

German Food by Ucaoimhu

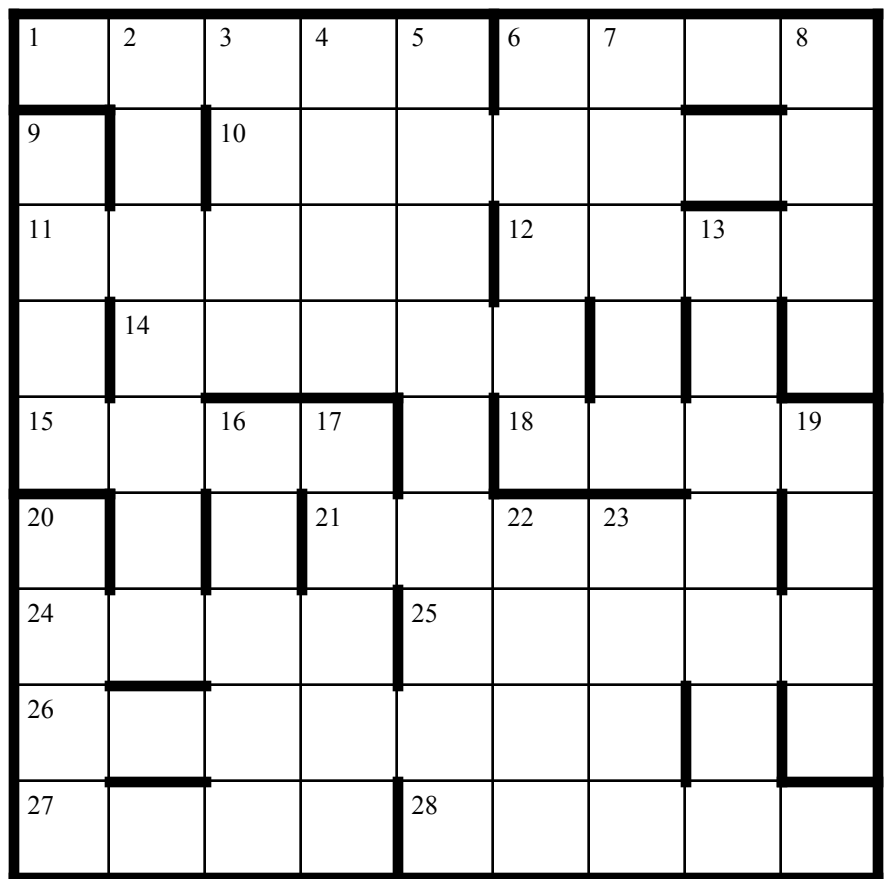
Some squares will contain one of two bigrams:

(1) If the first bigram is in the *n*th square of an Across entry, take the *n*th letter of its clue. In clue order, these letters will describe each such square; prepending one **word** gives you food.

(2) If the second bigram is in the *n*th-to-last square of an Across entry, take the *n*th-to-last letter of its clue. In clue order, these letters will describe the bigram in German; if read differently, they constitute one **word**.

(To tell you which bigram is which, they often appear in a row or column in (1), (2) order, but what they spell out that way is nonsense.)

Finally, if a Down entry has *either* the first bigram in its *n*th square *or* the second in its *n*th-to-last square (or both), circle *both* the *n*th and *n*th-to-last letters of its clue. The circled letters will give a message relevant to the two **words**.



ACROSS

1. As rot decayed a book of a certain size
6. A place where you'll find party-goers to embarrass
10. 40% could list one Toyota line
11. Automobile part that protects police officer possessing skill (2 wds.)
12. Half-rhymes about us having plants with hollow stems
14. Red vegetable conceals red hat
15. Rebounding, drunk LA songstresses
18. A small chicken is white
21. Coats unfortunately slide downhill
24. Top-notch clothing can't ultimately make up for past sins
25. Note from superficially fractious part of the string section (2 wds.)
26. Confuse her nice 18th-century French poet
27. Xena's foot's grabbed by young person facing certain doom
28. Hiker's weird, screechy cry

DOWN

2. Not much like those who can up and arrest film star Jared (2 wds.)
3. Unfenced, holy piece of land
4. Reportedly penned, um, something one could spin
5. Yucky hipster food appears to be sea creature whose name means "numb" (2 wds.)
6. May essentially scrap a vessel
7. I'll stock a kind of wine with a kind of sapphire color
8. Carts, for example, carrying hot piece of sapphire
9. A place where west coasters study about the fourth and second most conductive elements (abbr.)
13. Shouted "Darn!" with regard to something in (for example) a brogue (2 wds.)
16. Your French name is Spanish for "units of weight"
17. Airborne emission from South American copper
19. Activities for those who are tired and turning cross
20. Act of changing a term used after *ex post* by lawyers
22. Brother of Joseph . . . er . . . has to be rude
23. Cover Onassis with singular Indian garment