

The Atlantic PUZZLER

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BACK TO BACK

The twelve unclued lights, taken in the order of their appearance (with Across lights preceding Down lights), form a progression of words which may be linked back to back. Clue answers include six proper words; 10 Across is uncommon; a variant spelling is involved in 17 Across. Remember that punctuation in the clues may be used deceptively.

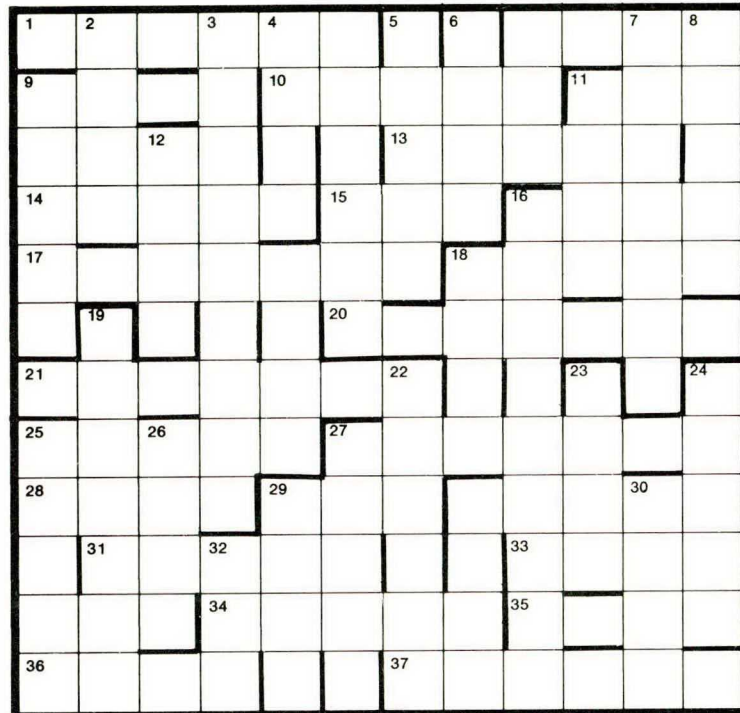
ACROSS

1. Shed in swamp (6)
9. Position open for unskilled laborer (4)
10. For vampire Dracula, Miami is home (5)
11. When the king is away, depression turns to jollity (3)
13. Extract from coroner on device for removing hearts (5)
14. Love to peruse nymph (5)
15. Garden of Eden has twice the room (3)
17. Problem of time and money (7)
18. Equality is something very important to the French (5)
20. Rejoiced in return of splendid time (7)
21. Old Jets given some Rams? (7)
27. Prophetic quiet fills Indian place with outset of ceremony (7)
28. Top man after Christ (4)
29. Sea monster on the tail of retreating crocodile (3)
31. Vault with dangerous consequences (5)

33. Support a certain opera (4)
34. Land adds mass to concrete (5)
35. Turn back (apt to be crowded) (4)
36. Stew in returnable cans (4)
37. Alternate notice now and then (6)

DOWN

2. On the field, king equals king (4)
3. Persevering and topping off sundae, died—eating rotten nut (9)
4. Happy beginning—girl meets boy (4)
5. Characters, alternating in term, accede to presiding position (5)
6. One king among millions (4)
7. Hot dog—one with ketchupy exterior (7)
8. Makes socks smell uplifting (5)
9. Ho! Pot shot! (5)
11. Alarm is loud, getting attention (4)
12. Lighting of sign with none out (4)
16. Moslem lands a hit—place goes wild (9)
19. Indian put back in orphanage home (7)
22. Transfers \$100 in business transactions (6)
23. Asian connection at hearing (4)
24. Shepherd's first 100 sheep get lost (5)
25. More than one fanciful wish (about 1000)! (5)
26. Win near-falls (4)
27. Imagine 500,500 sheets of newspaper (5)
30. Aide changes light bulb (4)
32. Rat gets off craft (3)



Note: The instructions above are the special instructions for this month's puzzle. It is assumed that you know how to decipher clues. For a complete introduction to clue-solving, write to The Atlantic Reprint Department, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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