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Woodbabes

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Clues

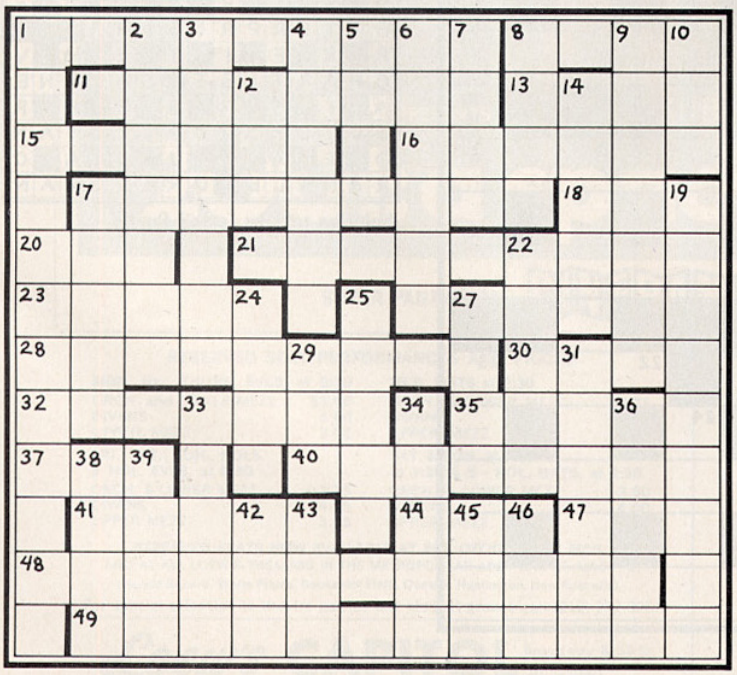
ACROSS

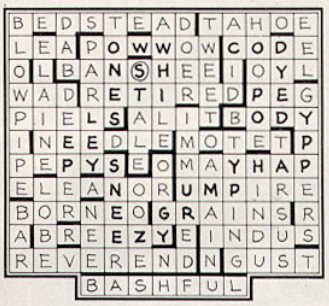
1 What Portia's son's wife might have called her? (9)
8 She sounds like what she paid Italian Equity each year! (4)
11 Spiced wine makes you cool-headed, concealing violent rage (8)
13 Bar Baron Munchausen's return (4)
15 Air after starting to rope (6)
16 Exhausted a 50-50 conclusion, everything considered (6)
17 Old Pine in the Pearly (9)
18 Retaliate—slam into reverse? (3)
20 1 Ac. without the minor changing the rule (3)
21 What the retiring shortstop must do, if cooperating closely? (9)
23 Where gossips meet to bet on Fagin (5)
26 A U.N. beginner misread "mer" for "mal de mer" (6)
28 Detected the hidden meaning, hearing a Commie in No-man's land? (9)
30 African gold field makes half the maps (4)
32 Titmouse a bit shaken—at last! (7)
35 On which jockeys sit, not exactly sober, in a cab (5)
37 A Kennedy, perhaps, spread out to dry (3)
40 Framework and defense mechanism sound definitely adult (8)
41 Victoria, for example, with support, gives ground (5)
44 Mountain pass wound a bit (3)
47 Piano that is a mixed type (3)
48 Unique play about the movies (12)
49 Complicated revolvers? (12)

DOWN

1 Make Betty ill—tell it badly, a piece at a time (12)
2 Dandy fellow connected with Hamlet? (7)
3 Golfer's dream and doughnut's identity (7)
4 Teen Prince and Rome are associated with him (6)
5 Island in the Bering Sea? (4)
6 He used to be Acting Governor (6)
7 Strip in sweltering heat (4)
8 Poor, poor Purdah (4)
9 Some unwed lovers do what some maids do: act immorally (7)
10 A wing precedes 'em (3)
12 Hoist and advantage (3)
14 Singers, sort of square, also running around (5)
17 Is silent one intact? (5)
19 Somersaulting leader of cads? (9)
22 Once dared heartlessly to sprinkle (5)
24 Worry about a key pattern (4)
25 Where Arabs convene? (5)
27 Where you get 26 at the 13, resembling each (4)
29 Consumed weak tea with high spirits (3)
31 Main spur gets jammed in outrage (6)
33 Fifty of me around made hoop up (5)
34 Ed Sullivan, for instance, sounds like 1,100 (5)
36 French gold flower-chain turns up in fancy window (5)
38 Get smart, like the Magis—loudly (4)
39 Keep back, raise and commit robbery (4)
42 One spot for the expert (3)
43 Not many can be found in Safeway Stores (3)
45 Indian scalps a dummy (3)
46 Tulip poorly illuminated (3)

Instructions: Twenty-four of the lights (i.e., the answers as they are to be entered in the diagram) are in the form of the title, which is one way in which the answer "babe in the woods" might appear. Similarly, the answer "reverse English" would lead to the light HSILGNE. In each case, the connecting word (or words) of the answer indicates what should be done to it before entering it in the diagram and, as in the above examples, the connecting words themselves are omitted in the light.
The number in parentheses after a clue indicates the total number of letters in the *light*; the number of words in the answer to the clue is not revealed. Ignore punctuation, which is designed to confuse.





One Shy Solution and Notes

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Across: *1. anag. 6. ta,hoe 10. lea(gue) 12. pow!wow! 13. cold(pun) 15. ban-she 17. hidden 18. Daw(rev.) 20. Re-tire-d 21. p,e.g. 24. anag. 26. 2 mngs. 27. hidden 28. M-to(rev.)-et 31. pun 34.(dis)mayhap(piness) 37. anag. 40. anag. 41. anag. 43. 3 mngs. 44. brrr-easy 45. (H)indus 46. r-ever-end 47. anag.*

Down: *1. pun 2. 2 mngs. 3. anag. 4. aw-(C)hil(e)-e. 5. anag. 6. pun 7. a-Cid 8. who, Poe? 9. (h)eel 11. (chat)elaine 12. par,Ley 14. D.-ye-D. 16. hidden 19. anag. 22. gy-pp-ers 25. i-MM-U-red 29. ty-p.-ing 30. tars-U.S. 32. hidden 33. anag. 35. pun 36. hind-U 38. (g)lobe 39. zoo(rev.)-E. 41. 3 mngs. 42. hidden*

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