

A Merry Dance

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This puzzle requires a certain amount of dancing around between Across and Down. To wit:

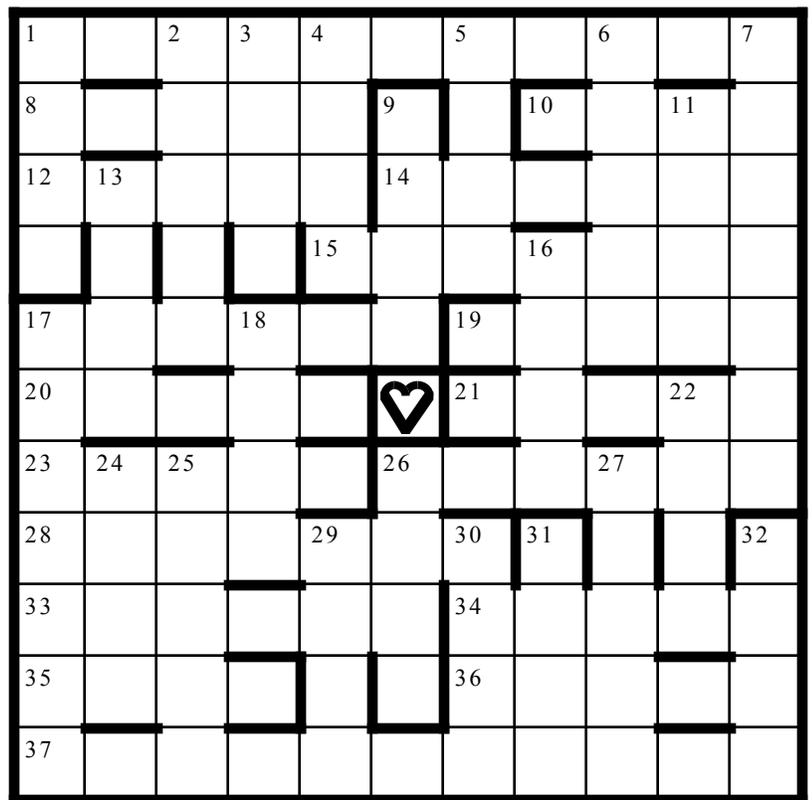
(1) The answers to half of the Across clues are too short; each must have a sequence of letters added before it is entered in the grid. Half of the Down clues each contain an extra word that must be removed before solving; these extra words, in clue order, will form a sequence of clues for the new words formed by adding letters to the Across answers.

(2) In each of the other half of the Down clues, one letter in the answer is not accounted for in the cryptic part; circle each of these letters in the grid. Each of the other half of the Across clues contains an extra letter that must be removed before solving; these letters, in clue order, will say how the unaccounted-for letters from the Down clues got lost.

When the grid is complete, the circled letters, read left to right, will indicate what kind of merry dance has been done; top to bottom, they will form another key phrase.

ACROSS

1. Say, executive who holds discussions re Necco & Nerf becomes maid
8. One beginning to save lives
10. Staten Island will be included in discoverer's announcement
12. Imply tinker's work, say, is revolutionary (2 wds.)
14. Some essential piece of circle!
15. Behold -- thou shalt initially cut pieces of wood
17. Oddly gluey fellow
19. Hearth is in most exquisite trouble
20. One bi, wild Gael sired by Tantalus
21. The Italian of Dante, regarded superficially
23. Tom put back the gutless red mammal
26. Rosie, in fluttering about, becomes more inquisitive
28. Host eats at a diner, primarily, for 1000 years
33. Mr. Young has right to weep
34. Play the part of a leader of men
35. Mostly, this editor went fast
36. Zigzag symbols from the outskirts of Naucratis
37. Wanting to start a paragraph about one German



DOWN

1. Every almost-erected enclosure (4)
2. Spiffily dressed one lifted tons (5)
3. Command part of army to stop that thing (4)
4. Greek letter claims Nin story's origin is in Spanish (4)
5. Obscurities disheartened ersatz Sun God's prophet (4)
6. Models talk endlessly about that confused state (5)
7. Sartre cooked chicken (7)
9. African country artistically displays biblical wedding site (4)
11. Playwright who wrote *Bus Stop* in error (4)
13. Mentioned Perseus's corroded little needle case (4)
16. The French meadows (4)
17. Mother put minced hog in around 200 dumplings (7)
18. Lincoln left songbird with Adam's son (4)
22. Fridge is running after a (roughly) 2.7-billion-year interval (4)
24. Fifty percent of things from Siam (4)
25. Even grandmothers will grasp Norman's head with prongs (5)
26. Say bizarre words of denial (4)
27. That is, claiming North America is vapid (5)
29. Mr. Wald flipped over Ms. Vep (4)
30. One-on-one with actress Delany (4)
31. Reservation about an amusement in *Panda*, say (1-3)
32. Almost hit worker in bygone times (5)