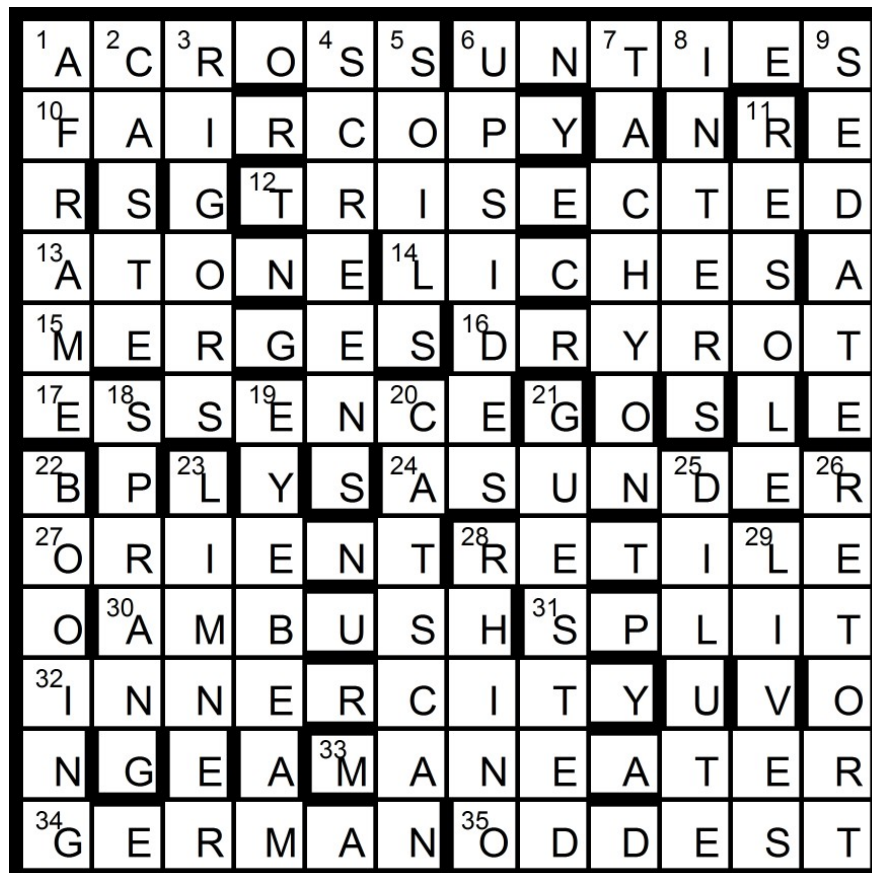


## THE MAN IN THE MOON – SOLUTION: GRIN

Eight special clues consist of two definitions yielding two different words. Each of these words can have a different letter removed to form the grid entry for that clue. The two deleted letters can be considered the “first” and “second” letter yielded by that special clue.

All other clues have one misprinted letter which must be corrected to parse the clue correctly. The misprints in clue order spell the otherwise useless THIS SPOT LEFT INTENTIONALLY BLANK. The corrected letters spell the sequence of words GROUT / IS / LAYS / IMPS / TIER / FREES / JEER / JA. These match up with the grid entries for the special clues, ordering them. First letters from special clues spell CRTCHAKA; second letters spell POWERIZE. There are respectively clues for GROIN (missing an O) and GRIND (missing a D), both of which yield the answer GRIN.



Clue explanations (\* = anagram; “ ” = homophone)

### ACROSS

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|-----|-----------|---|-----------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1.  | T         | / | G         | trade = grade     | A + CROSS            |
| 6.  | [A]UNTIES | / | UN[I]TIES |                   |                      |
| 10. | H         | / | R         | cheated = created | FAIR(COP)Y           |
| 12. | I         | / | O         | afire = afore     | T + SET CIDER*       |
| 13. | S         | / | U         | snit = unit       | AT + ONE             |
| 14. | [C]LICHES | / | LICHE[E]S |                   |                      |
| 15. | S         | / | T         | divers = divert   | MER(+E.G. reversed)S |
| 16. | P         | / | I         | LP = LI           | TORRIDLY* - L, -I    |
| 17. | O         | / | S         | hoots = hosts     | ESSEN(C)E            |
| 24. | T         | / | L         | tower = lower     | AS + UNDER           |
| 27. | L         | / | A         | held = head       | O + INERT*           |

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|-----|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 28. | RETI[C]LE / RE[P]TILE |               |                  |
| 30. | E / Y                 | phone = phony | trAM BUS Hauling |
| 31. | F / S                 | fever = sever | S(P)LIT          |
| 32. | T / I                 | Tron = iron   | I + N(CRETIN*)Y  |
| 33. | I / M                 | moi = mom     | MA(NEA)TER       |
| 34. | GE[A]RMAN / GERMAN[E] |               |                  |
| 35. | N / P                 | niece = piece | OD(D)ES + T      |

## DOWN

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|-----|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1.  | T / S                 | debated = debased | A(FARM*)E           |
| 2.  | C[H]ASTE / CASTE[R]   |                   |                     |
| 3.  | E / T                 | eight = tight     | "riggers"           |
| 4.  | N / I                 | inland = inlaid   | SNEER(C)S reversed  |
| 5.  | T / E                 | fact = face       | SO(I + L)S          |
| 6.  | I / R                 | snail = snarl     | SPIED US*           |
| 7.  | O / F                 | halo = half       | CHANT* holding YO   |
| 8.  | [T]INTERS / [W]INTERS |                   |                     |
| 9.  | N / R                 | night = right     | SE(-e) + DATE       |
| 11. | A / E                 | are = ere         | ERE SO* holding L   |
| 18. | L / E                 | quilt = quiet     | S(P)R + ANG         |
| 19. | L / S                 | light = sight     | EE MAYBE*           |
| 20. | Y / J                 | Mayor = Major     | CATS + CAN          |
| 21. | B / E                 | club = clue       | GU(E)STED           |
| 22. | BOO[K]ING / BOO[Z]ING |                   |                     |
| 23. | L / E                 | gel = gee         | (-g)REMLIN*         |
| 25. | A / R                 | waiter = writer   | DUET* holding I + L |
| 26. | N / J                 | nest = jest       | double definition   |
| 28. | K / A                 | sly = say         | "Rhine + owe"       |
| 29. | LIVE[R]S / [O]LIVES   |                   |                     |