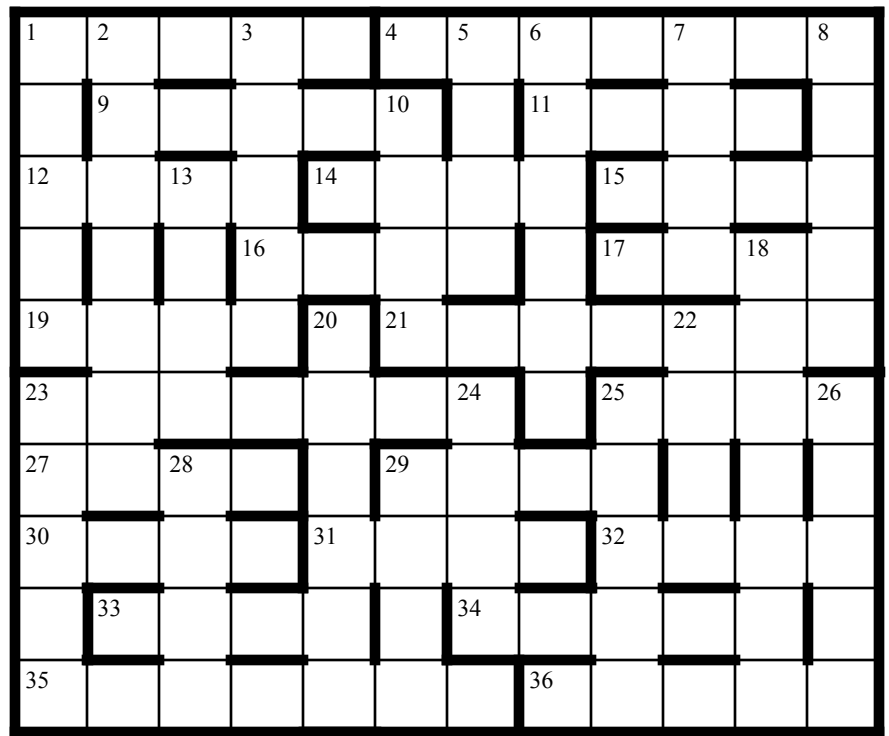


Wi' L by Ucaoimhu

This 50-themed puzzle involves Ls. Specifically, each clue either (a) has an extra letter that must be deleted before solving, (b) has wordplay that yields a letter sequence with one extra letter, or (c) gives an answer from which a letter must be deleted before entry. (Each (c) clue contains a straight clue for its altered entry, which is not at the start nor end of the clue; these altered entries will include two proper names and an archaism.) The extra/deleted letters from (a), (b), and (c) clues, each in clue order, will spell out three phrases; call these [a], [b], and [c] respectively.

In the filled grid (one square will get a non-letter character), find every letter whose [a] is [b]. For each, imagine that [a] in the square, follow the [b, part 1] around the [b, part 2] [c], keep going in the same direction through the corner of the square into the square that is obliquely adjacent there, and draw the corner-to-corner oblique line in that new square still going in that direction. Left to right in the grid, those oblique lines will form an important term; in the standard reading order, the characters in the squares with oblique lines will form an important message.



ACROSS

1. Mary Jane notes holes
4. Particulate candy maker looks at . . . um, a device that makes things larger or smaller
9. Greek letters from Io that originally existed
11. Dog left rear of (bah) shed
12. Succulent that heals Molly on the more protected side
14. 1050 claiming first of ancient Pleiades internally resembles Ms. Obama
15. Gets livelier coatis from puerile posers
16. Mushy closing to a letter from clods that run aground
17. Asner, by gum, initially rotated shift like a sail
19. Scot's guide broadcast a Stephen King story
21. Some Phair tune's right before *Strange Brew?* Oy
23. All Tara disrupted is some singeing (*hyph.*)
25. Metal things on mares — e.g, small farming tools
27. Fishy individual's getting fifth of verse ciphers
29. Machine that thinks "Jump a flapjack vendor" (*abbr.*)
30. Backhanded strike breaks bits of (say) flint off
31. Name automobile fuel for Lupino and others
32. Make fresh piece of rockfish for someone like Descartes in bridge partnership
33. Almost 190,080 barleycorns and plant ornament vacuous Vanilli's partner?
34. Manned African antelope near 1000 factorial west African people
35. Cad backing play kisses lady's poetic feet
36. Long novel about quiet British people

DOWN

1. Friend with a cheese pie that's square
2. Nobleman eats one-pound island fowl that's fatty
3. Aliens keeping ten swords inside a computer (*hyph.*)
5. At first eat Zagnuts, irking your singer named Pinza
6. Rushed clothing (for example) must be fixed
7. Actress Deutsch and you land where a lion masked a wizard to give him some courage, perversely
8. You and I toast upright tailor again
10. Tin can exhibits name linked with Coburg and Gotha
13. Stun rightfully heaven-bound biblical prophet
18. Snake, e.g., getting in one of several planes
20. Minelli turned into unenergetic, wicked version of Jekyll that Stevenson described in a vague way
22. Korean leader Syngman is bailing here
23. Tripping trim *Quit Riding Superman* actor Beatty
24. Moan on the Pequod makes bee shift one way to indicate that something has been found
25. Thus quietly regret digestive condition
26. Six characters one doth observe in Tennessee then are angry
28. Depictions will halve long poem
29. Neat little pastoral poem