

Saturday? Unknown as told to Ucaoimhu

We didn't know how to resolve conflicts involving Saturday plans *or* letters in grid squares. For the latter, our friend Hans (a foreigner who's a-doin' somethin' else at another time) said that one of us should put in one letter (thus being a [1st gray word]), then draw a teensy image of the other letter (which would be [2nd gray word]), so the "conflicted square" would contain [3rd gray word]). And that advice suited us just fine! What's more:

(1) For any pair of conflicted squares a "bishop's move" apart, draw the diagonal line connecting them. You will form two paths; the characters on *unconflicted* squares along the paths will say exactly what Hans said to write.

(2) For each entry *not* intersecting a path, take its clue's last letter-pair. Put in alphabetical order *by entry* in two columns, these will say what we are and what Hans is.

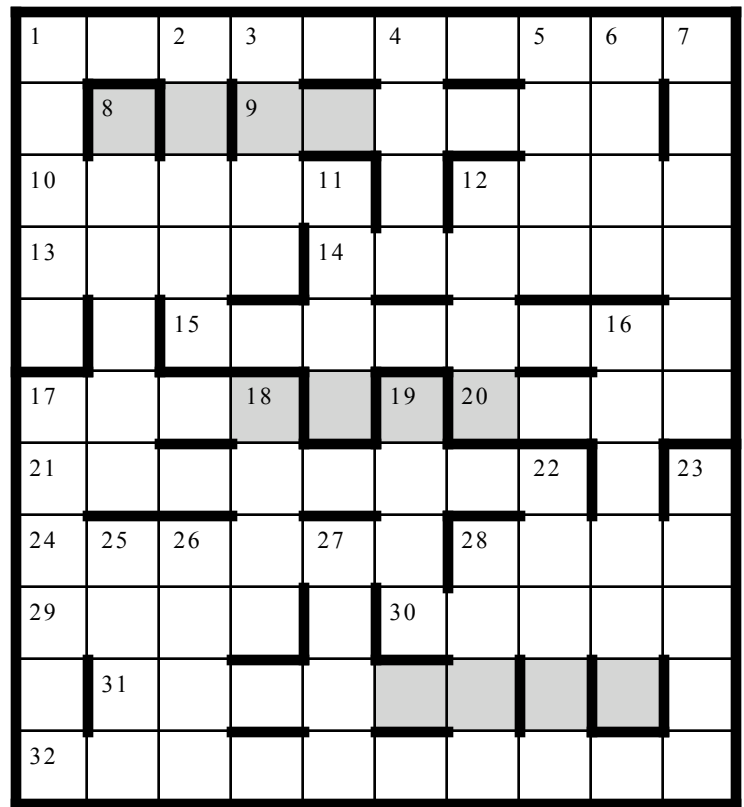
(3) Whenever the *n*th square of an entry is on a path but not conflicted, circle the *n*th letter of its clue; read all the circled letters to see what we said to Hans afterwards.

(4) For any conflicted square that is the *x*th square from the start of an Across entry and the *y*th from the end of a Down entry, find the *x*th letter from the start and *y*th from the end of their respective clues. The "*x*th letters", read along the paths one way, and the "*y*th letters", read the other way, will give our (title-related) names.

(Note: Numbers may appear in unexpected ways.)

ACROSS

1. Seles obstructs endlessly harsh music producers (10)
9. Rubbed out relaxed, round leader of Romanovs (6)
10. Aces taking in A-ha remix with cries of pleasure (5)
12. Medico with a yellow cart (4)
13. Man, Joni finally flipped over a flower (4)
14. Tory won't start to embrace female author (1 5)
15. Practice turning that lady's ears orange in back (8)
17. The H replaced a Hebrew letter (4)
20. Dog's nose is held by professor's helper's kids (4)
21. Dynamically rave, "Dot should include the first part of this cite" (6 2)
24. Ethics violator Bieber is naughty (6)
28. Unclad woman is about the twenty-sixth highest ranking woman in the Emerald City (4)
29. Sound from an ursine creature with no fur (4)
30. Twirling around if blocked, like a human foot (1-4)
31. A leader who fasted had gin, unfortunately (6)
32. Take from put-down, grasping sets of followers (10)



DOWN

1. Sap ultimately stopped showering (5)
2. I'd interrupt last broadcast again (5)
3. The writer's taking twenty-five-score doses (4)
4. Remains supportive of northern poet Ogden (4)
5. Lab employing physicists and this French hospital employee (4, *abbr.*)
6. Spot a rabbi four weeks before the new moon that precedes Pesach (4)
7. Agree Maria could stand to receive more than one yen (3 3)
8. Samhain's end is shrouded in strange dread, to a great extent (6)
11. Dirt on one's pop (4)
12. Police hate being befuddled (4)
16. Embarrassed, quiet Dee covers up nude James (6)
17. Upsettingly wicked, perverse socialite is touched with a hanky, say (6)
18. He and Abe ignore a cupbearer on Olympus (4)
19. A highway in NE fit ever more oddly (3 1, *abbr.*)
22. Triatomic oxygen inside of hot region (5)
23. Green stones will be okay for Germans and some of the French, Walloons, et alii (5)
25. African millet swallowed by Signora Gina (4)
26. One Gershwin brother's savings (4, *abbr.*)
27. About 2.7–37.5% of choruses repeat (4)
28. Nothing about it initially suits an elevator man (4)