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**THE RETURN OF
SHERLOCK HOLMES.**

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I.—The Adventure of the Empty House.

IT was in the spring of the year 1894 that all London was interested, and the fashionable world dismayed, by the murder of the Honourable Ronald Adair under most unusual and inexplicable circumstances. The public has already learned those particulars of the crime which came out in the police investigation; but a good deal was suppressed upon that occasion, since the case for the prosecution was so overwhelmingly strong that it was not necessary to bring forward all the facts. Only now, at the end of nearly ten years, am I allowed to supply those missing links which make up the whole of that remarkable chain. The crime was of interest in itself, but that interest was as nothing to me compared to the inconceivable sequel, which afforded me the greatest shock and surprise of any event in my adventurous life. Even now, after this long interval, I find myself thrilling as I think of it, and feeling once more that sudden flood of joy, amusement, and incredulity which utterly submerged my mind. Let me say to that public which has shown some interest in those glimpses which I have occasionally given them of the thoughts and actions of a very remarkable man that they are not to blame me if I have not shared my knowledge with them, for I should have considered it my first duty to have done so had I not been barred by a positive prohibition from his own lips, which was only withdrawn upon the third of last month.

It can be imagined that my close intimacy with Sherlock Holmes had interested me deeply in crime, and that after his disappearance I never failed to read with care the various problems which came before the public, and I even attempted more than once for my own private satisfaction to employ his methods in their solution, though with indifferent success. There was none, however, which appealed to me like this tragedy of Ronald Adair. As I read the evidence at the inquest, which led up to a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown, I realized more clearly than I had ever done the loss which the community had sustained by the death of Sherlock Holmes. There were points about this strange business which would, I was sure, have specially appealed to him, and the efforts of the police would have been supplemented, or more probably anticipated, by the trained observation and the alert mind of the first criminal agent in Europe. All day as I drove upon my round, I turned over the case in my mind, and found no explanation which appeared to me to be adequate. At the risk of telling a twice-told tale I will recapitulate the facts as they were known to the public at the conclusion of the inquest.

The Honourable Ronald Adair was the second son of the Earl of Maynooth, at that time Governor of one of the Australian Colonies. Adair's mother had returned from Australia to undergo the operation for cataract, and she, her son Ronald, and her daughter Hilda were living together at 427, Park Lane. The youth moved in the best society, had, so far as was known, no enemies, and no particular vices. He had been

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SHERLOCK HOLMES CANONPUZZLES

Word Search, Criss Cross & Crossword Puzzle

DEVELOPED BY STEVE MASON

The Return of Sherlock Holmes

The Empty House, Part 3

**These Puzzles include specific terms related to the story.
All words and terms come directly out of the Canon.**

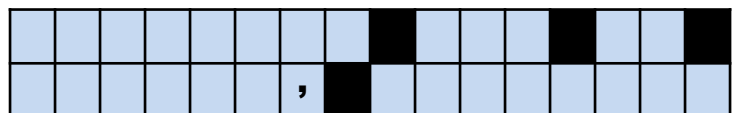
**Thanks to Bill Dorn for his gracious allowance of
vocabulary words from Study Guide to Sherlock Holmes,
vols. 1 and 2**

The Empty House (Puzzle #7)

WORDCIRCLE: Find each of the listed words in the puzzle. Click on each letter found and circle it with a CAPITAL "O". You can tab between letters. Once all terms are found, the remaining un-circled letters should complete a quote from the story below.

