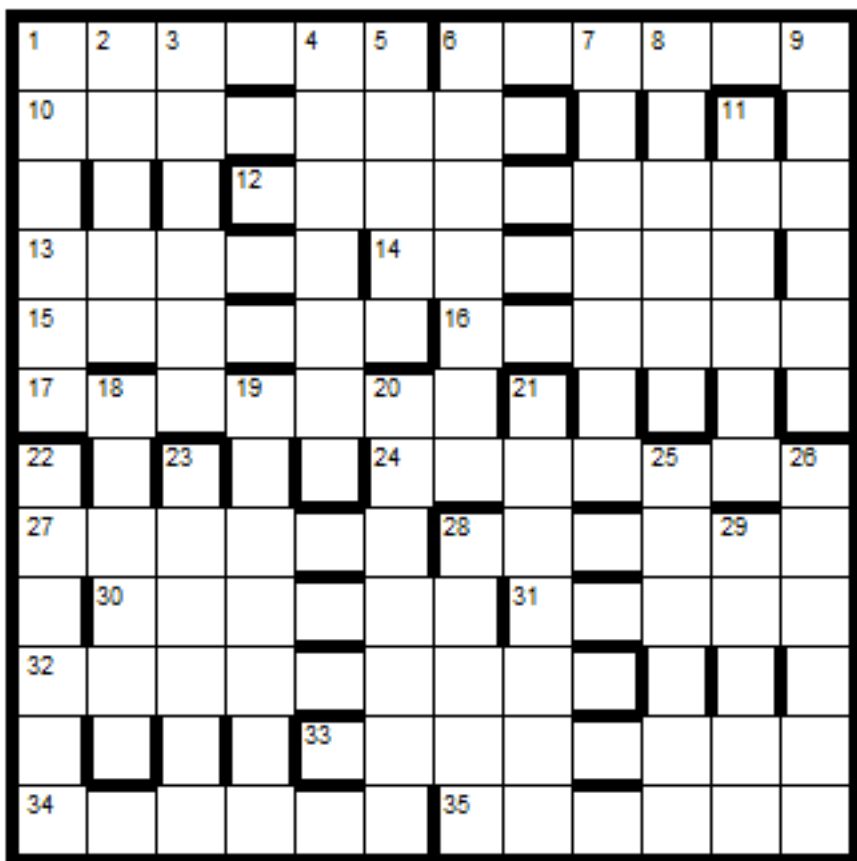


THE MAN IN THE MOON

The Man in the Moon wears an expression that's sometimes ambiguous and cryptic.



ACROSS

1. Great trade (with lower-case "t") for, like, almost half of these clues (6)
6. Sweet old ladies' states of harmony (6)
10. Cleaned-up manuscript cheated by having supernatural being eat policeman (8; 2 wds.)
12. Somehow divided, set cider boiling and a slice of toast afire (9)
13. 25% of atheists in a snit observe Yom Kippur, perhaps (5)
14. These are stale nuts used in Chinese cookery (6)
15. Divers, for example, in foreign oceans and pools (6)
16. Sign of decay: dancing torridly, not paying attention to LP (6; 2 wds.)
17. Old ascetic hoots "start to cherish heart and soul!" (7)
24. Central part of neoclassical tower separated in two (7)
27. Opinion's held by inferior, inert school (6)
28. Hunters might use this to target an alligator or similar (6)
30. A phone call for help might lead to one tram bus hauling parts (6)
31. Lance showing onset of parrot fever (5)
32. *Tron's* premier excited cretin in New York's downtown area (9; 2 wds.)
33. Cultural organization embraced by moi and femme fatale (8; *hyph.*)
34. Fellow tending machine components and material (6)
35. Most peculiar poetry written about deceased niece from Topeka (6)

DOWN

1. Fringe elements in Abilene, taking over farm, debated building style (6; *hyph.*)
2. Impeccably virtuous witch, say, when deploying a spell (5)
3. Eight spots some ship workers discussed (6)
4. Shows or hides disdainful looks, returning with leadership of colonies inland (7)
5. Makes a mess of plea for help about one fact of life (5)
6. Snail spied us getting advantages (7)
7. Very fast bit of arcane chant about "halo" of yore (7)
8. More than one colorist relocates to Florida for a few months (6)
9. Undisturbed, understand sacrificing night (January 15th, 2016 perhaps) (6)
11. Service shoes are so improved with lining initially inserted (6)
18. Bounded quilt described by Senior Director Lee (6)
19. EE maybe developed sense of light's mechanism, per Aristotle (7; *hyph.*)
20. Longden's "Mayor Tom" and others are able to test with great acuity (7; 2 *wds.*)
21. Went on a talk show and huffed and puffed about closing of club (7)
22. Engagement and bachelor parties might include this intoxicating activity (6)
23. Gremlin hiding gel mischievously in drawer (6)
25. *Rent* duet featuring this waiter and lady is cut (6)
26. Many an impromptu nest that's heated up in a lab (6)
28. Sky, European river are behind big beast (5)
29. Ingredients in foie gras and tapenades, primarily (5)