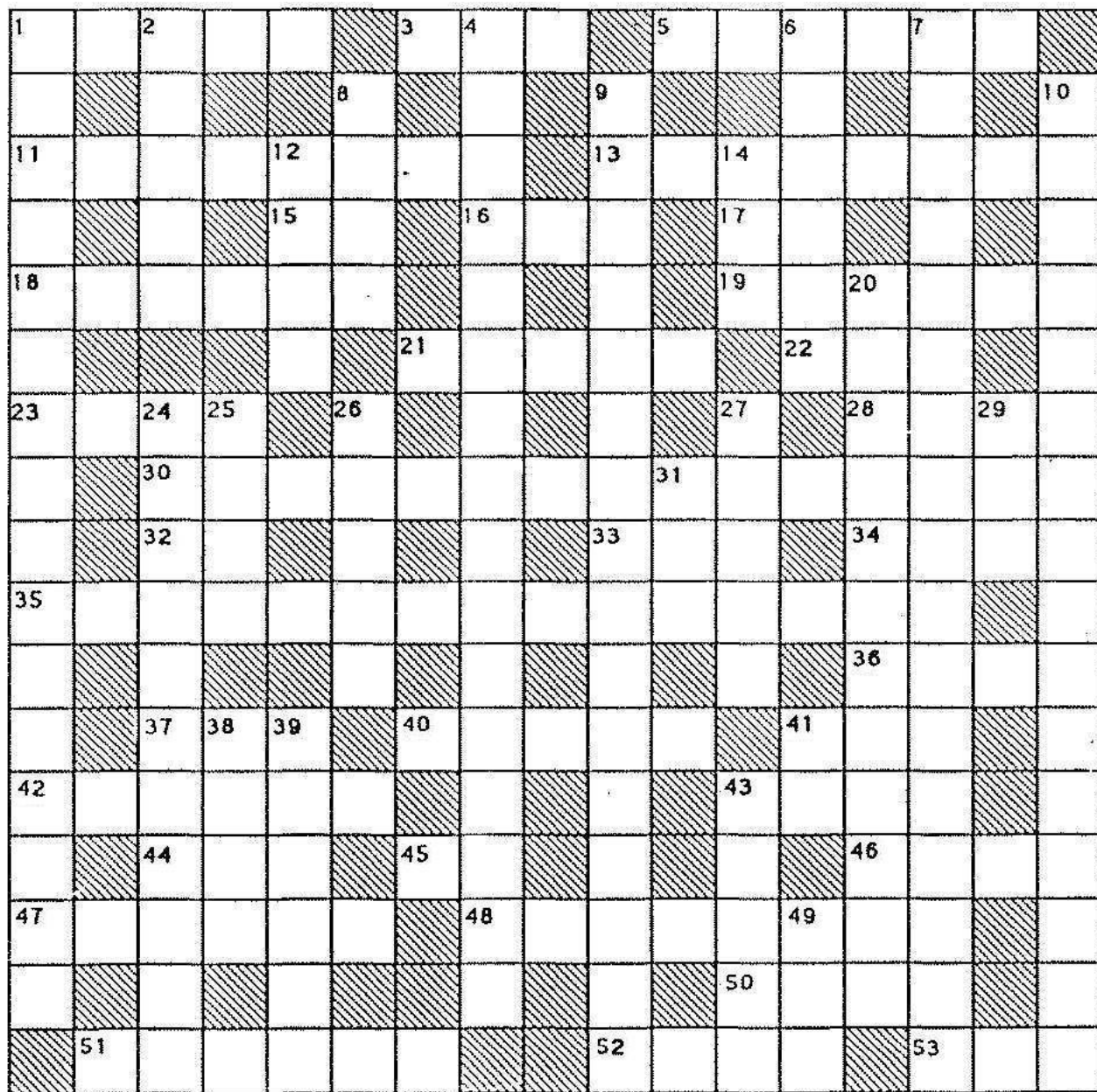


GRAB A PENCIL, PROFESSOR!



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1. Confused impressionist? Not me!
I'm quite well hung in Gay Paris. (5)
3. A false step is a Frenchman's woe
If I am underneath his toe. (3)
5. Listen! This is how I tell:
I sound like handiwork from Hell. (6)
11. The player looks too soft, I'd say.
Why does he leave the field that way? (5, 3)
13. In Ono, wrote distractedly
About the sweetness of my tea.
How many lumps? It shan't be three!
A most distracting quandary. (3,2,3)
15. Reversible negation
Of my southerly relation
Reveals my high position
To a lower preposition. (2)
16. Initially, policeman's pal,
But let's see how it goes.
He simply won't show up at court
Without the proper clothes. (3)

