

Base Fiddles

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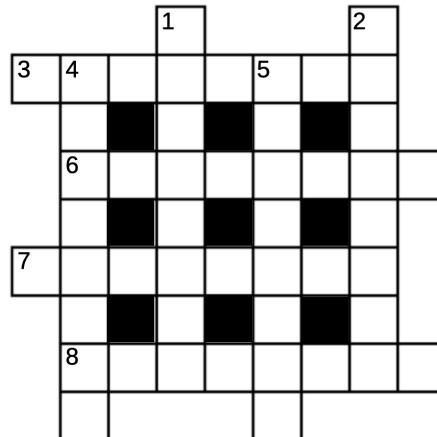
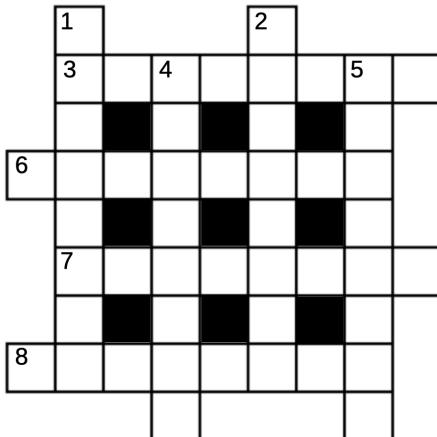
The clues are numbered in pairs. You must determine which solution is to be entered in which grid. In eight of the clues (four in each grid), the definition part must be fiddled with before it will accurately define the solution. This fiddling consists of, not necessarily in this order: bigram curtailment; deletion; heteronym; homonym; phonetic beheadment; rebus; third-letter change; transaddition. Fiddling may involve changing word boundaries. In the remaining eight clues, the definition may be read as is; however, the word it defines must be fiddled with to produce the word which is to be entered. This fiddling consists of, not necessarily in this order: letter shift; metathesis; repeated letter-change; reversal; second-letter change; spoonergram; transdeletion; transposal. In every case, subsidiary indications refer to the word that is entered into the diagram. All entries are 9C, one is hyphenated, one a two-word phrase.

Across:

- 3a. Find, in reading back through Gide, “très niais” faddists.
- 3b. Growth is tangled on leas in afternoon.
- 6a. Note about time: stem trickle.
- 6b. Stick reform into cure.
- 7a. Cream ain’t oolong tea. Put two parts of it in savory concoction.
- 7b. Violently push clenched fist, exhibiting RAGE.
- 8a. Bows, eats poorly, collapses.
- 8b. He wet seven evergreens, chopped up after pruning extremities.

Down

- 1a. Speak with prisoner, then do time.
- 1b. Within certain limits: nice, confused, uncertain.
- 2a. Disheartened master of ceremonies gets around device in tavern.
- 2b. With time, putrescence can be strengthening.
- 4a. Christmas is celebrated thus, if elves scurry about. True?
- 4b. Start sparring with seconds in corner, before departure for courses.
- 5a. Excellent terrorist: “At first, create disruption, and soon...”
- 5b. Height of the ridiculous: I date Tut.



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HINTS AND HELP

First grid: 3a, 6b, 7b, 8b, 1a, 2b, 4b, 5a

The definitions must be fiddled with for clues 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 2a, 5a