

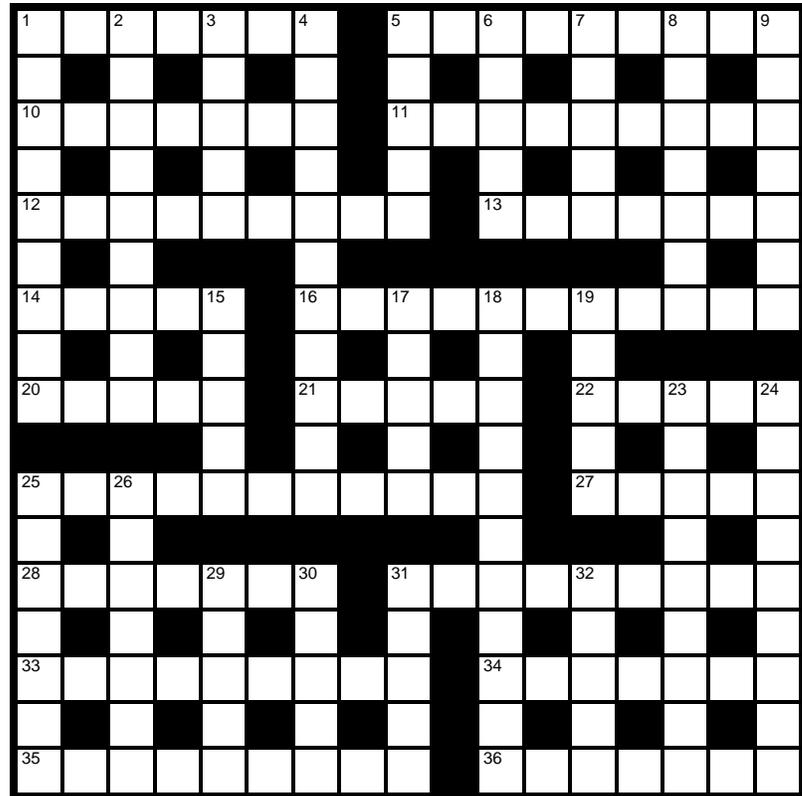
GHOST NET by Mystic Ghosti* [Written for the 2008 Ghost Patrol Game, for which teams were required to invent and submit a "Ghost Catcher" of any sort, incorporating a certain household item -- here, the item is revealed by the finished grid.]

Three GHOSTs have escaped, collectively, from the definition portions of 15 of the clues. Fortunately, they have been caught in our Ghost Net, where they appear in unchecked squares of answers corresponding to 15 other clues. The rest of the clues and entries are normal.

When you are done, a careful examination of the completed grid will reveal the state-of-the-art device we use to reel in the Ghost Net when it is full.

Across

- 1 He makes statues and on the way back is able to, going into mechanical repetition
- 5 "There once was a man from Nantucket," for example, is more hackneyed, accommodating me
- 10 Individual not offering tanks is somehow rating excellent
- 11 Narcissist better come again
- 12 Assigns, for example, breaking reports
- 13 Sally is angry about note
- 14 Unlimited stay with seconds of edible escargot for insignificant amounts
- 16 Star of French Revolution calmed a dividing body of water (2 words)
- 20 Woman who sins enticingly excited senior bereft of love
- 21 Having no race starts to irritate newcomers eagerly practicing together
- 22 Sporting slob throws in a high arc
- 25 Doc, a redhead, tossed some nontraditional dice
- 27 Obtains money for missing husband's curt proceedings
- 28 Favors irregular globe without island at pole
- 31 Female electrical engineer wearing revolutionary Scottish garb resembling bed covering
- 33 Spouse absorbs unsettling rain to become soaked



- 34 Lacking time, sixty seconds initially narrows down number operated upon
- 35 Most palatable examination outside of Italian wine region
- 36 Possible careers for one who makes sharp folds
- 15 Coins spun with an audible frequency
- 17 Leader of elves replaces second of elves in sleigh schedule based on performance
- 18 Portion of gain trader micromanaged between levels of kin
- 19 Awkward call protecting one live family member
- 23 Kiss assumes common function in commerce
- 24 Plaintiff accepts pay for one of a pair that keeps pans from falling
- 25 Roam freely in spot where mud is removed from hoes
- 26 Frenzied conditions reflected assistance involving anger
- 29 Prescribing Ritalin suppresses indomitable spirit
- 30 Unchanging mother backtracking in two directions
- 31 Shipped perfume for one's ears
- 32 Finally squeeze past metal prong

Down

- 1 Prepared a verse about Islamic rulers' purviews
- 2 Tin noodles change hands in rage and acclaim
- 3 Sound of regional cat tracking, at first feeble, roaring in the end
- 4 Again found enjoyment capturing wild beast
- 5 Nice version of very fresh rest
- 6 Solid ground for raven images
- 7 Muse over pets and over egg package weight
- 8 Inane fool carries small end oddly
- 9 Finish off rice and island drink containing lime juice, gin, sugar, and soda water

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