

PUZZLE

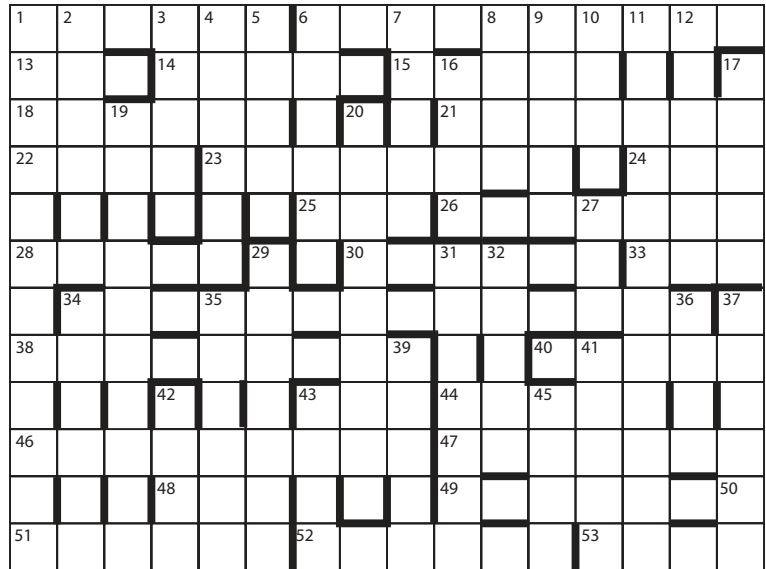
UNION CONTRACT

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Five unclued entries are related to a common location, which is spelled out by the letters in 25, 3, 44, 15, and 5. A sixth entry, the four-word sentence at 34A, might lead there as well. There are two correct answers for 19D.

Clue answers include eight proper nouns and one common foreign word. 49A, 10D, 17D, and 41D are uncommon, as are, for some, 18A and 45D. As always, mental repunctuation of a clue is the key to its solution. The solution to last month's puzzle appears on page 73.

Private message for J.S.: 1, 14, 6, 16, 10, 17—plus 34A—plus 51, 48, 52, 49, 53, 50. A full explanation will appear with the solution in next month's issue.



ACROSS

1. Locker's key in France is kept in a container (6)
6. South African dogs travel without gravity supports (10)
13. Don't start to knock one working at home (3)
14. There's nothing, nothing, like an egg (5)
15. Rapid flows giving off water (5)
18. Country music-makers perform with friends in the hood (6)
21. Excoriate—that's right—one kind of horse (3,4)
22. Tackle that might produce rage (4)
23. No seeker wandering finds a lamplighter (8)
24. Obscure and loud—turn back (3)
25. Article that goes with my name (3)
26. (See instructions) (7)
28. *Sam I Am* is having a comeback, but I left out family members (5)
30. Southern city is moving sculpture (6)
33. Relax, take time off for legal matter (3)
34. (See instructions) (4,3,5,2)
38. Organized at ten, sign of a wedding going on (9)
40. In pop art, endlessly rotating low-grade Italian dresser (5)
43. Ball location that's foreign being out of bounds (3)
44. Temperature (yeah, sure) in the highland? (5)
46. Getting down with native dancing about midevening—it's not normal (9)
47. Silliness in a lousy child gets you at first (7)
48. Took in a threesome, but lost heart (3)
49. Performing, sorta, on a kind of dulcimer (7)
51. Cries of excitement for louts (6)
52. About Monsieur Curie, puzzled about a kind of poisoning (6)
53. Dispatch forward position to the back to get goals (4)
2. Morning. Nothing on eBay. Year gone. Little being seen (6)
3. Vehicle for a *Casablanca* actor in a voice-over (5)
4. Look back when going around fork in the road, getting fine and summons (6)
5. Bloomers brought an end to neuroses (5)
6. Stones, in building, criticize hip-hop (6)
7. Model of freshness is appearing in twenty-four hours (5)
8. Partially volunteering for green symbol (4)
9. I'm a man. I pee in bed (5)
10. Gutless symbol of Egypt is Egyptian bull! (4)
11. (See instructions) (12)
12. Chemical compound kept one not soft (6)
16. Tied with rap doctor first (4)
17. Holiday drink, doubly good for carpenter's aids (5)
19. (See instructions) (3,7)
20. (See instructions) (9)
27. Actress with leads in *Dead End* and *Yentl* (3)
29. Disappointment for a gold miner or disgraced priest holding a divining rod (7)
31. (See instructions) (7)
32. Shaw, the writer who contributed to *Fair Winds* (5)
34. Part of the UK that got a big name from Poland (6)
35. Gelato concoction that's smooth and even (6)
36. Take something out, getting something that comes in back (4)
37. Dumb-ass strays and degenerates (6)
39. Something unbottled—information, that is (5)
41. Incorrectly enter annual income (5)
42. Eats, says goodbye? Just the opposite! (4)
43. Place for post-truth: university (4)
45. Seat of justice? Don't allow what lets court open (4)

DOWN

1. In decisive moment in speech, arbiter mixed up actresses; he said 27D, but the _____ (9,3)

Contest Rules: Send completed diagram with name and address to "Union Contract," *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 August 3. 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 October issue. The winner of the June puzzle, "Sixes and Sevens (and Twelves)," is Gregg Menges, San Luis Obispo, Calif.