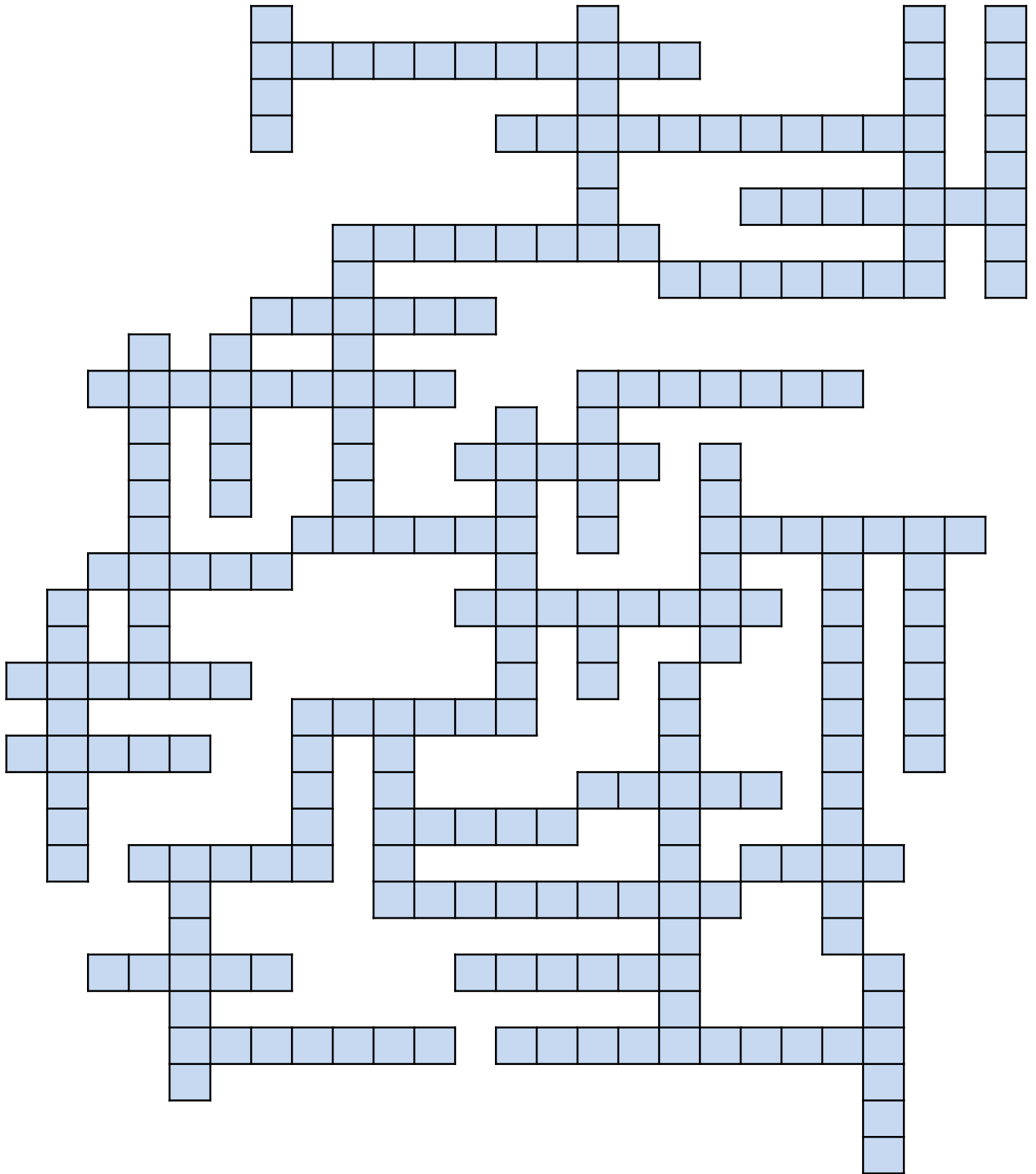
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- ARISTOCRAT
- ASPERITY
- AUSTERE
- BAY
- BODED
- BOSOM
- BROWS
- BYWAYS
- CHAP
- CONFIDANT
- CROAKING
- DEAD
- DISCERN
- EJACULATION
- FANLIGHT
- FOOTHOLDS
- FROCK
- GAUNT
- GRUFF
- HOBBLING
- INDIFFERENT
- INQUEST
- LIBERTIES
- MALTREATED
- MOTIVE
- PICTURESQUE
- POINT
- PROFOUND
- RECAPITULATE
- RETREAT
- SEEDY
- SHIKARI
- SINEWY
- SITTING
- SOJOURN
- STERN
- SWARTHY
- THROG
- TRIFLE
- UTMOST
- VICES
- WATERPIPE
- WILFUL
- YONDER

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The Empty House (Puzzle #8)

