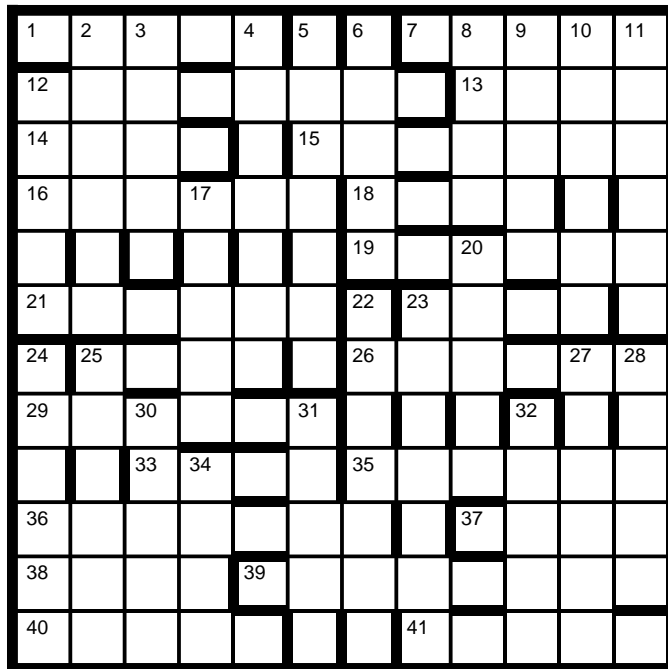


Goodness of Wit Test #17: Mock Offering (CHANCE Vol. 25, No. 3) by WITZ (Jonathan Berkowitz)

Instructions: The wordplay in each clue produces an extra letter which is not to be entered in the grid. Thirty-two of these letters spell out a quotation, which is the topic of the puzzle. The topic has four parts. Three parts may be discovered (in the style of a word search) in the completed diagram. The missing fourth part is for you to supply. The remaining 12 extra letters, in clues marked with an asterisk (*), spell the name of the author of the source of the quotation.



Across

- 1 Loud bang irritated famous deer (5)
 7 Unusually honest start (5)
 *12 Get negative balance with Romeo reversing charge (8)
 13 Jesse has ... (4)
 *14 ... company sack head of marketing (4)
 *15 Devilish lexicographer wears mob out (7)
 *16 Runway cast dramatic without hint of doubt (6)
 18 Bird flying with zero enthusiasm (4)

- 19 Old band's odd noises ringing true (6)
 21 Northern fleets ordered to take shelter (6)
 *23 Encouragement for special delivery (4)
 25 Cunning female close to doorway is quite chichi (4)
 26 Note doctor bias about onset of endemic disease (6)
 *29 Erratic sorcerer dropping some of earlier miscues (6)
 33 Starts to exclude teens rioting near an Italian hot spot? (4)
 35 Able to move one of ingredients in cooked omelet (6)
 *36 Acquit a bishop distributing loaves (7)
 37 Large part of a right angle (4)
 38 One who rests in odds spots in Leicester (4)
 39 Circulars modified life tables using no intelligence (8)
 40 Haggard soprano makes an appearance (5)
 41 Stormy days following endless sun – like a beer? (5)

Down

- *2 Navigate through contents of class (6)
 3 Quick runs in Maine and New York (5)
 *4 For best outcome participate in “Pride Rally” (7)
 5 Suspect character lacks right spot for holding breath? (7)
 6 One showy actor born with small feet (5)
 8 English club served up piece of sushi (4)
 9 Faint cry for help gets wife working (5)
 *10 Roman god cardinal set up and followed (6)
 11 Fly to places at bottom of globe (6)
 12 Incorrect (X) many times (5)
 17 Saw tomato crushed (5)
 20 Circle rare gold piece (5)
 *22 Poem breaking up family from Black Sea area (7)
 23 Pennsylvania city ultimately is receiving nothing from family bribes (7)
 24 Announce irrational hatred about Liberal (6)
 25 Radical Baha’i pursues autonomous republic in part of Middle East (6)
 27 Insides of shells containing 150 dazzling effects (6)
 28 Discards plants receiving tip from horticulturist (5)
 30 Darn! Again break you and I up (5)
 31 Avoided prima donnas taking ecstasy to move up the ladder (5)
 *32 Originated screwball-slider (5)
 34 Hill near North Carolina for rent (4)

