

# PUZZLE

## GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT

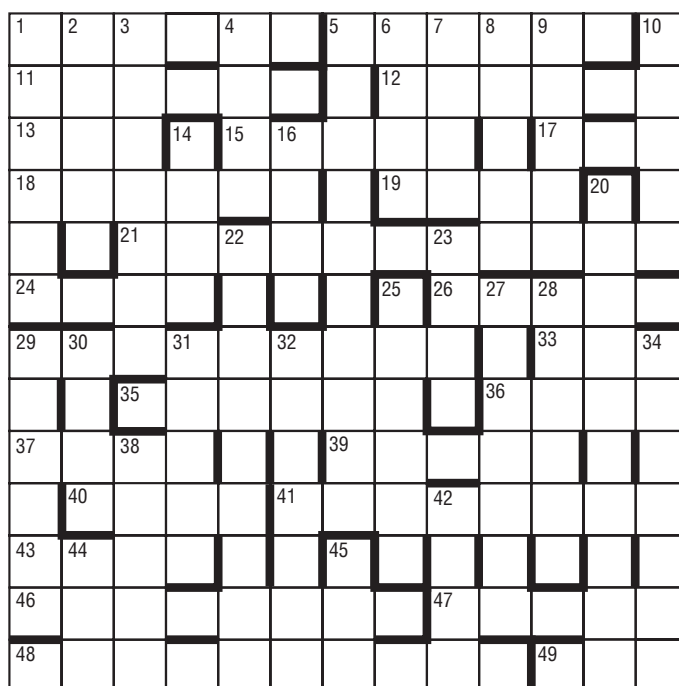
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**S**olvers with good memories may remember the puzzle of August 2018, in which Robert “Yauser” Yau proposed to his cryptic-loving partner, Jordan B. L. Smith. The wedding was planned for the summer of 2020. It got postponed again and again, but I am happy to report that it finally took place in June. The puzzle was reproduced on the face of the wedding cake.

To commemorate the marriage, Mr. Smith did the only thing a puzzle lover could do: he created a new cryptic, which, with my help and blessing, is this month's puzzle.

A number of the clued answers require an alteration before entry—which ones are for the solver to determine. For that reason, word lengths are omitted. **As a final step, follow the instructions in 49 Across.**

Six of the answers are capitalized words. There is one foreign word. As always, mental repunctuation of a clue is the key to its solution. The solution to last month's puzzle appears on page 75.



### ACROSS

1. Furniture maker managed to absorb a communications business
5. Urban wife? With child, dude!
11. Imitative choice, back to front
12. Ken might drive this to bring sexy back (*two words*)
13. What we did after the first date?
15. Leaves from a farm, going swimming in lakes
17. 13A confusingly. 21A? Not quite. You can make a meal of them!
18. Passage from *The Endless Bullfight* with alternative ending
19. Contributing to environmentalism, I'd originated a green drink
21. Carrying crude oil, midshipman has crew throwing a ball (*two words*)
24. Rowdy kids draw circles and get out fast
26. Fired back, "Call the old way!" (Not happening) (*two words*)
29. Fish, a bit of chicken, clams, individual oysters—thin pickings on a menu
33. Article in Spanish glass gets unwrapped
35. Fuel can supply, almost all gone
36. *Farewell to Arms*—that's always most prominently featured (*hyphenated*)
37. Alibi, missing a note of passion
39. Pride parades to put in reverse? One might go in a ring
40. Something pushed wedding centerpiece on the carpet
41. Try to catch a lobster, throwing back pieces getting consumed inside (*three words*)
43. Rewrite something that comes in, goes back!
46. Did one of the Spice Girls do nothing for an Australian music producer?
47. Conductor presents her after American debut
48. "Words that get you in love!" writes Eliot, initially corresponding (*two words*)
49. I would love: eight similar squares in this diagram to be connected to form an appropriate design (*two words*)

### DOWN

1. Caters salad counters
2. Source of nuclear power—not related to, say, Tyrone Power?
3. Hot time in the French Revolution met with horrid interchanges
4. A pink tied bow evens out in a Japanese art
5. Looked, as epic developed, for lots of colorful diversity here
6. Adjust tie, getting married couple in the news
7. Dodo is standing up inside—a square move! (*hyphenated*)
8. Marry, dropping a crazy hothead—it's a gift of biblical proportions
9. When Romeo and Juliet meet at the balcony and behave extremely "Italiani" (*two words*)
10. Hear ex break down: "They see right through me!" (*hyphenated*)
14. Rob and I, united in vigor
16. Marry right away, upsetting a host
20. A fun date—it can get you smitten
22. Similarities incorporated in a gasoline
23. Map out a conspiracy
25. A Cardinal's entry in *Revolution in Etymology*
27. Neutralizing agents stationed abroad
28. Blasphemous love is adroitly punished
29. California valley, built up and named
30. Enthusiastic drag queen, up and coming
31. Allocated support during a display of displeasure (*two words*)
32. Stop with the clues or anagrams!
34. Winter Olympics site has app, or other connection
38. Rumpled bed in Rhode Island? Just the opposite! There's nothing like that at this wedding!
42. No longer a student presence in a chemistry lab
44. What you do to salsa dancing in Peru originally!
45. Pools in the U.K. are solid? Liquid!

**Contest Rules:** Send completed diagram with name and address to "Gentlemen's Agreement," *Harper's Magazine*, 666 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10012. If you already subscribe to *Harper's*, please include a copy of your latest mailing label. Entries must be received by October 11. The sender of the first correct solution opened at random will receive a one-year subscription to *Harper's Magazine* (limit one winner per household per year). The winner's name will be printed in the December issue. The winner of the August puzzle, "Mixed Bag," is Jeremy Schlosberg, Philadelphia.