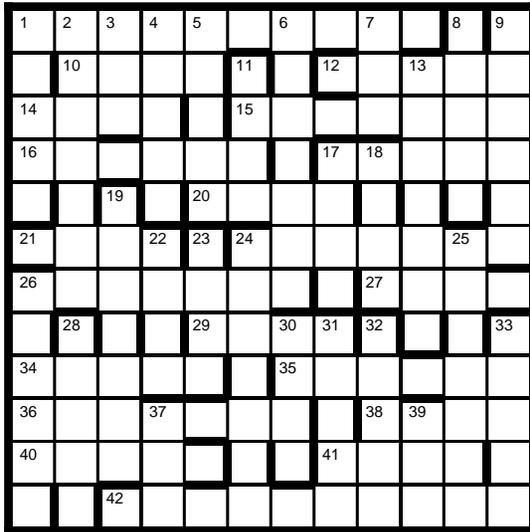


Goodness of Wit Test #9: In One Ear and Out the Other (CHANCE Vol. 23, No. 3) by WITZ (Jonathan Berkowitz)

Instructions: Nine Down answers must be altered, all in the same way, to fit into the grid. All other answers are entered normally. Enumerations are withheld from Down entries. Answers to clues include four proper names, a variant spelling, and uncommon words at 32 Down and 33 Down, and possibly at 16 Across.



Across

- 1 Bum to buy alarm while walking (10)
- 10 First-rate French flower missing front of stamen (4, *hyph.*)
- 12 Arrived at *Globe Theatre* role (5)
- 14 Former included in part of Bible following (4)
- 15 Purolator rival has real row or rows (7)
- 16 Almost laid back after telepathy discovery (6)
- 17 Whilst losing, left card game (5)
- 20 Singer stole nation's heart (4)
- 21 Release charge – about right (4)
- 24 Lady wearing wild blouse can be explained (7)
- 26 Start to dabble in boiled, non-fat creamy candy (7)
- 27 Leaders of Russia only eat Siberian eggs (4)
- 29 Excuse's beginning to end in spring (4)

- 34 Spot for driving in South Dakota mount (5)
- 35 Program meeting holds weight (6)
- 36 Choke at scrambled breakfast dish (7)
- 38 Year with United Nations earns a dollar (4)
- 40 Lento-playing rock star (5)
- 41 Plant sample of reeds in marsh (4)
- 42 Stating lapses exterminating one rat (10)

Down

- 1 Some say one plus ten is addition
- 2 Conductor arranged some art
- 3 Illegal moves second-rate American League strikeouts
- 4 Loose relative discovered?
- 5 The French woman is legitimate
- 6 Do part to park? Not!
- 7 Unlimited crowd disturbance
- 8 Serve novel poem
- 9 Host loses head after Jack left excellent buffet
- 11 Command perhaps, "Pay attention! Start to unite two lines"
- 13 Message folder announces "Guy Beers"
- 17 Enclosed lots of money to frame rising extension
- 18 Charioteer has zero time
- 19 Mr. Cerf's snare capturing talent? Quite the opposite!
- 22 Trim front of hedge border
- 23 Drew hot gold once in front of others
- 24 Shoe nears ground donning pair of Keds
- 25 Unprofessional Malayan missing a screwball
- 26 Crack up after infielder consumed by blaze
- 28 Hooked scarf
- 30 Old dancer/painter not quite in recession
- 31 Afterthought includes regressive for many of us, I believe
- 32 Dubai zenana smuggles coarse fabric
- 33 Renounce lunatic reign
- 37 Tightens slack nuts gripping centre of gauge
- 39 Famous mentalist edges away from shroud city?

