

Getting Valentines

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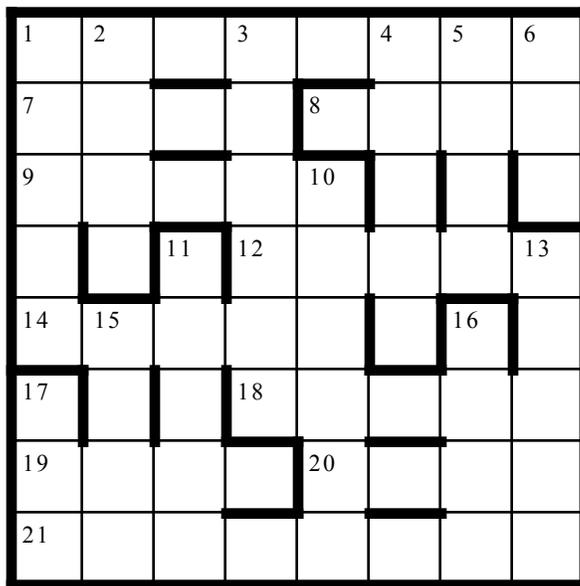
HETERONYM (*7, 4) 3) (*7 = ONE = not MW;
3 = part of + phrase)
CONSONANTCY (4, *7) (YAWNS, WINES)
TRANSPOSAL (8) (SECONDLY = inferable)
HOMOSYNONYM (4, 4 2) (TEAR, WAIT)
THIRD-LETTER CHANGE (6) (SIPS, SITS)
LETTER BANK (3, 4-1-4) (ARE, RARE)

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-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-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!

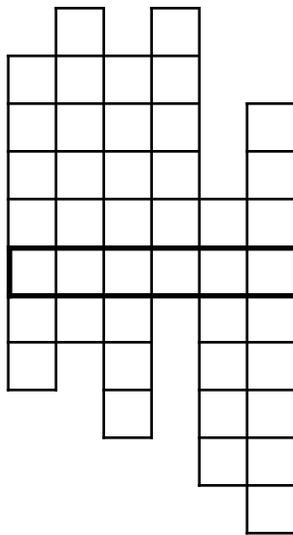


ACROSS

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

DOWN

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



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VALENTINES = _____