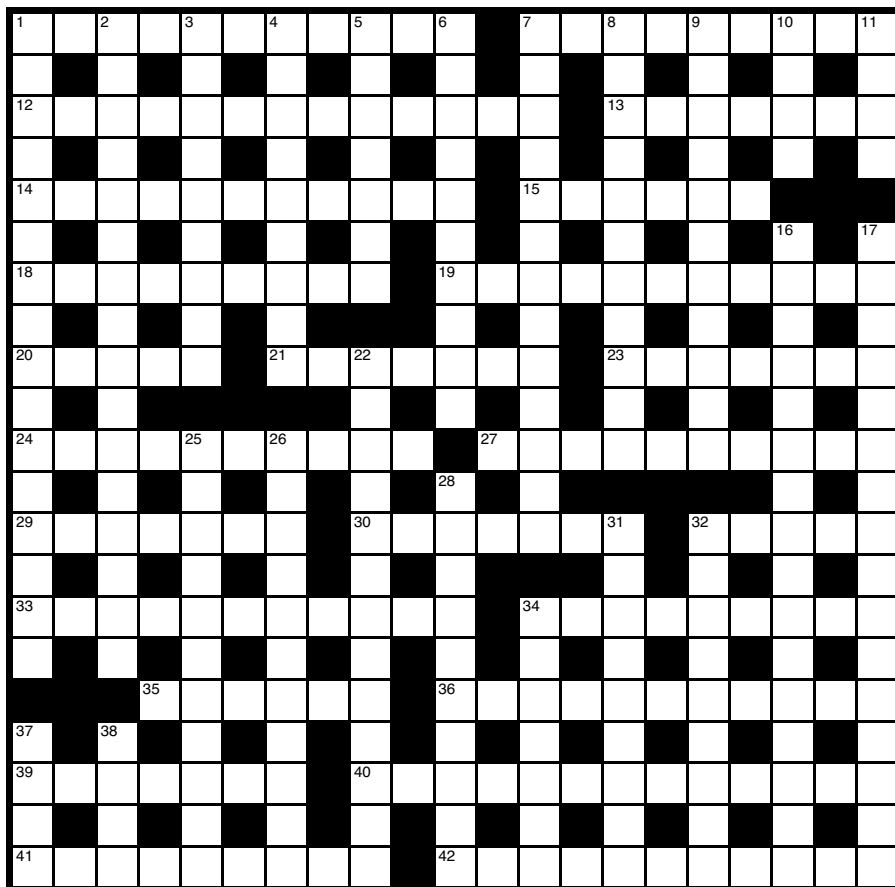


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ACROSS

- 1 Opponents to Gluck's operas performed in Paris (11)
 7 The deed necessary for a crime to be constituted (5,4)
 12 Used for sewing up large parcels (7-6)
 13 A measuring rod (7)
 14 Overland pioneer route to the Californian goldfields (6,5)
 15 Sharp ridges in the Swiss Alps (6)
 18 An arsenate of iron and aluminium (9)
 19 Legal profession (3,4,4)
 20 Spenser's careful (5)
 21 A display stand with shelves for ornaments (7)
 23 Formerly, an officer who bought provisions (7)
 24&27 German epic poet of *Parzifal* and *Willehalm* (7,3,10)
 29 Dynasty of caliphs ruling Baghdad from 750 until 1258 (7)
 30 Spenser's claws (7)
 32 Its counties include Aroostook, Penobscot and Sagadahoc (5)
 33 The act of laying waste to land by cutting down trees (11)
 34 Didymus, Doc or Gozo for me! (9)
 35 A hot drink made from saffras, once used as a tonic (6)
 36 Treats with $C_7H_6O_3$ (11)

- 39 Industrial town on the River Escaut, giving its name to a fine white linen (7)
 40 Librettist of William Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast* (6,7)
 41 The worst shifts (3,6)
 42 A ditty (11)

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 2 C16th verse satire about low life and tradesfolk afloat (5,7,4)
 3 Study of the visible parts of the eye (9)
 4 A will-o'-the-wisp (9)
 5 Water loss (7)
 6 The frame of a rider's seat (10)
 7 Mr Everyman (7,6)
 8 Monument designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and dedicated on November 11th 1920 (3,8)
 9 Medullary rays in longitudinal section (6-5)
 10 Ancient kingdom east of the Tigris, capital Susa (4)
 11 Vegetation floating on the White Nile, likely to impede navigation (4)
 16 Location of Audrey's hair-salon and The Kabin (10,6)
 17 French department in Lorraine, capital Nancy (7-2-7)
 22 Silver baptismal presents (7,6)

- 25 Fungicidal phenol in grape-skins thought to protect against heart disease (11)
 26 In echinoderms, a perforated plate serving as an opening to the stone canal (11)
 28 Recorders or flageolets (6-1-3)
 31 Testae (4-5)
 32 English dramatist of *The Spanish Gypsy* who also wrote many of the pageants for the lord mayors of London (9)
 34 Regularity in a normally irregular flower (7)
 37 An Anglo-Saxon minstrel (4)
 38 England and Kent wicket-keeper whose career lasted from 1927 until 1951 (4)

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