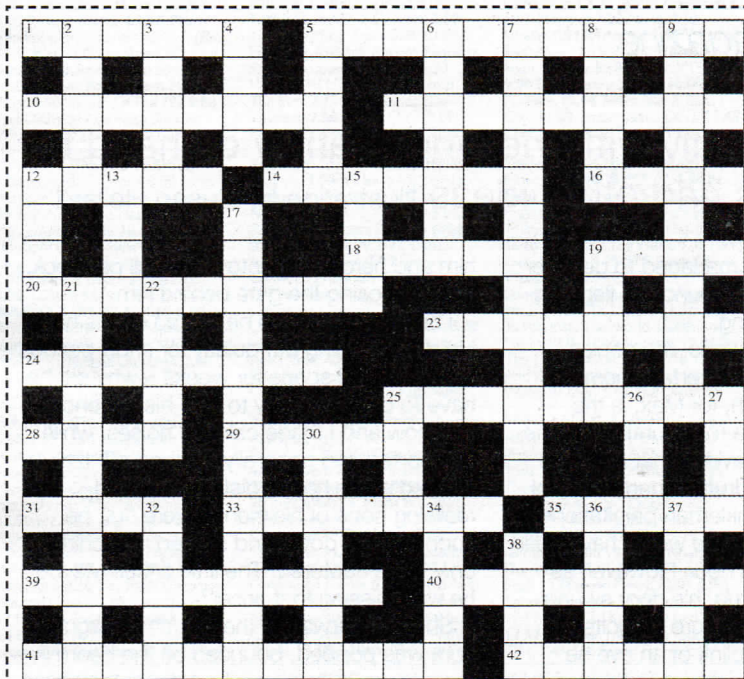


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ACROSS

- Open places in a forest (6)
- 1877 novel by Anna Sewell; fictional story of a horse (5,6)
- A spice obtained from the bark of a tropical Asian tree (8)
- Large crocodilian of the southern US (9)
- A county of Ireland, the county town of which is Tralee (5)
- Frances Hodgson __, British-American playwright and author who wrote *The Secret Garden* (1911) (7)
- Convulsive gasps made in weeping (4)
- Holy __, (in medieval legend) the bowl used by Jesus at the Last Supper (5)
- __ water, an effervescent beverage made by charging water with carbon dioxide under pressure (4)
- Of or relating to capital letters (5-4)
- To discontinue the meetings of a legislative body without dissolving it (8)
- Ada __, Lord Byron's daughter; a writer and mathematician (8)
- __ photography, technique of recording a very slow process by taking a large number of photographs at regular intervals (4-5)
- Jack __, nightclub owner convicted of the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald (4)
- Plant of tropical and subtropical America, with stiff lancelike leaves (5)
- The period of forty weekdays lasting from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday (4)
- A type of high-quality coffee bean (7)
- A question, expressing doubt, uncertainty or an objection (5)
- A bright red to reddish-orange colour (9)
- Brandy or other spirits (3,2,3)
- "A pair of __ lovers..." (Shakespeare, *Romeo and Juliet*) (4-7)
- Artful __, nickname of Jack Dawkins in Dickens's *Oliver Twist* (6)

DOWN

- The longest river in France (5)
- Standard monetary unit of countries including Algeria, Iraq and Serbia (5)
- Receptacle in an engine into which liquids, especially lubricants, can drain to form a reservoir (4)
- A group of languages of Africa (5)
- A large basin-shaped crater at the top of a volcano (7)
- Football club in England based at the Memorial Stadium (7,6)
- Valerie __, New Zealand shot putter (5)
- Lyric poets who flourished in Provence and Italy from the 11th to the 13th centuries (11)
- Spiral-horned antelope (4)
- An easy victory (4)
- Intense anger; fury (4)
- 12th President of the United States (7,6)
- An artificial opening made surgically in a tubular organ (5)
- The act of obtaining something, such as supplies for an army, etc (11)
- Hard greyish-black mineral used as an abrasive and polishing agent (5)
- A car that may be hired along with its driver (4)**
- Large, predatory freshwater fish with strong teeth (4)
- A movement in water or in the air which goes round and round instead of flowing (4)
- A soft suede leather traditionally made from the hide of a goat antelope (7)
- East __, small Southeast Asian country; a former colony of Portugal (5)
- Any statement or system of beliefs or principles (5)
- Curve in a pipe or drain that traps water and prevents the escape of noxious fumes or vapours (1-4)
- __ *The Titanic*, 1976 Clive Cussler novel adapted for a 1980 film (5)
- Member of a people living chiefly in East Turkey, North Iraq and West Iran (4)