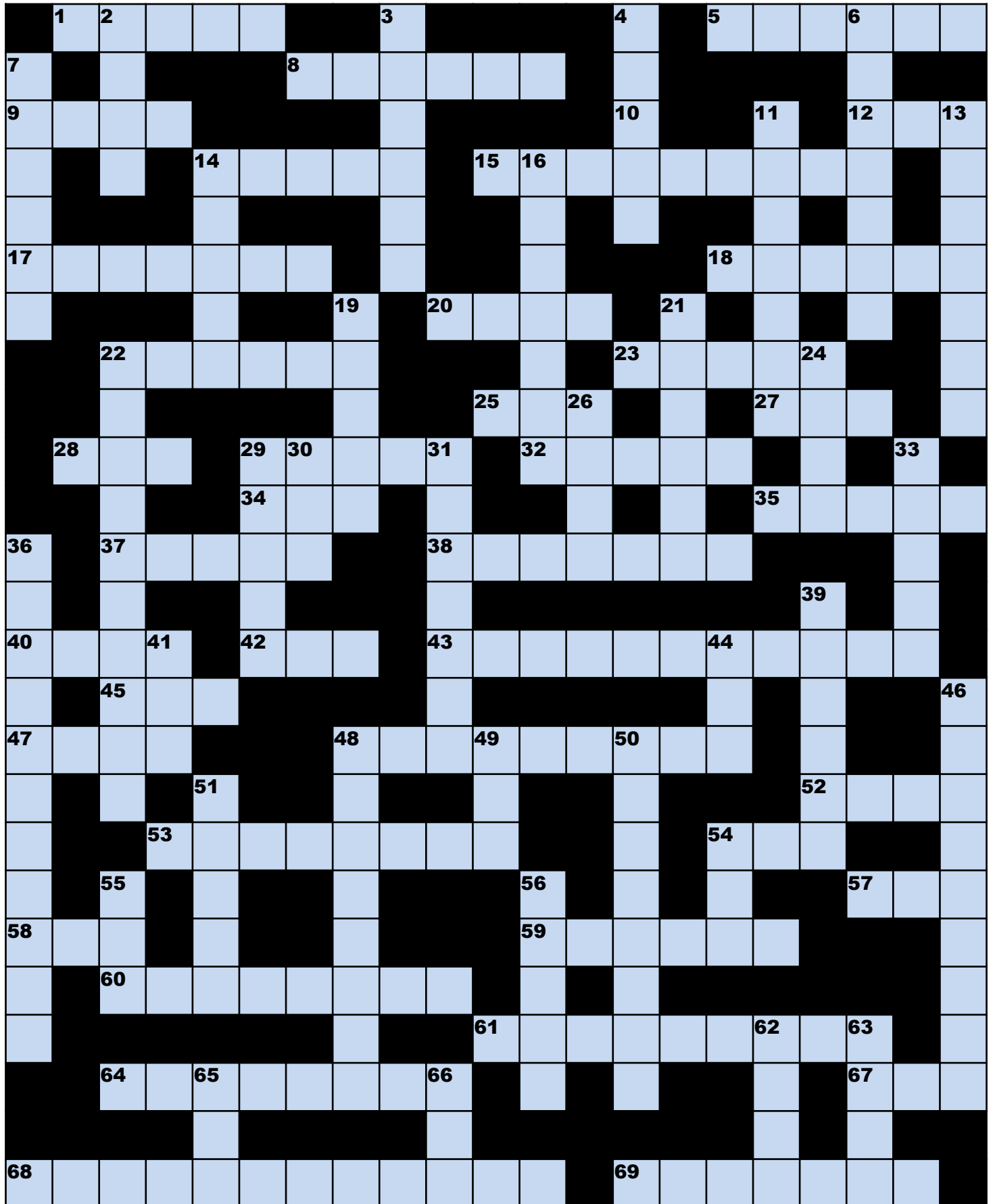
CRISS-CROSS: Fit each word into their proper place in the Framework.



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| CHAP | GAUNT | BYWAYS | YONDER | SHIKARI | CROAKING | FOOTHOLDS | EJACULATION |
| DEAD | GRUFF | SINEWY | AUSTERE | SITTING | FANLIGHT | LIBERTIES | INDIFFERENT |
| BODED | POINT | THRONG | DISCERN | SOJOURN | HOBBLING | WATERPIPE | PICTURESQUE |
| BOSOM | SEEDY | TRIFLE | INQUEST | SWARTHY | PROFOUND | ARISTOCRAT | RECAPITULATE |

The Empty House (Puzzle #9)

CROSSWORD: Each clue is a term from the Canon. Highlighted clues on the next page are from this Story.



The Empty House (Puzzle #9)

