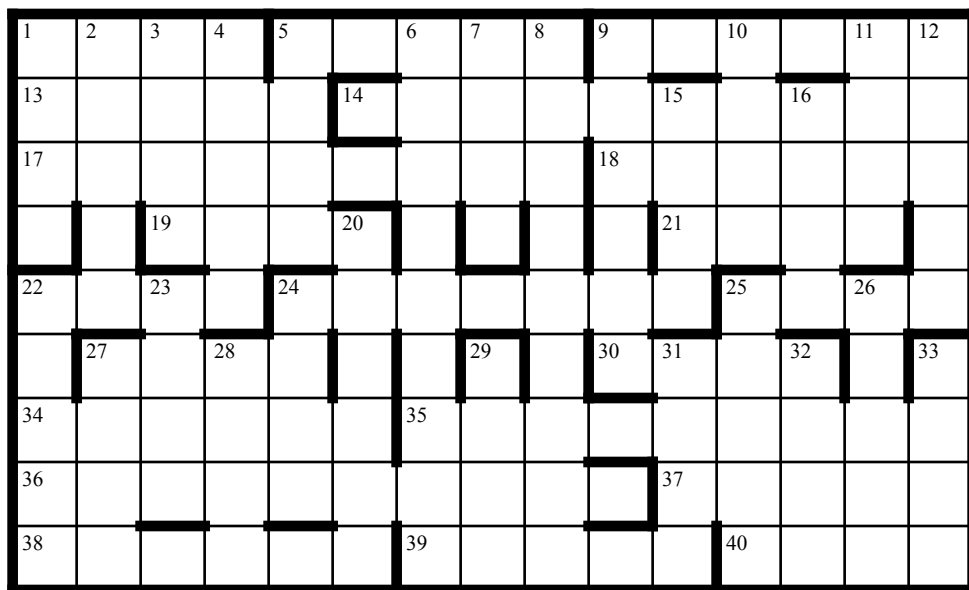
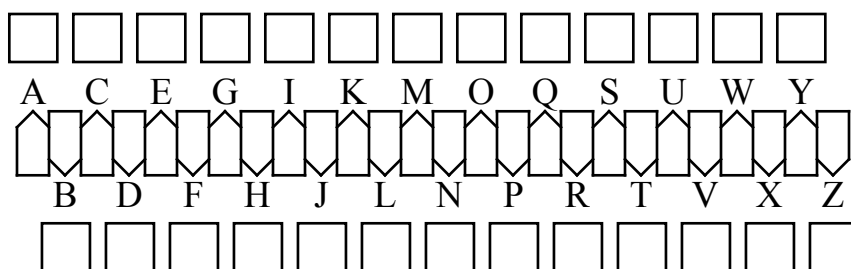


IX/XV by Ucaimhu



As in today's date, for each Across clue an I must move later, becoming a V, either (a) in the answer before entry or (b) in a word in the clue before solving (three (a) entries will be proper nouns/noun phrases, and in each (a) clue is a straight clue to its entry.) If I moves n places, note the n th character from the clue's (a) start or (b) end. Those for (a) and for (b) will each be a timespan; sum them to get the time since an alarm.

Each Down clue's wordplay yields a letter string where one letter has moved to the (a) top or (b) bottom and maybe changed; put the original letter in the pentagon that matches its direction of motion and "new" letter, and put the clue's (a) start or (b) end letter in the square box. The rows of boxes will describe (at the time of the alarm) the first four letters in the (a) and (b) timespan respectively; the pentagons will say what I-shaped items notably become V-shaped around here.



ACROSS

1. City where Pietro composed *The Vitkov Hill, Without Hype, and Feverish Fits* (4)
5. Stunning letter Eileen scribbled "GI" on (2'3)
9. Musical Billie or mischievous Eli is Henry (6)
13. Writer lacking water to present French flower (5)
14. Well-connected, retro spot where Napoleon was facing defeat, with no final answer to "What is •-?" (10) [NI2]
17. Tec closing letters to pros with foremost of interfaith association's religious sentiments (9) [NI3]
18. Expression not uttered by unquestioningly faithful people after the initial sounds flip and fade (3 3)
19. Hailed alphabet, a thing Democritus is known for (4)
21. One starts to rant, "*Exponent* is a word after *Dies!*" (4)
22. India Gallicized the middlemost of Bulgarian bread and cheese processors? (4)
24. More than one person who stops *Reckless* artist Ina and others making app is in Tahiti (7)
25. Ideal Patrick administration location, once you replace male with contralto Elliot, who sang (4)
27. Mister Nastase must be somewhat resilient (4)
30. Four leaders — for instance, Sorbian leaders — admire actress Fisher (4)
34. Small Parisian solver Diana upset clods or fools (6)
35. From your IPO, you misdescribed meal as fig (4-5)
36. Rye/wheat desiccator inside of Michiganian water source would run — that is, rerun (5 5)
37. 408 bisected quarters placed beside second part of *Deathtrap* author name as a form of protest (3-2)
38. Nonstaired types of playhouses with bows going (6)
39. Oilier acting in comedies makes (tee-hee!) Nebraska like stereotypical techs (5)
40. Where Iola V died in 1991 as loos busted (4)

DOWN

1. Serpents make the top four cards show snakes instead of the royal duo (4)
2. Rock with a hollow, vacuous, gentle young society woman (5)
3. Old city eaten by (say) tailless celestial she-bear (4)
4. Musical *Six* heading to the Grand Canyon State (5)
5. \$1000 sum for a kind of diet with minimal carbs (4)
6. Devotes resources to Charles, who composed number that interrupts *Upright Clenched Paw* (7 2)
7. UN barely uses 1/60,000,000,000 min. (4, *abbr.*)
8. Fake Poles inside leer at person preaching (9, *var.*)
9. Securest using hot metal mostly, and trees (6)
10. Syllables before "voom" have curtailed Victor doing a flip (2-2)
11. Slater doesn't have to veer (4, *var.*)
12. Hebrew letters bedecking most of *The Sixth Sense* (5)
15. One word that *libre* follows / To mean this / Kind of poetry class that is / For the birds? (4)
16. Hugo-winner Ben and quarterback Virginia (4)
20. Under *GMs* put seniors' collective honorific (6, *abbr.*)
22. Yearned to eliminate normal residence (5)
23. Long live résumé archivists, essentially (4)
24. Out-of-work lexicographer's item is "awhirl" (4, *abbr.*)
25. Brief appearance of a Maine plow-pulling beast (5)
26. Symbol of livermorium beneath short GI (5)
27. Some hipbones constituting money in Rome, once (4)
28. Endlessly knew about very rocketlike weapon (1-3)
29. You and I possess Knievel on many a '70s show (2'2)
31. Easter flower from Long Island grasped by forks (4)
32. Duchess-voicing actress Gabor beginning to visualize Hebrew letters (4)
33. Zinc-discussing philosopher Parmenides instructed (4)