

ENIGMATIC VARIATIONS

NO. 1653: PETITIONED KING by PANDICULATOR

A description of two consecutive moves made by a PETITIONED KING is spelt out by single extra letters generated by wordplay in across clues. Solvers must approximately enact the king's moves by twice moving and reorienting him relative to his petitioner (nine cells in a straight line to be highlighted) into other entries within the grid, each time overwriting cells and leaving blank cells in the departed location. The work in which the king appears could be said to be represented by the removal of single words from nine down clues before solving. Ignoring blank cells, real words, names, and phrases are maintained at all stages.

Across

- 1** Bulgarian young lady lying about having grown reserves (6)
7 Wind alters headgear (5)
11 Trojan regularly let out office of Central Americans (8)
12 Heart-throb at last bringing back grapes for lover (4)
13 Short lass leads one very Scottish trio that's divine (6)
14 Peaceful girl to anger nationalist (5)
15 Some cheers for South American beast (4)
17 Space around nice fancy spread in the pudding club (8)
19 English acquired international tournament player and spoke about number one (8)
21 Former enemy embracing new era (7)
23 More precise exhausted datary that is retained by bishop (5)
25 Claudius's courtier is leaving Horus's father in charge (5)
26 Learning establishment contributing to drug-running (3)
27 Alto is on side of church (5)
30 Authorities that should initially grate on society (5)
31 Unusually placed subject on five franc piece (7)
32 Winch wedged in cubic sleeves takes wheels (8)
36 Comparatively severe vintage nobleman barking lines (8)
39 Slow Greek ship (4)
40 Bit of lead from milled radial (5)
41 Drink white wine in pints occasionally (6)
42 Lesson covering Perth landowner's acreage with enthusiasm primarily (4)
43 Returned short letter covering Hawaii's lengthy broadcast (8)
44 Royals repositioned sentry (5)
45 Will's weights from gym are metal plates (6)
- Down**
1 Worry brought about tremors after rejecting awkward truth (7)
2 They do not like to slather waist liberally – save last of ointment (8)
3 Dull and cheerless sea fish (5)
4 Characters in centrally punctured vessels (4)

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- 5** Starting in second place, driving swiftly in Miami, passing as well as possible (5)
6 Protoplasmic jellies finally bow with investigators coming up ... (8)
7 ... bower observed to twice promote navy cut previously (4)
8 Inclines field above poles (5)
9 Money to support each elderly trader in Baltic weather (10)
10 DJ bedding rampant old flame's half-concealed outdated fitted sheet (6)
16 Rising 20 enthralled by nuclear expert who lacks hope of success (10)
18 Capri mushroom that's terrible purgative (5)
20 Italians drift Tesla – blimey! (5)
22 Stronger spirit from the south

- acquiring South Carolina press (8)
24 Basket makers having role in European appeal for help (8)
28 Disheartened eccentric ceases to understand what cricket does to advance? (7)
29 Essentially unfrocking sect is beyond understanding (6)
33 Smart youth's stream from island overwhelmed by uncultured (5)
34 Northerner's hairnet on end of frosty pipe (5)
35 Sitting in Alaska sharing porridge (5)
37 Muscles lifting bulk of stem (4)
38 Broadcast ice festival's misfortune (4)