

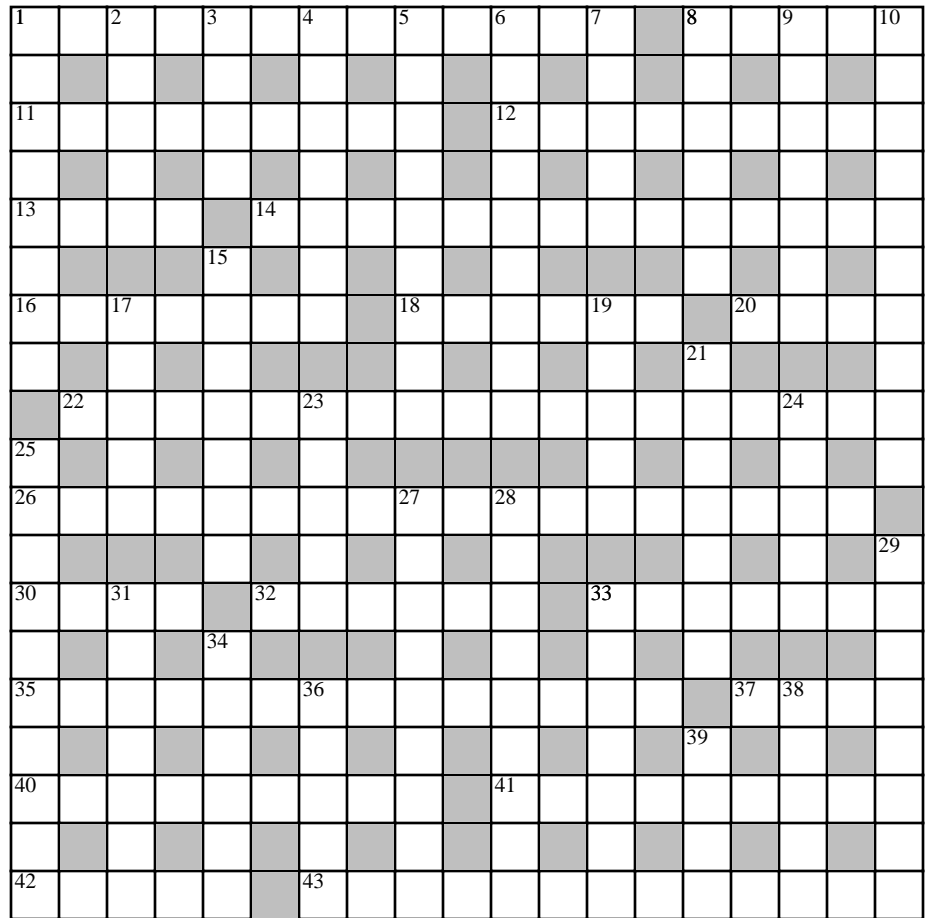
Across

- 1 14 41 22 26 8d** Then, a genuine sobriety was in ill esteem; the fiend — a serf — flinches askance at his gorgonical I, scrabbled, scribbled 25 (3,10,7,7,2,7,2,3,4,2,7,6,3,3,4,2,1,5)
8 Leading, per-perhaps (5)
11 Bubbling grease retreats before the right detergent, ultimately (9)
12 The factory assumes the burden of productive expectations (9)
13 See 3 Down
14 See 1 Across
16 VIP demands total victory (7)
18 Elemental form of a sacred cow, bellowing, perished (6)
20 15 Water in the average beverage might be piddling (4,7)
22 See 1 Across
26 See 1 Across
30 Starship? (4)
32 With primal mutation ambition becomes pitiful (6)
33 Conceives that the results thereof encompass time and its end (7)
35 Shelley eventually wrote out first lines with polish and skill (14)
37 Sacred conclusion comes about through profane machinations (4)
40 Executing an opening, one passes and presses one's suit (9)
41 See 1 Across
42 Rocky Mountain transport between two points (5)
43 Dead, half-gone, nothing inspires passion like irrationality (13)

Down

- 1** Deal with one specific point in the discourse (8)
2 Sign of indifference? (5)
3 13 Inert gas? (4,4)
4 Eliminate for credit, for example, a critical analyst (7)
5 Authorizing a measure of payment, low, not high (9)

Crossword No. 8: Reflection • *Arsinoë*



- 6** Get word on the set of the situation comedy (9)
7 Contracted one in the rampaging herd (5)
8 See 1 Across
9 Slippery ancestor embraces turbulent vagaries, forswearing rage (7)
10 Insult the language spoken by the meritorious sage (10)
15 See 20 Across
17 Shot requiring a degree of precise direction (5)
19 Challenged to come up with a punchless infusion (5)
21 Remote African linguist? (7)
23 You'll again use without it! (5)
24 Piled up bits of unpalatable ingredients in a sandwich (5)
25 Lewd? Coarse? I abandon eccentricity to write anew! (5,5)
27 Cassandra & Co. perceive their hair's been shorn (9)
28 Creatures who reportedly do badly by their habitat (9)
29 Swirling mist obscures light and at first misunderstood undulations (8)
31 Statuesque woman seen at two parties (7)
33 Conclude there's no hellfire (7)
34 Manners of British bangers lack it (6)
36 Chose a newspaper section to cover central Britain (5)
38 Produce by the ear in part of the garden? (5)
39 Measure one location on the heel? (4)