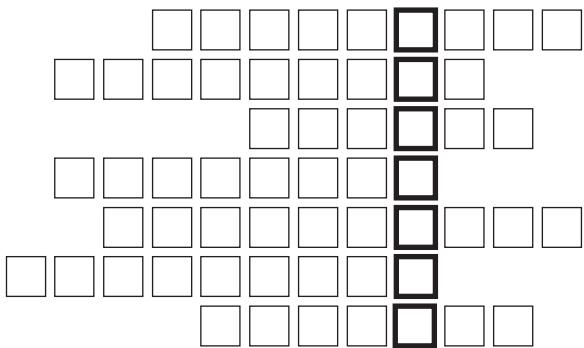


Laconic Sections

Harth, Winter MW

Seven diagram entries are elliptical and another seven are inversely hyperbolic. Clues for the former group consist of wordplay only; their full solutions, entered in the spaces below, will reveal a word of advice to the verbose. In the clues for the latter group, wordplay corresponds to the diagram entries, which are not words and which violate that advice. Yet another group of seven clues are concatenated into a parabolic piece about writing economically. The remaining 21 clues are normal.

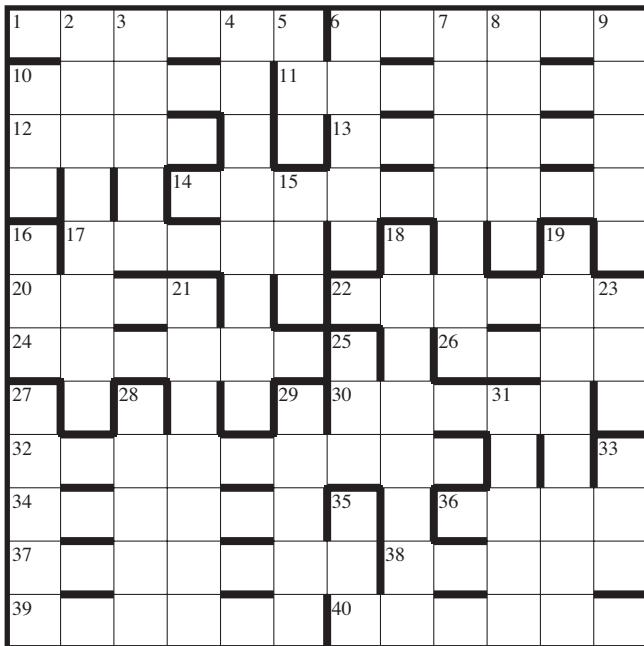


Parable

Standard, unusually clean manner of communication, pretty perfect vehicle for character. (Unprepared, assuming you knew how to place one in carriage return.) Letters from abroad: short draft smarts painfully. Using energy within, cleverly steer recipe to get more laconic.

Across

1. Slippery young ones in drunken revels
6. Depraved sin: to stroke back part of foot
11. Nonfire? Not really!
12. Inform city in Iraq about city in U.S.
14. Announces incorrect score all over: "one"
17. Coal in a heap, absorbing red smoke
20. Electrical units from old British craft
22. Groups of women laugh about women's magazine
24. Divine Arachne's extremity in pain after pressure
30. Animated one (instead of none) in tree
32. Turn away and declare "Los Angeles? Big town, almost!" in reverse
34. Diarist boarding fighter jet, planting explosives
36. Knot, formerly known as "joint"
37. E.U. urban renewal to get hot
39. Punish with rotten cream and egg topping



Down

2. Hip region: lake, taking in Eastern section
3. Polymer versus iodine on top half of stockings
4. Notice: million in bum check
6. Mold at home? Harmonize temperature
7. Broken iron set on its way
8. Tests defective tires
9. Expos senselessly protecting ad hoc group of people
10. AOL, for example, reverting to psychic powers
15. Large piece of wood in arm—it hurts at first
16. Explode something with a small charge behind convention site in Utah
19. Spacious area with returning train before afternoon
21. Injury that is, to begin with, rather more intimidating
23. Dry or not dry, initially?
25. Pouch provided in seed
27. Dance with uncle near Buenos Aires
28. Negative retraction about category
29. Musician's job: turn and finally dance, dance
31. Goddess-forgiven usage: "innards"
33. Splice recombinant DNA? Yes
35. Insect on my back

