celaeno's sister returning among school-leavers (5)
- 16 Foil, we hear, rose high (6)
- 21 Players participate in this match and event (4,4)
- 22 French artist's entry (7)
- 23 Dutch artist escaped from Marshalsea (4)
- 25 Model from Ford suggesting theme (4)
- 28 Anne involved with a lot of recent arrivals (8)
- 33 So slim, dizzy and lithe (6)
- 34 Wine bar has nothing inside (5)
- 35 Charm Frenchman lost at race course (5)
- 37 Improve hospital in Cornish town with no separate parking zone (7)
- 38 They ignored poor, unhealthy Prussian lancer (5)
- 40 Pole loses ice, melting first in triangular form (9)
- 41 Hearts removed from fruit in school (5)



Down

- 1 Having made a religious transformation of scariest Hindi translation (13)
- 3 It allows smoke to escape from this museum (6)
- 4 Stop! I'm deep in trouble (6)
- 7 The key to sign up (5)
- 8 Most of lemon may be treated for bone marrow disease (7)
- 10 Cameron cryptically split (6,7)
- 13 Capital from TSB, say – about a grand that's alright (7)
- 17 Court succeeded with headphone and 3-D image (2,4)
- 19 His is in stew pot (7)
- 26 Case with link to Spain (7)
- 29 1A troubled over small silver-lined nimbi (6)
- 32 Opponents embracing foremost Welshman (5)
- 36 Jail fence's ultimate punishment (4)

A first prize of £30 and two runners-up prizes of £20 for the first correct solutions opened on 21 April. Please scan or photograph entries and email them (including the crossword number in the subject field) to crosswords@spectator.co.uk, or post to: Crossword 2697, The Spectator, 22 Old Queen Street, London SW1H 9HP. Please allow six weeks for prize delivery.

Name

Address

.....
.....
.....
.....