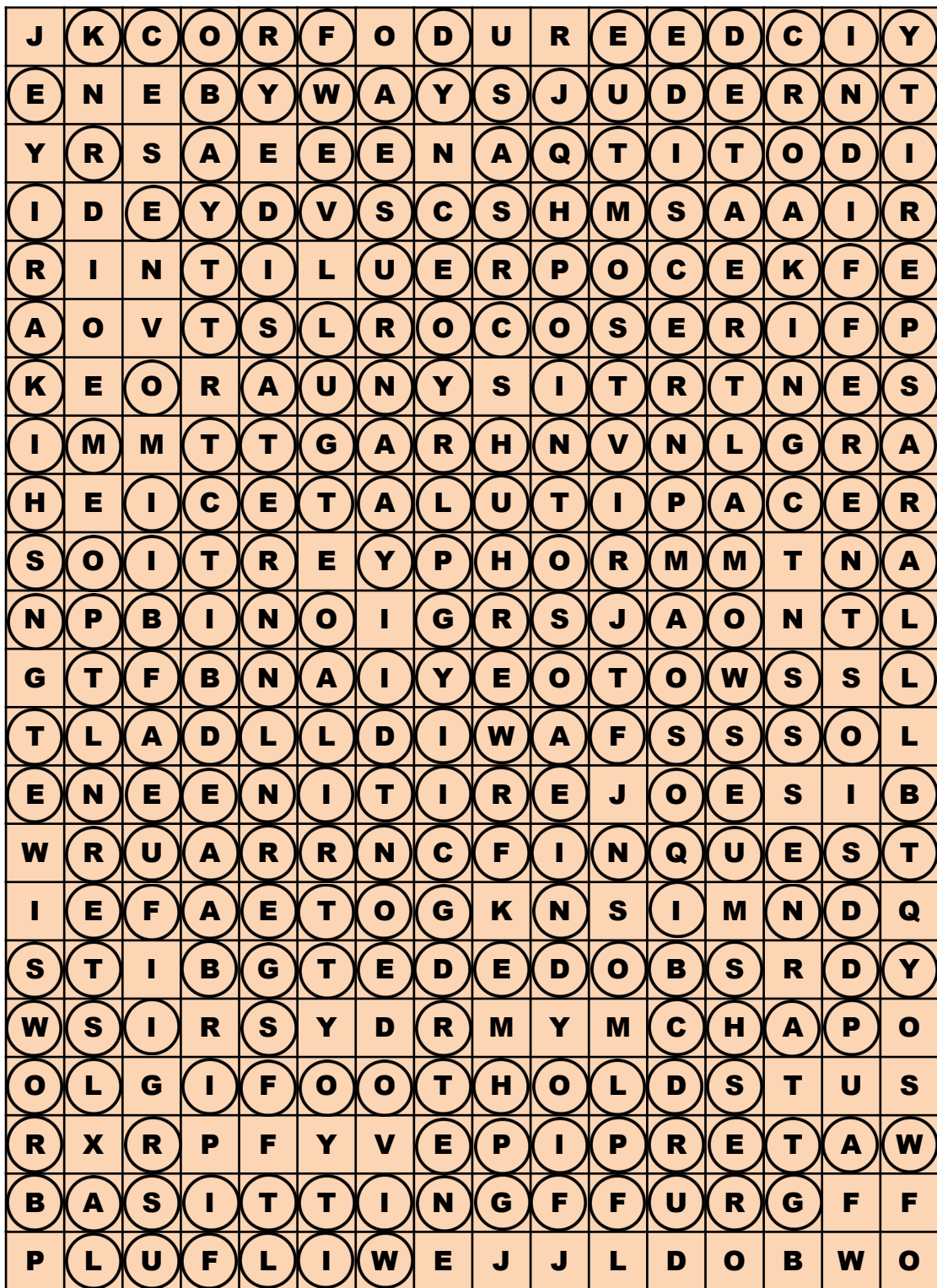
Across

1. Close or intimate
5. Roads or tracks not following a main route
8. Not of great importance; trivial
9. Work very hard or under harsh conditions
12. Expression of surprise
14. Abrupt or taciturn in manner
15. Free to take actions without punishment
17. Temporary stay
18. Road or thoroughfare
20. Pulled behind; towed
22. Purpose for taking an action, such as a crime
23. Starting - _____
25. What an _____ I have been...
27. By _____ !; exclamation
28. _____ - important
29. Be an omen of a particular outcome
32. Inclined
34. Beam of light
35. Bed; place to stay
37. Sharp blade
38. Hunter
40. _____ - white
42. Total
43. Something said quickly and suddenly
45. Tip - _____
47. Over-worry about something
48. Person with whom one shares a secret
52. Compass direction
53. Very great or intense
54. At _____
57. Seven _____ - cent
58. Before the present time
59. Large, densely packed crowd of people
60. Limping
61. Secure position from which progress may be made
64. Small semicircular window over a door or another window
67. Employ
68. Summarize and state again the main points of
69. Dark-skinned

