

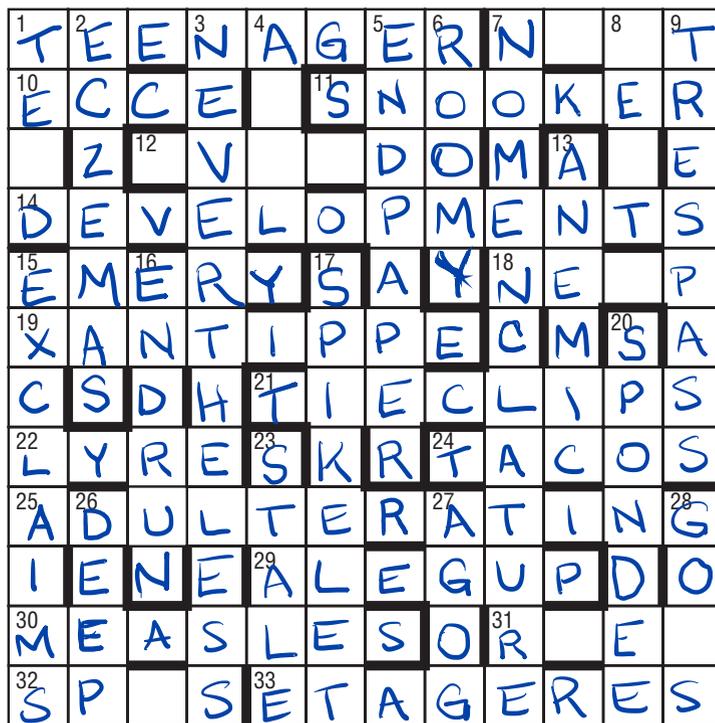
PUZZLE

FOURSOMES

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The bar pattern in this puzzle has four-way symmetry, that is, it remains the same no matter which side is up. Therefore, the clues have been grouped into foursomes, each group comprising the four entries sharing symmetrical placement. But within each foursome, the clues are listed in random order; the solver must place them correctly in the diagram.

Answers include one foreign word and one proper noun (an alternate spelling). As always, mental repunctuation of a clue is the key to its solution. The solution to last month's puzzle appears on page 67.



CLUES

1A, 33A, 9D, 15D (8)

Break in sparsest ground *trespass*

Furniture transported in steorage *etageres*

De-generate this person! *teenager*

Shouts coming from climaxes *exclaims*

7A, ~~32A~~, 1D, ~~28D~~ (4)

Jupiter and Neptune move backwards after rear action is eliminated *gods*

Healthy places to get fit, no end

Cultivate X-500

Marsh being just formed, it needs time

10A, 31A, 8D, 26D (4)

Marsh growth does, in reverse

Look off from the most profound direction

"Lo and behold!" (it's the start of every Cape Cod expression) *ecce*

Ocean-wide episode reveals it *deep*

11A, 30A, 2D, 20D (7)

"They give you an itch for eggs," Emma's announced *eczemas*

Something that's gone viral: "Open Sesame!" with line inserted— *measles*

—Starting silently, rock opened a foot *spondee*

Sucker from Oklahoma taken in by Reno's flimflamming *snooker*

12A, 29A, 13D, 16D (6)

When plague spreads, this is like a helping hand! *a leg up* (three words)

As the saying goes, it's too late to exaggerate

A streaker might make one nude, bandying about royal name (two words) *end run*

Polish cinema peaked *anemic*

14A, 25A, 3D, 7D (12)

Making something less complexly triangulated *adulterating*

Involved TV men elope within the boundaries of

distributors' advances *developments*

Women's only—at cruel distribution of names *nomenclature*

Always the more still! *nevertheless*

15A, 24A, 6D, 23D (5)

Rugged coast provides food (shells and maybe fish) *tacos*

Tesla models, not so new *stale*

It gives you the grit for filing forms mere year after *emery*

Sickly sounding person you meet in college?

18A, 22A, 4D, 27D (4)

Arts agency program's beginning between two springs

Instrument with a sound that you can't believe! *lyre*

Rose in the rock world to encompass the East—it's a cool jump

Excited in the past, getting great support *agog*

19A, 21A, 5D, 17D (8)

Greeks' scold expat in relocating while taking piano *xantippe*

Smashed pets like a bit of grass *spikelet*

Part of a book written in small type, then rapped cleverly *endpaper*

Fixed things in front and back—it precedes a not quite total

eclipse (two words) *tie clips*

Contest Rules: Send completed diagram with name and address to "Foursomes," *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 November 5. 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 January issue. The winner of the September puzzle, "Pose," is Joanna Piucci, New York City.