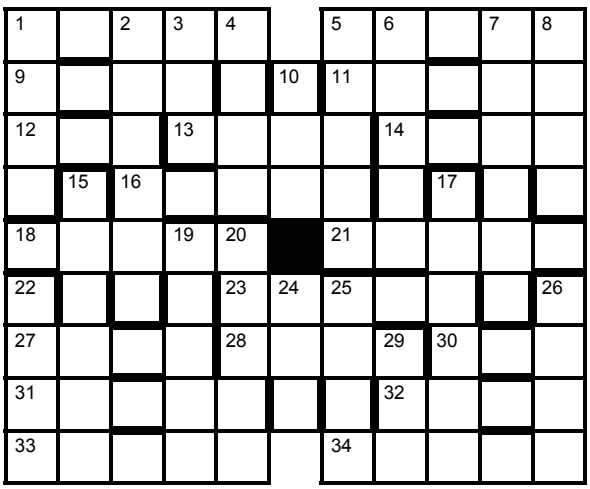
Freedom Pass by Enigmatist

Of fourteen symmetrically placed answers, ten (which may be arranged as five pairs) must be thematically shortened to fit the grid. Letter-counts refer to grid entries. One answer is two words.



Across

1 Number 12 in force advanced by Yard (5)

5 21 Club (5)

9 Song rendered in turn by one (4)

11 Honours only even? That's dreary for the Scots (5)

12 It's growing trouble at the OK Corral, did Spooner say? (3)

13 I have a November feast: spread that's rare sandwiches also (4)

14 Visibly lecherous on Emerald Isle breaks (4)

16 Where you'd find Burton barring Eliot (5)

18 Solitary cavalier? (5)

21 Joiner greeting topless bird seen devouring fish round back (5)

23 Protection in the garden over half of God's week's work! (5)

27 Very brief love admitted by cold governor (4)

28 Expanding used to be Yankee's characteristic behaviour (4)

30 Nuts joining athletic club diving into a little pool (3)

31 Representation for one friend, turning back (5)

32 What provides help for you, psychologically? The old drinking bout (4)

33 To Romeo, Juliet gets nothing right (5)

34 Holiday departure (5)

Down

1 Fumbling fingers are finally failing to open (4)

2 Detailed penalties imposed by judges of language (6)

3 A bit of rest advised (3)

4 Discovered guy in attempt to put up tent (4)

5 Ruddy-faced woman missing start of long haul (5)

6 Learning name (Sofia Scicolone, initially) (5)

7 After explosion, coal-miner's severed arm requiring disinfectant (6)

8 Means to keep beer base, in thousands of grams (4)

10 News withheld from hired killers, sent some mail (3)

15 United, beginning to languish, fail to perform somersaults in September (6)

17 Program within program, uncovering concert spirit (6)

19 Timeless spirit uplifted leader of enduring attack (5)

20 Tugboat's high-point? (5)

22 Top chap for it! (4)

24 One providing wind-up makes Brown BROWN? (3)

25 Monarch, perhaps, advanced across railway line (4)

26 Nasty eye infection? (4)

29 Petition for children one's initially disowned (3)