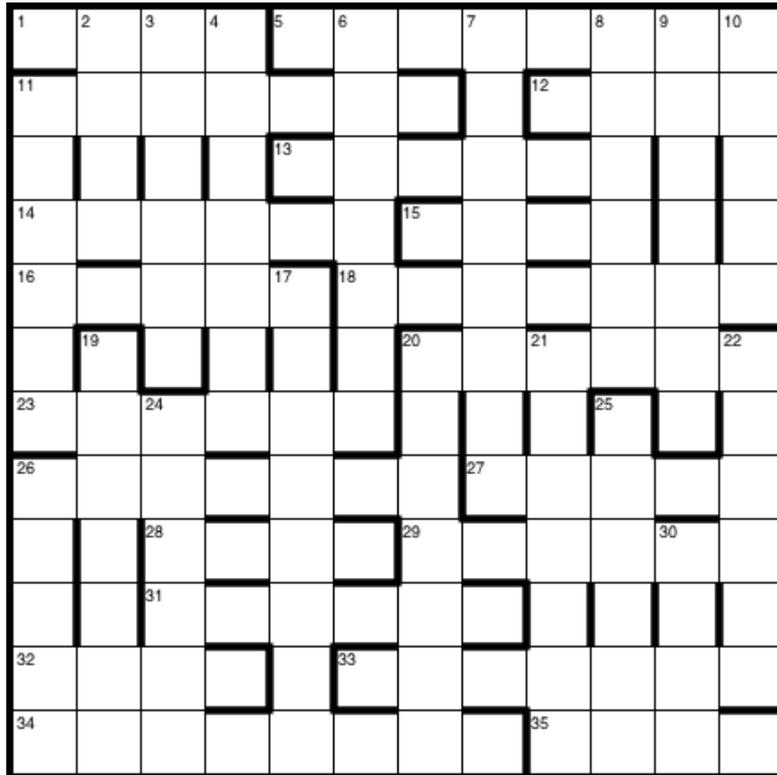


52. Matchmaking

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With Valentine's Day just around the corner, we invite you to play Cupid. The answers to the twelve Singles clues can be paired up to form six couples. Using the Across and Down answers as guides, enter a name for each of these unions in an unclued entry in the grid above. After solving all of the clues, you will find that the grid still contains two loose ends. Tie them up along a straight line to make one last pair. Two answers are capitalized, 16 Across is a variant spelling, and 23 Across and 19 Down are uncommon.

Singles

- A kind of wool shirt in two sizes (5)
- Cleaner's ad has no margins (3)
- Feast oddly results in love handles (3)
- Heavy metal can (3)
- Hide an opener in lock assembly (5)
- It flies the shortest route to northern peak (5)
- Nothing went west in Ft. Michigan city (5)
- Penny's manager took another third? (6)
- Ragged, frayed weapon (6)
- Sandy first met Nate around the last state assembly (6)
- Shove everyone behind West Berlin's divider (4)
- Taking over-under initially, she played casino favorite (5)

Across

- Iridium found in noble metal ingot (3,4)
- Spotted loveless nest egg (4)
- A bit of nudism alone is depressing (6)
- Stage performances at first pair of opening times (6)
- Curious, like Pinocchio? (5)
- Leftover strange stain after pig evacuates (7)
- Couples cried with large teardrops (6)
- Strand on French island (6)
- Luna ran around in a circle (7)

- Like an old photo of me in southeastern Pennsylvania (5)
- Old man is sore about admitting nice half (6)
- Feller, as in Diane or Tom (6)
- Otto tickled part of the ear (4)
- Harem guards said you could head in among drunk Huns (7)

Down

- Gunslinger from Tombstone's back with a bad rap (4)
- Capture male fleeing from smarter criminal (6)
- "Git lost!" - nap cut short by small female cat (7)
- Foul sound interrupted by mantra (7)
- Fixes up capsized sleigh after more damage (8)
- Deep-sea predator regarding seal from below (6)
- Gunman lying concealed like a scared little boy (7)
- Mandate change limiting speed of light (5)
- With a cry of pain, screamer became more frightened (8)
- An Atlantic pact includes time for a Caribbean red (7)
- Greek headhunter peruses freely (7)
- A nudge changed Matt's first meeting item (7)
- Makes marks in mottled skin (4,2)
- Each pastry topped with a bit of chocolate cream filling (6)
- Improvised epilogue written up about myth's end (2,3)
- "Scram!" turned into cries of wonder (4)