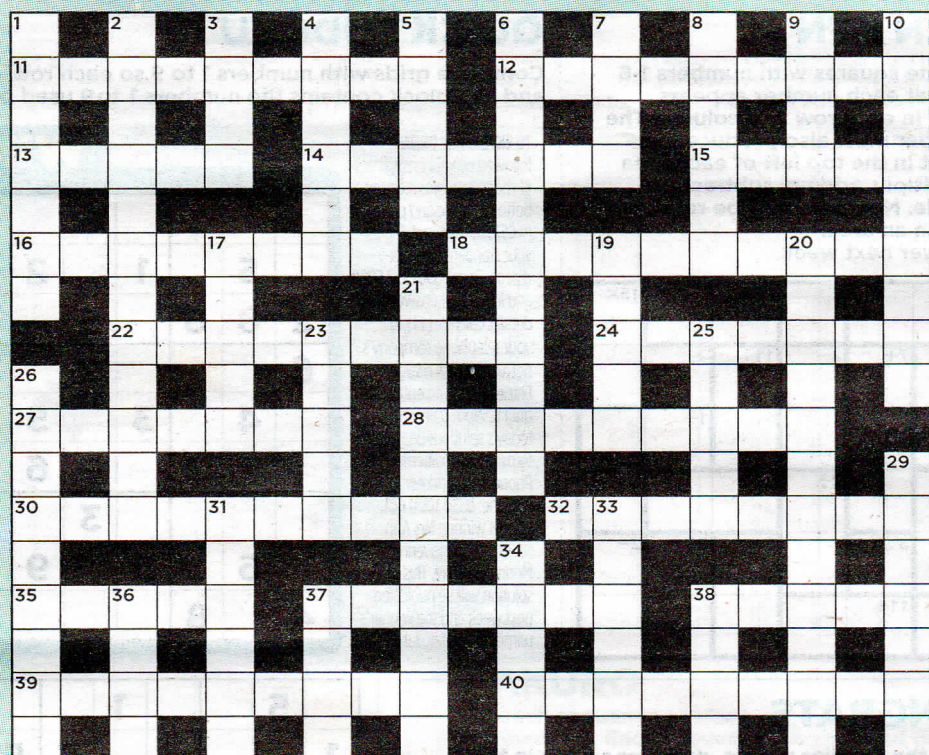


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## Across

- 11 Uncomfortable sensation beneath the breastbone caused by irritation of the oesophagus (9)  
 12 Large, hairy spider that has a poisonous bite (9)  
 13 River in Central and West Europe, rising in Switzerland (5)  
 14 The dried stigmas of an Old World crocus, used to flavour or colour food (7)  
 15 Makes money by singing or performing in public places (5)  
 16 A pitted scar left on the skin after the healing of smallpox or similar pustule (8)  
 18 Something referred to another for judgment or consideration (10)  
 22 A small piece of silicon inside a computer carrying many electronic circuits (9)  
 24 A metal urn for making tea, traditionally used in Russia (7)  
 27 A road leading away from a major road or a highway (7)  
 28 A cube of sponge cake coated in chocolate and dried coconut, popular in Australia (9)  
 30 Antibiotic drug used to treat infections (10)  
 32 Unit of sound in a language (8)  
 35 --- High Dam, a dam on the Nile forming the Lake Nasser reservoir (5)  
 37 A temporary encampment with few facilities (7)

- 38 In Greek mythology, one of the sea nymphs whose seductive singing was believed to lure sailors to destruction on the rocks they inhabited (5)  
 39 Le ---, Swiss-born French architect and urban planner, a pioneer of modern architecture (9)  
 40 The act of wearing away, as by friction (9)

## Down

- 1 The treatment of a physical or mental disorder (7)  
 2 Prime Minister of the UK from 2010 to 2016 (5,7)  
 3 Inflammation of a sebaceous gland of the eyelid (4)  
 4 Officer aboard a ship who keeps the accounts (6)  
 5 Finely powdered tobacco for sniffing up the nostrils or chewing (5)  
 6 A hand-operated device for putting out fires, set in a bucket of water and held firm by placing a foot on a bracket (7,4)  
 7 A republic in South West Asia, the capital of which is Tehran (4)  
 8 Egyptian god with a jackal's head (6)  
 9 Diving birds of northern oceans with black-and-white plumages (4)  
 10 In Greek myths, a daughter of Priam and Hecuba who was endowed with the gift of prophecy but fated never to be believed (9)  
 17 Exhibiting pride in

- characteristics believed to be typically masculine (5)  
 19 A person skilled in building with stone (5)  
 20 American composer and lyricist whose songs included 1942's White Christmas (6,6)  
 21 American comedy actor famous for playing Sergeant Bilko in a 1950s sitcom named after him (4,7)  
 23 The edible internal parts of an animal (5)  
 25 A roadside hotel for motorists (5)  
 26 Device used for timing events accurately (9)  
 29 A long, narrow, triangular flag (7)  
 31 An official appointed by a government to protect its commercial interests and aid its citizens in a foreign city (6)  
 33 Vessels propelled by sail or power, used for pleasure or racing (6)  
 34 Dried, powdered fruit of a shrub of the cashew family, used as a spice in Middle Eastern and South Asian cuisine (5)  
 36 Invertebrate with a slender, elongated body (4)  
 37 In cricket, either of the two small wooden bars placed upon the stumps to form the wicket (4)  
 38 A woman's sleeveless undergarment, worn as a lining for a dress (4)

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