

1. Minimalist maxim (4 2 4)
2. Caught the 5:15 PM train, say (6 3 4) / Someone who might make you think more deeply about a popular belief (5'1 8)
3. Tally for an ongoing game (7 5) / Key element in a practical joker's arsenal (7 7)
4. "Let's try it my way for once" (7 2) / Measure of spread of a set of values (8 9)
5. Knocks, pings or sputters? (3 7) / Singer who also played God in "Dogma" (isn't that ironic?) (6 10)
6. Chance to start all over (1 3 5 2 4) / Band whose "34 Ghosts IV" was sampled in Lil Nas X's "Old Town Road" (4 4 5)
7. Tangy ingredient in some pancakes (10) / A riddle from The Riddler, for instance (7 4)
8. Telltale symptom of a cold (10)

- L1. Supped (3 6)
- L2. Prepared lunch during a busy work-from-home day, perhaps (10)
- L3. A summer place in the Hamptons, perhaps (8 5)
- L4. Uprisings (10)

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| L5. Alternative to Asiago (6 6) | D3. Jeroboam, Methuselah or  |
| M1. No muss, no fuss (6-4)      | Balthazar, for example (4 6) |
| M2. Concert highlights for      | D4. Deep-fried, sugar-coated |
| which John Bonham and Neil      | carnival fare (6 4)          |
| Peart were known (4 5)          | D5. Signal that you've been  |
| M3. Haka, for instance (6 5)    | ghosted (5 7)                |
| M4. Nineties computing          |                              |
| slogan (5 6)                    |                              |
| M5. Fox, for one (2 7)          |                              |
| M6. Clothing retailer involved  |                              |
| in multiple lawsuits with       |                              |
| Abercrombie & Fitch for         |                              |
| copying designs (8 5)           |                              |
| M7. Joining (in), as the        |                              |
| military (9)                    |                              |
| D1. Manipulating, as data (9)   |                              |
| D2. Cracked, like a             |                              |
| Vigenèred message (10)          |                              |

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| B |  | L1 |   |  |    |  |  | L2 |  |  |    |  |  | L3 |
| C |  |    |   |  | D1 |  |  |    |  |  | D2 |  |  |    |
| D |  | M3 |   |  |    |  |  | M4 |  |  |    |  |  | M5 |
| E |  |    |   |  | L4 |  |  |    |  |  | L5 |  |  |    |
| F |  | D3 |   |  |    |  |  | D4 |  |  |    |  |  | D5 |
| G |  |    |   |  | M6 |  |  |    |  |  | M7 |  |  |    |
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