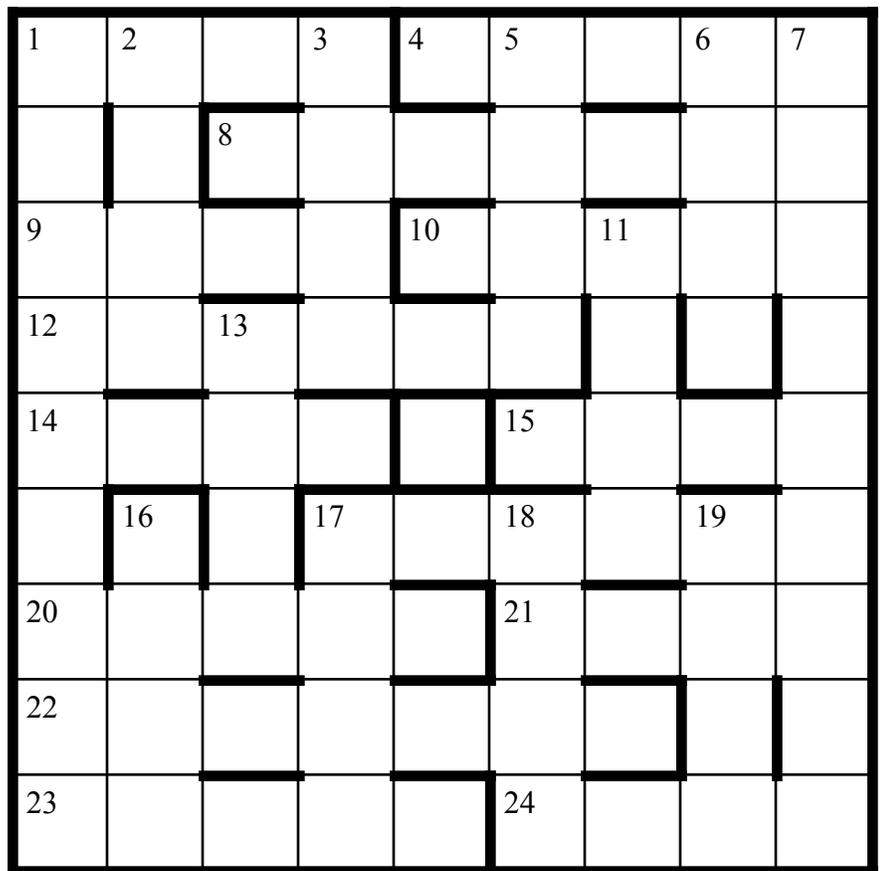


Bolt Construction

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In some grid squares, an Across answer and a Down answer conflict; in each of these, you can resolve the conflict by substituting a new letter, forming new words in both directions (one of these is a poet's last name). These substitutions form two sets; for each set, the Across letter, new letter, and Down letter (in that order) form a particular word appropriate to the title. Also, if you look at the conflicted squares in the grid, you will see what letter to insert into the bolthole in the center of the grid to form two other relevant sets.



ACROSS

1. Fall, keeping primarily vertical! (4)
4. French wine remains or vanishes (5)
8. Skip over your name on two epistles (7)
9. Gutlessly shouted slang term for "believability" (4)
10. Merman that's left half-eaten by fish (5)
12. Countenance of lunatic, sap, etc. (6)
14. Sound equipment for an actor in *Chicago* (4)
15. *Rent* is about 2/3 sexy (4)
17. One leaves shoes in banks (1 3 2)
20. Actress Eve bewitched a nerd (5)
21. Italian and German with issue (4)
22. Two mind-warping streets between 14th and 59th in Manhattan (7)
23. Metal street feels unsurfaced (5)
24. Starts to think of really rare unit of pressure (4)

DOWN

1. Measures of the Marseillaise containing stuff about silver (9)
2. Cats beheaded by alpha particles, say (4)
3. Rotate to modify moon's effect (4)
5. Ex-senator Trent's endlessly chancy game (4)
6. Those people that initially will be on edge (4)
7. Slyer vets treated a lispig cat (9)
11. Covering for an academic thug (4)
13. Poke Penny with a dowel (4)
16. More than one can put up with pet (4)
17. Test wild badger's burrow (4)
18. Fresh piece of toasted salamander (4)
19. Foreigner doesn't have a right to hold property (4)