17. I have neither night nor morrow,
Nor do I have day.
But I can show the which and whom,
And I can show the way. (2)
18. What you'll find in messy suites
Are often flimsy sheets, or meats. (6)
19. Initial frights may set you back,
But think about Air Force attack. (6)
21. The sound is beautiful — just listen!
Almost a thrill, but what is missin'? (5)
22. In Bulldogs' realm, the time grows short.
I hope they'll hurry up the sport (3)
23. If you pare haphazardly,
You'll cut into an amber sea. (4)
28. Seer stumbling always sees
These interlocked communities. (4)
30. Teaching shop? That's not his trade!
He works much better on parade. (5, 10)
32. Romper Room instruction
Started with this stern injunction. (2)
33. If seal can lose two score and ten,
Then I'll be one of seven,
And then I'll beckon to all men
And mirror all of heaven. (3)
34. Hotbox can't hold Texas mail
While living life from rail to rail. (4)
35. Flawless, is he? We'll soon see!
The gentleman has not met me! (7,8)
36. Fade delightfully, my dear.
Your voice is sweet when I can't hear. (4)
37. Naive fellow? Sticky goo?
A weapon in the hand?
Or maybe just an awkward step
In some far, foreign land? (3)
40. Disgusting miles: My makers roam
On shining paths that follow home. (5)
41. Look back: The half-heard whisper,
The faint, half-hearted pause—
Sweet Caribbean spirit
What enters 'twixt yer jaws! (3)
42. How can a nation prosper
With a government like his?
Posted rotten letters show
Exactly what he is! (6)
43. Crazy leap out into space
Will drain the blood from face. (4)
44. Alpha's fallen out of place
With stake at end of letter race. (3)
45. Copy editors, beware!
This tiny villain waits in snare,
And certainly, it will come out
When ancient sun god's not about. (2)
46. This funny mite is often quite
The perfect fit for candles lit (4)
47. The thing about old-fashioned ties
Supplied by Mr. Ketch
Is that they'll fit most any size —
Though it may be a stretch. (6)
48. Beneath the city, pussy purred:
"A well-kept head needs a last word." (8)
50. I'm tall and verdant, naturally;
A lighter gas would make me three. (4)
51. This athlete's an amazing streak,
Unless the ice is looking weak. (6)
52. Gardner thought it vital,
And thusly, every time,
Mason's bag was in the title.
Now is that such a crime? (4)
53. And why is this expensive dish
Not swimming happily as fish? (3)
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1. Pay to keep the free world free?
Is that expensive sophistry,
Or can we slice the Gordian knot
With blades what we've already got?
(8,8)
2. Backward fellow from southeast?
Tangled manes reveal the Beast! (5)
4. Fire's fun licenses debris
Bears pain with quiet dignity. (7, 2, 7)
6. Of pro's confusion, follows thence
Initial way to prove your sense:
Quagmires engulfed dinosaurs;
Quasimodo enjoyed Ding-Dongs;
Quintuplets entail deliveries;
Queen Elizabeth dithers;
Quietude engenders deliberation;
Quixotic endeavors debilitate. (6)

7. The '80s! Think back on the times
When rodents hastened to their crimes
And Boeskys, Helmsleys, Milkins vied
To grab the cheese — but ended tied!
The Pharaohs' holy fire's in place
On high, above a perfect trace.
Then following tear in the past
We find unbroken member last.
(3, 4, 2, 8,)
8. No matter how you wrangle,
It's as sure as death and taxes
If you spin a right triangle
On the shortest of its axes. (4)
9. Faith and charity surround
This miscreant's first four.
The next two braces seem too few;
He'd hoped they would be more.
Five after of the seven hills
Lead to the last small mark.
His head is always in the clouds —
Yet he is in the dark. (8,8)
10. A mercenary shoots for pay,
Not caring who he's killed.
No matter how he fires away,
His magazine's still filled. (7,2,7)
11. The taste's enough to make you frown
In southern end of Iraq town. (4)
14. Ate broken Greek letter,
But could not feel better.
It only portends
When this good trips ends. (3)
20. Mere confusion 'round shed clue
Tells the nurse just what to do
Whenever flies get in my ointment
And I need a new appointment (10,2)
24. Dodo's breaks, with some amends,
Will help you keep in touch with friends.
(7,4)
25. Short professor at my college
Knew it all, no doubt,
And also, to my knowledge,
His proof left nothing out (4)
26. Strings or feathers each can serve
As objects, if you've got the nerve. (5)
27. Dependent upon where you are
In food-production chain,
The product name can leave a scar —
And not a little pain. (5)
29. The scepter has been stolen,
And, of course, the orb is shattered.
Now who can name the midget thief
Who left our king so tattered? (3)
31. Eat sloppily, a fragrant weed,
An early evening meal,
Or maybe an infusion
Of mint or chamomile. (3)
38. So I'm the monkeys' uncle,
But my nephews drive me mad
When they imitate my actions,
Whether they be good or bad. (4)
39. Powerful! Deranged top ten
Is what we call the virile men. (6)
41. All England's men,
Sans jets, ships or horses,
Can put the old god
Back into his courses. (2)
43. A secret act is hidden
In the post script of a letter;
Despite the wars they've bidden,
We think they make things better. (5)
49. Despite depths to which you've mined,
You'll find resources unrefined. (3)

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