

**CRYPT-A-CROSTIC #25**  
by Accipiter

**Instructions:** Solve the cryptic clues, and enter the answers in the blank spaces on the right. Transfer the letters to the corresponding numbered squares in the grid. The grid will reward you with a quotation. The first letters of the clue answers, reading down, reveal the name of the author and title of the work. Merriam Webster's *Collegiate Dictionary*, 11<sup>th</sup> edition, was used in constructing this puzzle. As always, I am grateful to Claire Trazenfeld for her skill and patience as test solver. Please submit author, title, and last word of the quotation by June 20, 2006.

**CLUES**

**ANSWERS**

<b>A</b> A little woman— <i>that</i> is happiness in Port-au-Prince!	$\overline{110}$ $\overline{9}$ $\overline{28}$ $\overline{56}$
<b>B</b> Place for spectacles, where a military cop can have success with gun?	$\overline{86}$ $\overline{116}$ $\overline{149}$ $\overline{159}$ $\overline{178}$ $\overline{4}$ $\overline{17}$ $\overline{22}$ $\overline{39}$ $\overline{57}$ $\overline{70}$ $\overline{106}$
<b>C</b> Consider sweating when working for food (2 wds)	$\overline{10}$ $\overline{34}$ $\overline{60}$ $\overline{93}$ $\overline{132}$ $\overline{195}$ $\overline{163}$ $\overline{179}$ $\overline{49}$ $\overline{90}$ $\overline{111}$ $\overline{136}$
<b>D</b> (11 – 2) or (7 – 1)—perfectly balanced	$\overline{5}$ $\overline{23}$ $\overline{75}$ $\overline{153}$
<b>E</b> Predict truth, approximately	$\overline{12}$ $\overline{42}$ $\overline{127}$ $\overline{120}$ $\overline{188}$ $\overline{154}$ $\overline{171}$ $\overline{143}$
<b>F</b> Skinflint is drunk a lot	$\overline{16}$ $\overline{59}$ $\overline{82}$ $\overline{114}$ $\overline{144}$ $\overline{191}$ $\overline{64}$ $\overline{37}$
<b>G</b> Shakespearean woman, somewhat antiquated, has a certain manner	$\overline{32}$ $\overline{51}$ $\overline{68}$ $\overline{71}$ $\overline{142}$ $\overline{152}$ $\overline{14}$ $\overline{89}$
<b>H</b> Cord starts to unravel—must be improperly laced. It could activate lawsuit!	$\overline{48}$ $\overline{63}$ $\overline{109}$ $\overline{181}$ $\overline{187}$ $\overline{11}$ $\overline{83}$ $\overline{148}$ $\overline{173}$
<b>I</b> Retrogressing, “does grass”	$\overline{25}$ $\overline{45}$ $\overline{174}$ $\overline{165}$
<b>J</b> Unduly fond of Bushes, she’s gone and finished knitting (2 wds)	$\overline{50}$ $\overline{66}$ $\overline{73}$ $\overline{166}$ $\overline{124}$ $\overline{137}$ $\overline{177}$ $\overline{193}$
<b>K</b> Half of football team: good guys and true, distinct group	$\overline{24}$ $\overline{35}$ $\overline{61}$ $\overline{1}$ $\overline{103}$ $\overline{121}$ $\overline{125}$
<b>L</b> Barrier needed in midst of free-for-all	$\overline{87}$ $\overline{122}$ $\overline{146}$ $\overline{29}$
<b>M</b> Pinch hit (struck out the day before)	$\overline{97}$ $\overline{119}$ $\overline{18}$ $\overline{85}$ $\overline{104}$ $\overline{2}$

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- N** Mouse trap? Says who? (2 wds) 77 72 33 113 151 158 84
- O** Thunderstorm about to increase amount  
of stuff on forest floor 128 6 53 105 126 118 161 176 27
- 168 198
- P** Craft a bow or nice tank top 38 108 79 129 94 58 8
- Q** Most of staff ran around, puzzled 169 54 41 102 130 157 55
- R** A ship seen sailing for biblical community 30 65 69 115 31 117 96 184 190
- S** Ability to keep time is something inherent  
in the blood? Foolish myth! 46 47 107 175 91 147
- T** Classified as fish if varied diet lacks  
protein core 112 78 7 98 67 186 123 36
- U** Monocular was successful, I would say (*hyph*) 196 100 135 131 15 170 150
- V** I give up turkey and people think I'm  
subservient! (2 wds) 138 164 95 13 194 185 167 156
- W** Around 12 I nosh on crackers 19 99 101 3 189 76 145
- X** Idle bum settled down—his mistake! (3 wds) 182 40 80 62 180 141 162 155 52
- 92 21 197 44 183 200 172 74
- Y** Founder of scholarships and ways for  
auditing 43 134 199 140 160 133
- Z** You shall, as in the past, blend gin—that's  
cheering! 26 201 88 139 192 81 20

The diagram for this puzzle appears on page 3.

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1K	2M	3W	4B	5D	6O	7T	8P	9A	10C	11H	12E	13V	14G
15U	16F	17B	18M	19W	20Z	21X	22B	23D	24K	25I	26Z	27O	28A
29L	30R	31R	32G	33N	34C	35K	36T	37F	38P	39B	40X	41Q	42E
43Y	44X	45I	46S	47S	48H	49C	50J	51G	52X	53O	54Q	55Q	56A
57B	58P	59F	60C	61K	62X	63H	64F	65R	66J	67T	68G	69R	70B
71G	72N	73J	74X	75D	76W	77N	78T	79P	80X	81Z	82F	83H	84N
85M	86B	87L	88Z	89G	90C	91S	92X	93C	94P	95V	96R	97M	98T
99W	100U	101W	102Q	103K	104M	105O	106B	107S	108P	109H	110A	111C	112T
113N	114F	115R	116B	117R	118O	119M	120E	121K	122L	123T	124J	125K	126O
127E	128O	129P	130Q	131U	132C	133Y	134Y	135U	136C	137J	138V	139Z	140Y
141X	142G	143E	144F	145W	146L	147S	148H	149B	150U	151N	152G	153D	154E
155X	156V	157Q	158N	159B	160Y	161O	162X	163C	164V	165I	166J	167V	168O
169Q	170U	171E	172X	173H	174I	175S	176O	177J	178B	179C	180X	181H	182X
183X	184R	185V	186T	187H	188E	189W	190R	191F	192Z	193J	194V	195C	196U
197X	198O	199Y	200X	201Z									