

Last week's solution

Send your completed crossword to the address shown in the box below left. In the skeleton crossword, the black squares and clue numbers have to be filled in as well as the words. Four black squares and four clue numbers have been inserted to give you a start. The black squares form a symmetrical pattern; the top half matches the bottom, and the two sides correspond. You can fill in 12 more squares at once to correspond with those given.

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| 1 | Miserable friend with taste | 1 | Factory layout that's original |
| 4 | Upset bumpkin spoken over | 2 | Trunk also filled with nudes |
| 7 | Claim that elixir finally breaks
fever | 3 | University place taken up prior
to low grade |
| 9 | Short street, or closer state | 4 | Point taken by experienced
leader |
| 10 | Pole graduates with
satisfactory third | 5 | A beast attended by a student |
| 11 | Seat occupied by King
Edward beat it | 6 | Metal weight produced (2
words) |
| 14 | Singer performing note night | 8 | Prairie an idiot left in August |
| 16 | Ally boxer given fillers
dropped | 12 | Money back in Taiwan or
Kuwait |
| 18 | A boat propeller a Roman's
damaged | 13 | Splice given in last is a sharp
object |
| 19 | Incan left partly
uncontaminated | 15 | Fish elsewhere disembowelled
on line |
| 21 | It's bad luck, receiving a filler
Guide seeking favour (2
words) | 17 | Girl Guide opening a little
star? |
| 24 | | 19 | Carbon copy what begins risky
esacade |
| 27 | Roasts cut and added to
empty plates | 20 | Blended teas athead lost (2
words) |
| 28 | Run around a certain place in
Nevada | 22 | Missile launcher of renown
involved in an argument |
| 29 | Scoundrel getting eager starts
to scrounge | 23 | Rap over nose on kissable face |
| 30 | An observation about a
blemish | 25 | Short kid and heartless cook
recoil |
| 31 | Change in the form of yen
dropped by wild New Yorker | 26 | Row resulting from cat losing
heart |

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