

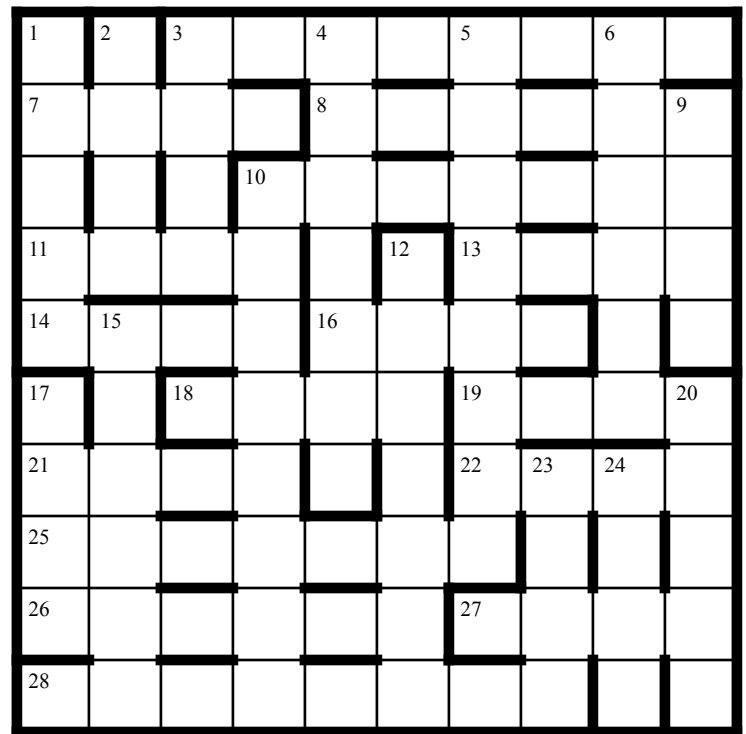
Mass. Conceptions by Ucaoinmhu

Even at a Friendsgiving in the state where it all began, we may need to dispell some Thanksgiving misconceptions:

(1) The domestic Thanksgiving turkey, which is basically a giant flightless bird, is quite unlike the wild turkey seen at the legendary “First Thanksgiving” (or in random Mass. locations today). Ten clues are ambiguous “Schrödinger clues,” yielding two possible answers, which differ only in the letter in one unchecked square. One possible letter is always the same; enter the other, and circle it. Left to right, the circled letters will say what we know was served at the First Thanksgiving; top to bottom, they will name an attendee known for his advisory and interpretive abilities.

(2) The First Thanksgiving also played more strongly into the local power struggles than some appreciate. Ten more clues each have wordplay yielding a letter string with one wrong letter. In clue order, the wrong letters will depict an English laborer of the time, but the right letters will depict the great Massasoit himself; the latter plus the former will also justify the use of the single alternate letter in (1).

(3) Finally, (1) and (2) themselves have gotten something wrong. Each of the remaining ten clues has one wrong letter, which must be corrected before solving; the set of wrong letters is just the set of right letters rearranged. The wrong letters, and then the right letters (each in clue order) will say what kind of mistake (1) and (2) have made.



ACROSS

3. Help carry out BSer wearing SUV enthusiast's boa (8)
7. Female Teuton's first to fetter Rhoda's outside group at university (4)
8. Don't go sway for 54,000,000,000 years? (4 2)
10. What a river's liquid Lincoln can ingest is, or what a plaything that turns elbows halfway back is (7)
11. Winter of old kopek coins and horseshoes disheartened silverer (4, *abbr.*)
13. Reason for a first-person pronoun in French arose (4)
14. Recent Louisiana author (4)
16. Even insect repellent is returned (4)
18. Employs superheroes Wayne and Banner to get rid of bromine (4)
19. Sound's heading towards the west Maine tablespoon's axial portion (4)
21. What info-seekers may want less adequate grade, and chiefly cutaneous components of quails (4, *abbr. or not*)
22. Feline old man noted for spying Carthage must be destroyed (4)
25. Disparaging term for the unchaste orator's sixteenth bout of grippe after the first tea? (7)
26. What comes after Moldovan coin that guy's flipped (6)
27. Ultimately, Skye — in *XOXO*, that is — circling round note (4)
28. Add pigment to skin containing selenium; it's reflective, most like cilantro? (8)

DOWN

1. Entangled a young horse (5)
2. Earth's underlying treasure's dual headpieces — in Orleans, especially (4)
3. Tin welder's hollow cutting tools (4)
4. In bad condition after eating time, Lot'd be a-reeling (7)
5. Empty grotto wherein you see six Italian rolls vanish (8)
6. Field mouse eating up extremely moist scroll in old Alexandria perhaps (6)
9. Home or number key at the top left of a keyboard (4)
10. Extract, as one extracts oil Esso covered with inverted canvas (5 3)
12. Item that's propelled east, after 51 seconds going south and north (7)
15. Arizona salmon's offering a flower (6)
17. Kills Toronto's lost superloud snake (4)
20. Faces of Mickeylike organism that's exchanged southernmost bits (5)
23. Bun makes Newton behold many things (1 3)
24. Ginger's melody for each fish (4)