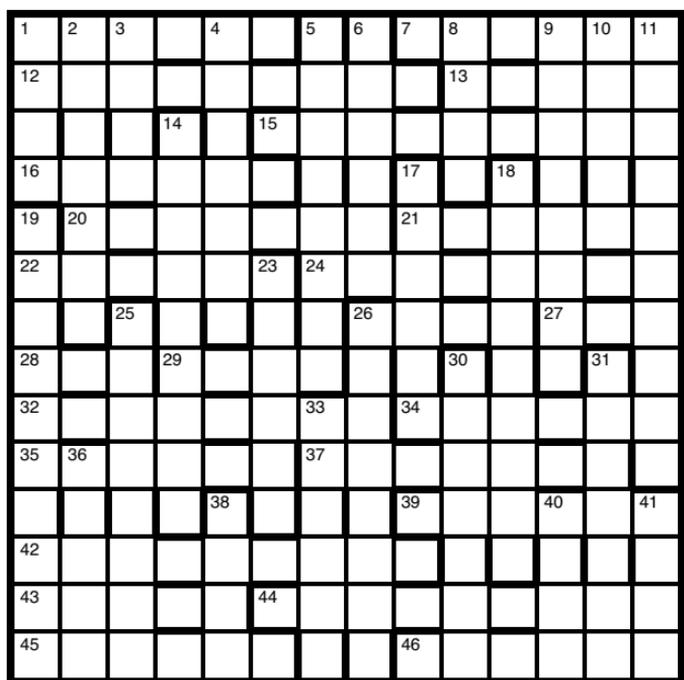


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Unclued lights can be grouped into three triplets, each associated in a different sense with a keyword to be discovered, of which the title suggests a topical example



### Across

- 7 Assembly line described by writer I don't know (6)
- 12 Smaller flower is rarity, but gets propagated (9)
- 13 Dido laughed, admitting mistaken views (5)
- 15 Magic as hospital overcomes shortage (9, two words)
- 16 Buttress, stone, penetrated by Edmund (6)
- 20 Celebrate about weed doing farrier's work (7)
- 21 Do a Chinese for Mormon perhaps (6)
- 24 Loose women once simpered stupidly (8)
- 26 One terrible noise echoing from nests (4)
- 27 One can't write in this good book (3)
- 29 One studying *Rabbit, Run* (4)
- 32 With restraint, watched massacre filmed (8)
- 34 Backward American state becomes more sophisticated (6)
- 35 Salt he sprinkled around meat loaf (6)
- 37 On high tower, note foreign character (7)
- 39 Available for work, only half attracting tax (6, two words)
- 42 What I balanced precariously on head? (9, two words)
- 45 Tower, we hear, is a beautiful sight (6)
- 46 Male Scot's purpose shows courage (6)

### Down

- 1 Little darlings turned up, having rung (4)
- 2 Holiday on ship fitted with one iron lamp (7)
- 3 Virus met with drug in workers' colony (4)
- 4 In greater numbers go round and tell us off (7)
- 6 No open country offers shade (6)
- 8 A positive response, as it were (4)
- 10 Extreme cult raided, half expelled (5)
- 11 First to mention ransom, ask criminal for ID set in stone (10, two words)
- 17 Up-country, fail to find milk drink (6)
- 18 After fish, pair eating plain biscuit (9)
- 19 Frustrate recording fixer (10, two words)
- 23 Discharges European over old exploits (6)
- 25 Notice about a trim knot, perhaps (8, hyphenated)
- 26 A copper first seen on D-Day (8, two words)
- 30 As fever remedy, endlessly pound square (7)

- 33 Expert with this, tend to melt, becoming infatuated (6, two words)
- 36 American? In the south, you come over as calm (5)
- 38 Super, heading off to fly around then land (4)
- 40 One turn and tilt only needed occasionally (4)
- 41 Horrid beast in yard given drink (4)

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