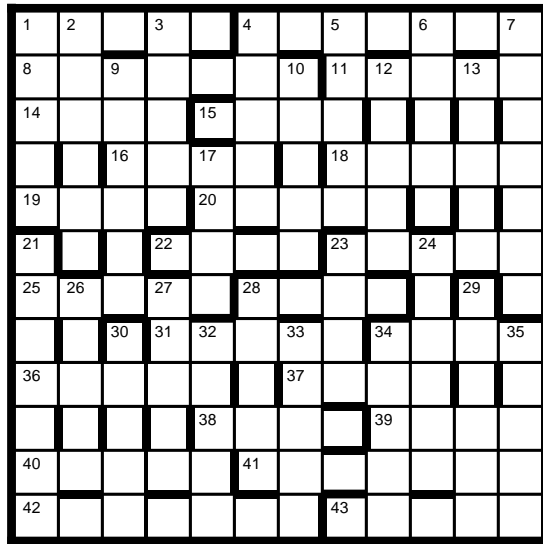


## Goodness of Wit Test #13: Don't Be Mean (CHANCE Vol. 24, No. 3) by WITZ (Jonathan Berkowitz)

**Instructions:** Twelve clue answers must be altered, all in the same way, before entry in the grid. If you're stuck, read the title again. Enumerations refer to clue answers.



### Across:

- 1 Top man cut one flower (7)
- 4 Modeling derivative of glutamine (9)
- 8 Lessen enormity to keep back integrity (7)
- 11 Module H potentially a quagmire (7)
- 14 Thinking must cut short gin rummy (6)
- 15 Capital in middle of Czechoslovakia (4)
- 16 Center leads to career of real excitement (4)
- 18 Hoist beams so to speak (5)
- 19 Stewart evens out bottom (4)
- 20 Not yet reached time to pursue revised menu (5)
- 22 Novel amuses poet Heaney (6)
- 23 Commission famous singer in recital (5)
- 25 True scion belonging to others (5)
- 28 Rebellion spanning gamut in Yemen (6)

- 31 South Caribbean island breathing aid (5)
- 34 Egad! Awfully old (4)
- 36 Rotten, but male capable of changing (7)
- 37 Quarrelsome bad guy has left (4)
- 38 Illusory Syrian borders dropped back (4)
- 39 Tear cover off book collection (4)
- 40 Marks to retain modified tests (5)
- 41 Last of musicians suffer return of street organs (7)
- 42 People who examine altar canopies (7)
- 43 Dancing muse swallows king mollusks (7)

### Down:

- 1 Famous art museum nearly employs critics (7)
- 2 A-minuses improved dispositions (8)
- 3 Gringott's possesses metal mold (5)
- 4 German city outlawed strange dialect from delicatessen (5)
- 5 Worship spot gold, perhaps (5)
- 6 Order one-on-one counselling at the start (5)
- 7 General poorly sees origins (7)
- 9 Wrap up sham seance (6)
- 10 Shiites, for example, add up Liberal Iran's earliest manuscript (7)
- 12 Ignite hot wasteland (5)
- 13 Coherent light source subsequently short for time (5)
- 17 Person who regrets heartless monarch (4)
- 21 Estimate loses one Conservative central government proponent (7)
- 23 Poles answer, "Good catch!" (4)
- 24 Pattern arranged largely without loss (6)
- 26 Altered earth's core (5)
- 27 Oddly insolvent location surrounded by water (5)
- 28 Origin of the United Nations is North African capital (5)
- 29 Partially quiet upset tummies before beginning to eat (8)
- 30 Clergymen massaged babes (5)
- 32 Goal area loses right end (5)
- 33 Belches bring up bits of pickle and relish in sandwich (5)
- 34 Incomparable Mr. Chaney in *Arts and Entertainment* (5)
- 35 Impurity that is removed from unusual dossier (5)

