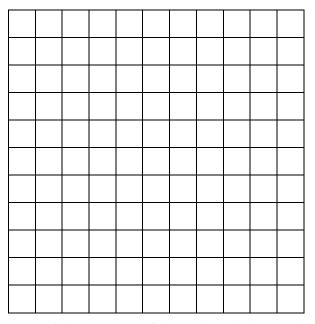
Puzzle #48 — May 2005 "Higgledy-piggledy"

Instructions: This puzzle contains an unusual feature explained below. First, as usual, guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to nine 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, and down words that don't end at the bottom margin continue in the next column. Six across words and seven down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those thirteen letters, taken in order, spell a hyphenated word related to a second hyphenated word formed by eight letters that don't mesh. Four of the letters that don't mesh belong in the down words they're part of, but not in any across words, and will either interrupt an across word or lie between two of them; while the other four letters belong in the across words they're part of, but not in any



down words, and will either interrupt a down word or lie between two of them. Those eight unmeshed letters-taken in order in down words from left to right, and in across words from top to bottom-spell the second hyphenated word. As ever, I am grateful to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.

Across

- 1. Ouiet talk with Len about a weapon of war
- 2. Give up five in all for metal and mineral
- Troop leader's motive for betrayal
- 4. Royal lady and fashionable companion featured in media
- 5. Allegiance has support
- 6. Head of big farm and family line
- 7. Gourmet presented essentially timeless image 8.
- 8. Bird egg put into shrub, for real
- 9. Nothing in hand to palm off
- 10. Article edited after removing a widow
- 11. In a direction bearing opposite to the zenith
- 12. Was inquisitive about a ray initially deflected 13. Soliloguy artist with record up in Maine
- 13. Northeastern portal leads to void
- 14. Started top layer next
- 15. Some men with an idea that goes around
- 16. Able to absorb half of each loss
- 17. Love a tarnished halo
- 18. Untangle a knot confining escape
- 19. Republican in primary has a place for boats
- 20. Follower is pickled silly after king's abdication
- 21. Two times in labor on warship

Down

- 1. Polished poesy can't leave a letter out
- Avoid run in brief play 2.
- 3. Pop star wins approval for a necklace
- 4. Enrich a meal with meat
- 5. Examine components in projectile's front and rear
- 6. Goddess goes back to procreate
- Measure head of tall primate 7.
- Coin in broken pieces
- District includes new theater
- 10. Elevator set on fire with flame starter
- 11. Pleasant Mediterranean city
- 12. Instant dispatch about deadly gas
- 14. Passage out of Melanesia
- 15. Bear north for Anchorage
- 16. Bay horse takes large harness
- 17. Hear girl getting seduced
- 18. Policeman has to relax before beginning to earn a high level of respect
- 19. Prosaic volume with a dreadful ending
- 20. Missile brought back to earth in exchange
- 21. Put core of currant in cocktail for newsman
- 22. Initial statement that introduces page about outward appearance