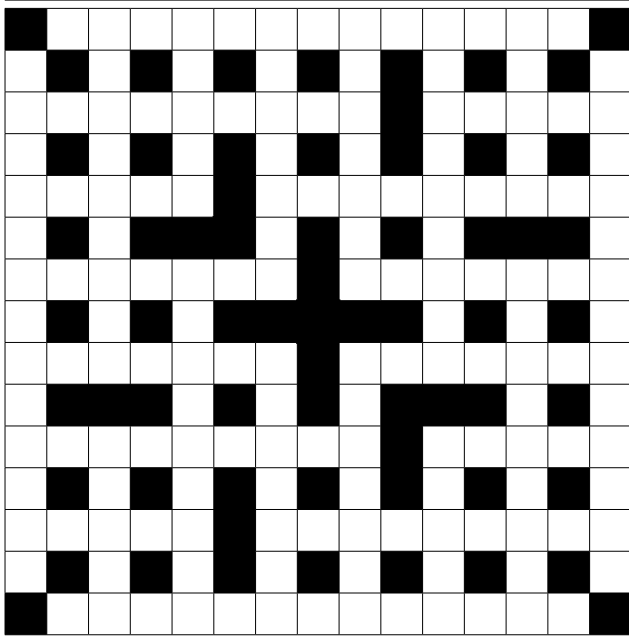


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Solve the clues and fit the solutions into the grid jigsaw-wise, wherever they will go. Despite the symmetry of the grid, there is only one correct solution.

- A** "All __ I'd shot the bird" – Hi, royal wine! (7)
- B** Insect on flower gets round to cross-bred kine (7)
Actor on edge (not quite) about some gammon (7)
- C** All gone from fuel entry, Eastern salmon (5)
- D** Those named for Eisenhower, five hundred men (7)
- E** Keep out of here – clue 9 soon forged with Zen (9,4)
- F** A pound a pause in distant supernova? (5,4)
- G** Grind teeth at beau, the last from coming over (5)
- H** Wind from Sahara, blight assailing leather (9)
- I** Fiend, greedy – with no fear when put together (7)
- J** By Jingo! Dry one off, in motor gadding ... (9)
- K** ... with which to enter, say, with army cladding? (5)
- L** My feudal lord's found midst the great war's clangour (5)
- M** So Spooner charges Yankee mum's old banger (5,4)
- N** Marsh shows red light – inside, a Frenchman's blithe (5)

- O** Exit of vanquished Florence, first to writhe (7)
- P** Rehearsal keeps half singer king in play (9,4)
- Q** Kill questions for some cloth (5) ... and what's in tray (5)
- R** Avoiding ladder, siren dressed in red (3-6)
- S** Left out, milk's off, in doc speak – lost its head? (7)
- T** This is what counts and where to be displayed (3,6,4)
- U** Lad of pure Dresden, doubly hard, is made (5-8)
- V** In cape, Monsieur, (his) here does wriggles in (9)
- W** Ring in where beast's at (door) with lanolin (4,3)
- X** A shrew from yellow mare? (9)
- Y** Long time on pole (5)
- Z** Seed, fungal, last two – hawk at breathing hole (9)

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