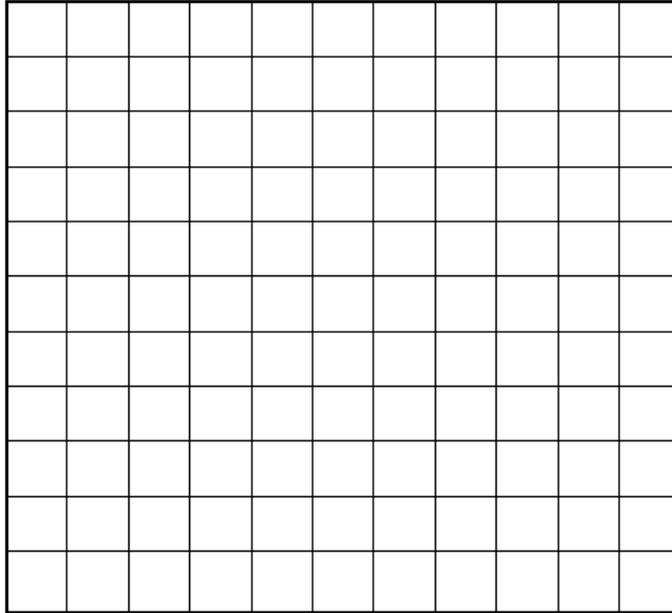


Puzzle #19--December 2002 "Bargain Sale"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to eight letters), then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right margin continue on the next line below; down words that don't end at the bottom margin continue in the next column to the right. Four across words and three down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those seven letters, taken in order, spell a two-word phrase that indicates how certain other words--eight of them across and six of them down--are to be treated before they're entered in the grid. Five answers are hyphenated words and another five are proper names. As ever, I am grateful to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. Candy stuck in blob on bonnet
2. Strangely cool, initially red, possibly blue
3. Two cats in a drum
4. Pay them covertly for understanding
5. Rudely oral in public relations room
6. Dance put cheer in rotated sphere
7. Novice lover begins in bed
8. One very recently put in quarantine
9. Man with start of gruesome English disease
10. Dad lives in cheap apartment
11. Badger brings cheer back to donkey
12. Smooth writer holds note
13. City strike conflict
14. Gives birth, initiating first of a long series
15. Father one art form
16. Wings of one drowned in drink
17. Break initially, then fix
18. Africans repeatedly turn us around
19. Chomsky's back keeping track of chestnut
20. Region in Far East
21. Partition conceals monkey
22. King has a place destroyed
23. Disciplinarian in matter is undisciplined
24. King wrapped in cord by topless servant
25. Prison toilet dance
26. Random firing around French beast
27. Bird caught in fine net

Down

1. Putting bone in brew, one gets disease
2. Peter embracing small hound
3. What protects honey from recombination
4. Initially scrape and polish
5. South American sun devil
6. Disdain returning two rings
7. Warning: universe started in a particle
8. California harbors every flower
9. Ardent love bird
10. Fish caught in mite trap
11. Shaquille, eg, has Knicks starting in real disarray
12. Instrument of early renown
13. Botanist Gray lives in Pasadena
14. Relation of rodent and Greek maiden
15. Machine gun decoration
16. Phrase translated for Nepalese tribe
17. Brawl involved a scarf
18. Fussy dress has four in double trouble
19. Mix tonic with right fruit
20. Mark nothing in measure
21. Hill-climbing lines on top of Kilimanjaro
22. Manager in distress about start of voting grievance
23. Two French words for "bird"
24. Sensory organ of fish held in iron rod
25. Yes, positively a lemur