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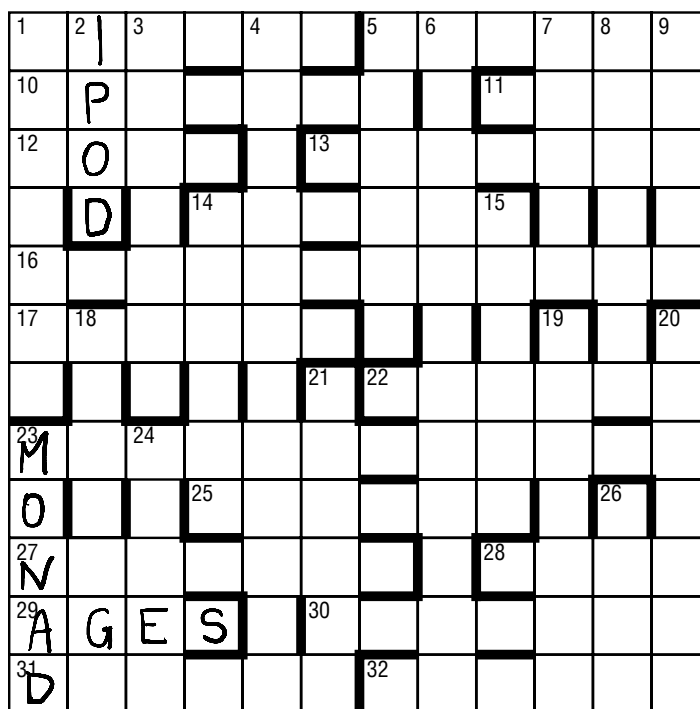
SIXES AND SEVENS (AND TWELVES)

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The clues to words of six, seven, and twelve letters are grouped separately. Solvers must determine where each answer belongs in the diagram, using answers to the numbered clues as a guide.

Answers include three proper nouns and two foreign words. The entries at 10A and 23D are uncommon. As always, mental repunctuation of a clue is the key to its solution. The solution to last month's puzzle appears on page 64.



ACROSS

11. I feel pain in back and hips (4)
12. Deer, lines of them, they say (4)
28. Leaning over, it's said to end two letters earlier (4)
- ~~31~~ Manages without a male presence, but gets on (4)

DOWN

- ~~1~~ Music box? First stock sale died (4)
7. A trick that goes in an unexpected direction? Cool! (5)
9. Day he got shot, mowed down (5)
- ~~10~~ Nomad, resettled entity (5)
24. It's back: German dynamo (5)
26. Organization with space for working, like one upwardly mobile (4)

SIX-LETTER WORDS

- a. Knock back in one dire display
- b. Critic's reassessment of a lemon?
- c. Relied on rearranging songs
- d. Homeopathy drastically limits problems that won't go away
- e. In front of a gym, Georgia airport for Hollywood stars
- f. Tevya's good fortune tossed in ash can
- g. Food that's a kind of racket?
- ~~h~~ Bit of wisdom you get from a paper cut? **APERCU**
- i. Goners: possibly Gina from porn!
- ~~j~~ Tops of American coats, copying European design elements with buckle under **ACCEDE**
- k. Wages war with no instigation, a sly catastrophe for the environment
- l. Sticks guys in harness together on left side, initially

SEVEN-LETTER WORDS

- a. Revolutionary tsarist writers, painters, and composers
- b. I screen for working in earnest
- c. Wheels gone, I'm totally seedy!
- ~~d~~ Charge in, get rope tied up **PROTEGE**
- e. Wiped out from being inadequately agented
- f. Where some Washingtonians land employment, finally, is ultimately boring
- g. Ah, piano pieces that reveal dumbness?
- h. Plays with the exchange rate
- i. Teacher fired, i.e., for nonconforming
- j. It's a lie: money with no sign of excellence anywhere produces a splitting headache!

TWELVE-LETTER WORDS

- a. This blows my cool: strict person living high on the hog!
- b. Rare accident that can get you canned?
- c. A twerp thrashing around, covered up, protected when swimming
- d. Develop loquacity (including, separately, nine Latin elements), as any mad romantic would

Contest Rules: Send completed diagram with name and address to "Sixes and Sevens (and Twelves)," *Harper's Magazine*, 666 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10012. If you already subscribe to *Harper's*, please include a copy of your latest mailing label. Entries must be received by December 11. The sender of the first correct solution opened at random will receive a one-year subscription to *Harper's Magazine* (limit one winner per household per year). The winner's name will be printed in the February issue. The winner of the October puzzle, "Vicious Circles," is Clyde Golden, Bakersfield, Calif.