



Across

- 1 Its charm's obscure to 9 6 across (9)
- 6 See 9 Down
- 10 Metal boyfriend? On the contrary, I'm holding uranium (9)
- 12/23 Drink, and French police turn cold on trouserless Scot and actress (7,8)
- 13 Love rural town dropping the limits (5)
- 14 Add cash to crash? (5)
- 15 Past like to pot and going, going? (6)
- 16 Constellation of the Timeless Grape? (5)
- 19 The Doctor's Doctor? (4,3)
- 20 Teed off about 10, easing the tension (7)
- 22 Wet-on-wet painting defacing a rail lamp (4,5)
- 27 Drink tea to obtain happiness (almost) (7)
- 28 Pacify with fresh sausage (7)
- 29 A song of praise to motor lubricant? You can leave me out (5)
- 31 Old knight is brought back by Isis (6)
- 33 Cash boy with directions to follow? (5)
- 34 Hound game, and how it may lie (5)
- 37 "The best bang since the Big One" ? (3-4)
- 38 12/23's character assassination of tawny foal (3,2,4)
- 39 Finished with girl in Ireland (7)
- 40 Spooner described what this insect does (9)

Down

- 1 City of superheroes? (4,4)
- 2 Organise Oriental congress (8)
- 3 A 40 may imitate Ouroboros? (11)
- 4 Dunedin suburb reverses a McCahon statement (4)
- 5 Wrestler, 14-love (4)
- 6 Epic tale of climbing Swedish cooks (8)
- 7 What Bill de Blasio currently does like a fluid (5)
- 8 Retiring yet sociable? (8)
- 9/6A A 1 across 29's producer of sour humbugs (8,7)
- 11 Do your duties, holding tongue (4)
- 16 We object after Bonnie, for example, caught without a backbone (7)
- 17 A 40 jumping (though not ship, presumably) (7)
- 18 A 40 of higher rank than the last one (7)
- 21 Fastener used to hold ref back from payment to switch teams (8,3)
- 23 See 12 Across
- 24 A 40 who escaped Devil's Island (8)
- 25 Prince's companion, female, a Pole, about 50 (8)
- 26 Being representative of French heritage (8)
- 30 Revelry of Oliver Gray after vacation (4)
- 32 I'm tuneful, they say, over cakes (5)
- 34 Hollow I-light raised (4)
- 35 Lump of earth? Not quite (4)
- 36 Trying to solve a problem operating computers (2,2)