

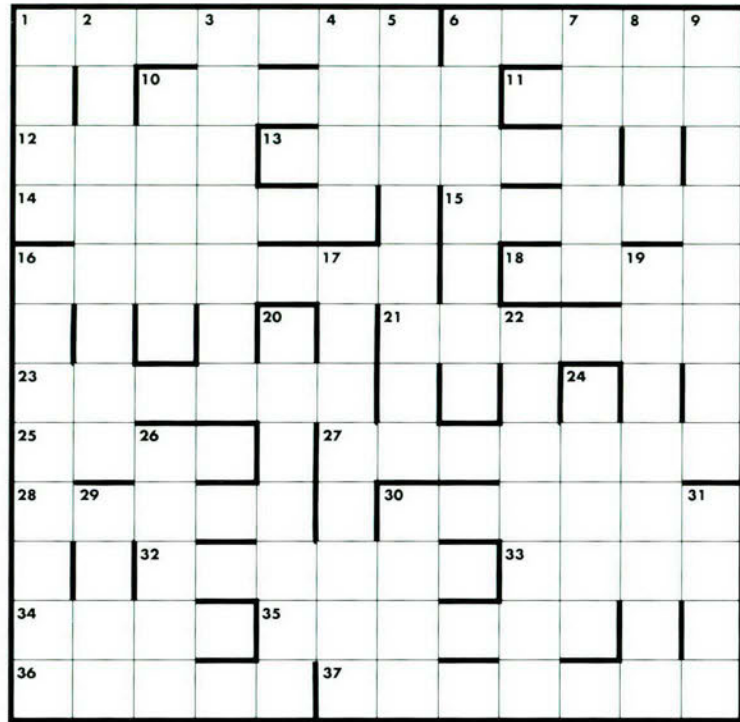
THE PUZZLER

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ROBIN HOOD

Like the outlaw of Sherwood Forest, we have robbed from the rich and given to the poor in this puzzle. That is, from each of 11 answers that are too long to fit into the diagram we have stolen a letter, and we have given those same letters to 11 answers that are too short to fit into the diagram. All deletions and additions result in new words. By circling the letters given to the poor, solvers will find, reading left to right column by column, a phrase descriptive of Mr. Hood's methods. Clue answers include four proper nouns.

See page 115 for Puzzler contest details. The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 117.



ACROSS

1. Examining doctor returned with Merry Men's leader
6. Important boat's back in glass bottle
10. Expedition is heading west, keeping at a distance
11. For a Turkish palace, raise bucks
12. British seaport submerged by river
13. Very hot nuts, in fact
14. Deer makes noises like a farm animal beginning to eat
15. Soil that's rich without containing oxygen
16. Suggestions about intelligence circles
18. Item taken back in before polishing
21. Heard about armed-forces branch again
23. Reined horses around Greek nymph

25. Pony has eaten a card from a mystical deck
27. Earl spars with lively wits
28. Pole's keeping company with a pet that brings good luck
30. Boxes containing dead sticks
32. Smart, pocketing gold of some Greek actors
33. Left out nine napkins?
34. Spat in front of one tree
35. Comfort Liberal supporter of the arts?
36. You sign for naval officers
37. Doctor trimmed and scooped

DOWN

1. Introduction for *Me* rejected
2. One developing regressive gun worship
3. Hinder what in Spain is a ship
4. Handle English chap's uprising
5. Doctor Rogers describing Sunday school money-makers

6. Something in a garden failing to live
7. The last piece of cake for you
8. Bolts old violin's back
9. Lights on either side of true cowcatchers
10. A character's flourish lights up
16. 100 in a group shout about rocking tune
17. Finale, with listeners, was charming
19. Petersen plays make-believe
20. Turned anything but dull about western part of a city
22. Mutt went first and rolled over
24. After six, girl excited a Roman poet
26. English philosopher firm about Central America
29. Crazy Horse's prop
30. Los Angeles riot's initial spirit
31. Observe a lot of water in your mouth?

NOTE: The instructions above are for this month's puzzle only. It is assumed that you know how to decipher clues. For a complete introduction to clue-solving, send an addressed, stamped long envelope to The Atlantic Puzzler, 745 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass. 02116.