Down

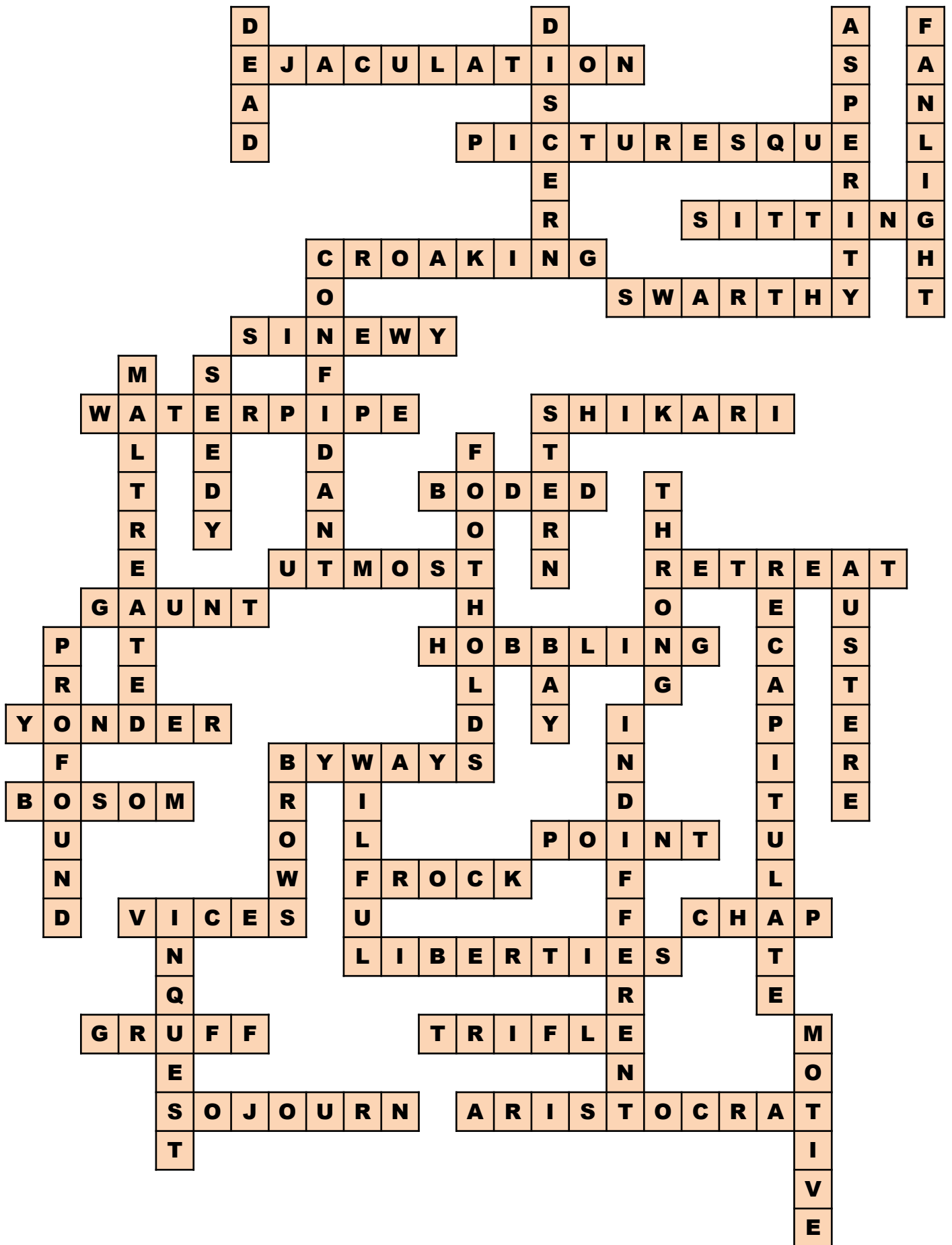
2. Leave out
3. Intentional; deliberate
4. Immoral or wicked behaviours
6. Gathered; collected
7. Most extreme; greatest
11. _____ - room
13. Severe or strict in manner or attitude
14. Lean and haggard
16. Judicial inquiry to ascertain the facts relating to an incident
19. Sordid and disreputable
21. At some distance in the direction indicated
22. Treated person cruelly or with violence
24. Story; fable
26. Look for
29. Hair above the eyes
30. Paddle for a boat
31. Perceive or recognize
33. Serious and unrelenting
36. Unconcerned
39. Muscular; brawny
41. Small mark
44. Aptitude or skill
46. Pipe for smoking tobacco
48. Sound like a frog
49. Intense and widely shared enthusiasm for something
50. Sharpness of tone
51. Small fragment of bread or cake
54. Prohibit from happening
55. Exclamation of amusement
56. Small chair usually three-legged
62. Hiding spot
63. Of they type previously mentioned
65. Short period of sleep
66. Afternoon social drink

The Empty House (Puzzle #7)



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The Empty House (Puzzle #9)

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