

# Getting Valentines

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HETERONYM (\*7, 4) 3) (\*7 = ONE = not MW;  
3 = part of + phrase)

CONSONANTCY (4, \*7) (YAWNS, WINES)

TRANSPOSAL (8) (SECONDLY = inferable)

HOMOSYNONYM (4, 4 2) (TEAR, WAIT)

THIRD-LETTER CHANGE (6) (SIPS, SITS)

LETTER BANK (3, 4-1-4) (ARE, RARE)

When all night long, a flattist SITS,  
But finds he ponders most unfecundly  
(The once-fit muscles of his wits  
perhaps could use a bit of SECONDLY),  
He pities every wordy pair  
That can't then meet to form a base — to face  
Each other in an am'rous RARE  
(That's French, and means a meeting face-to-face).

I feel it's right on Valentine's  
(Fal-lal-la, Fal-lal-la!)

That all the semi-bases these  
(Fal-lal-la-lal-la!)

Lone cuewords hide, within these lines,  
Should be romantic if they please,  
Especially if they're French or WINES  
(That's either Spanish or Portuguese).

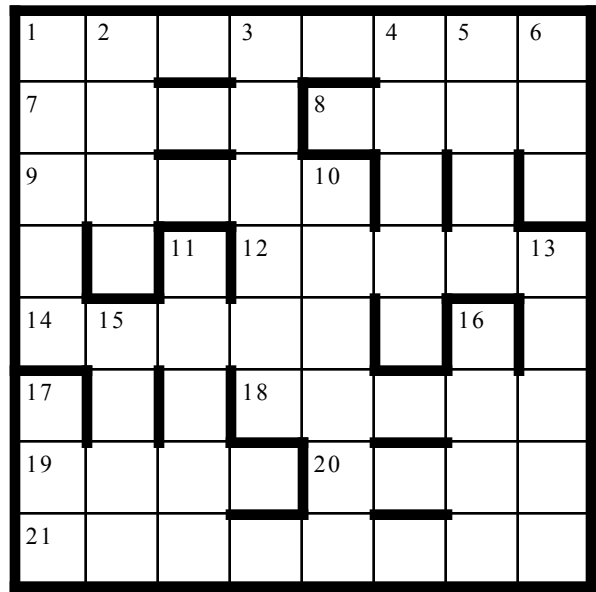
Fal-lal-la, Fal-lal-la!  
Especially if they're French or WINES  
(That's either Spanish or Portuguese).  
Fal-lal-la!

So in the cryptic, all reveal  
(In lights, not sound, I ought to mention; they  
Don't utt'r a TWO *amours* they feel  
For *ses amis*. There's a convention they  
All follow (they don't WAIT), of course,  
Oft seen in cryptics. If you're blankin' there,  
Just take this verse's meter's source —  
Their mates replace the middle rank in there. →

Then order on the tiny lines,  
(Fal-lal-la, Fal-lal-la!)  
As clued, those well-liked halves; one sees  
(Fal-lal-la-lal-la!)

The pairs at last get VALENTINES.  
It's quite romantic, though of these  
New halves, none is all that French or WINES  
(That's either Spanish or Portuguese).

Fal-lal-la, Fal-lal-la!  
Though none of them's all that French or WINES  
(That's either Spanish or Portuguese).  
Fal-lal-la!

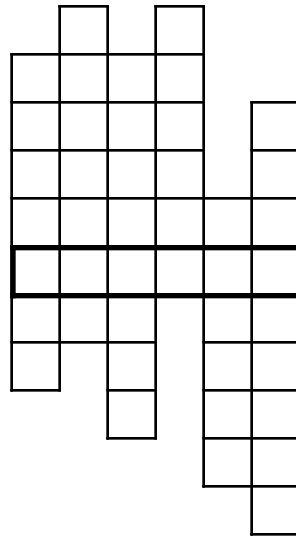


## ACROSS

1. In front of the congressman I had to be brave (8)
7. Noah used to show off island (4)
8. Some ice circulation is reported (4)
9. Computer company elected to turn back rain clouds (5)
12. One that has crept in and beheaded drunkard (5)
14. Permitted sounds to be uttered (5)
18. Shakespeare's Athenian left number with German (5)
19. Lady abandons West Arabian country (4)
20. NB: Beginning with B or Z or something in between (4)
21. No, melt an unstable element like phosphorus or fluorine (8)

## DOWN

1. One-on-one at one ancient Greek location (5)
2. Spike now started to be sick (4)
3. Radical you finally fight off (3 3)
4. Open area around Arizona mountain (5)
5. Lionel embraces Skye in the movies (4)
6. Young socialite's sleep-over (3)
10. Element that is enveloping a Norse god (6)
11. McKellen assumes that hurts a mid-westerner (5)
13. Learn jests about the kidneys (5)
15. Fifty-one thousand initially owed for expensive car (4)
16. Don't start tumult with a leader of Ilion (4)
17. It carries a charge up top? (3)



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VALENTINES = \_\_\_\_\_