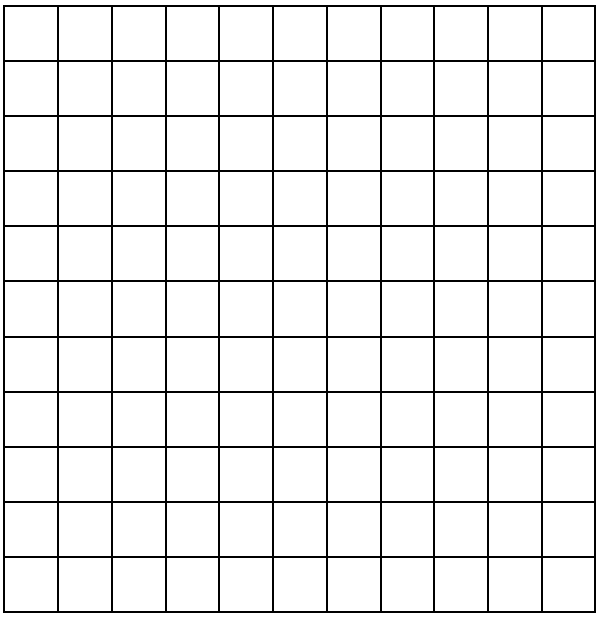
Guest Puzzle — July 2010 "Pot" by Arthur Schless

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to nine letters; four are capitalized, two archaic, two foreign, and one is a two-word phrase) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Ten across words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those ten letters, taken in order, spell two two-word phrases. Three pairs of consecutive down words won't fit in the grid unless a sequence of two of their letters is omitted, resulting each time in the same four-letter word. From this word can be derived a two-word phrase related to the title.



Across

1. I cross winding street in city
2. Repeat two notes
3. Singer engages attorney in idle talk
4. I propose harpooning a small whale
5. Pilot David undressed and ate
6. Fish's resting place
7. Sphere of battle of warfare nations
8. French forsook wind instrument for stringed instrument
9. Yankee's name
10. First and last of beverages taken out in sports arena
11. Field of oleander
12. Lad and I run helter-skelter daily
13. Amount of net return
14. Ancient tools for modern Gaels
15. Feel yardarm's fishy part
16. Hand covering returns profit to McGraw
17. Backward relative has a prejudice
18. Goodbye from a princess, old style
19. Man loses shirt for hoarder
20. Crazy to lose head getting Charlie a spoon
21. Meaningless to be mad without primary strategy
22. Returned praise of a twosome
23. Woman at a ballpark
24. Ginger condiment of Bulgaria
25. Inclined to keep insect in vehicle
26. Volunteer comes back with the inappropriate Biblical verb of adoration

Down

1. The tick destroys shrubbery
2. Na, Cu, Ti, and Al combined are related to ships on water
3. Bacon for tennis star on trains
4. Paula itemized drinks with milk
5. Hemingway has a grave
6. Editor's mark in obstetrics
7. One song, in particular, I arranged
8. Child-proof locks for machines
9. Not, oddly, smoothly
10. Stained from untidy edaphon
11. An item of little value found in an arena during a holiday
12. Citizen gets a charge in a Brazilian city
13. Ornament curiously put alee
14. No flatulence arose from starch
15. Shirt held by exercising tenor is putrid
16. Metal alloy of titanium and nickel I left out
17. Declare Vera insane
18. Sing piece in harmony
19. Bishop's area around river is dry and withered
20. Poe revised archaic term to unlatch
21. A hiding place in former British colony
22. Revise diet!
23. Remove center of crown with instrument
24. Cosmetic tool from wild shrub in L.A.