

**CRYPT-A-CROSTIC #24**  
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 diagram. The diagram 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. For credit, please submit author, title, and second word of the quotation by April 20, 2006.

**CLUES**

**ANSWERS**

A Shapeless mass: turnover or cake (2 wds)

107 7 24 56 77 123 161 156 173

B On the side away from the buffet (3 wds)

38 36 89 93 145 18 111 132 137 162

C Wendy slew ill-fated bride and groom

22 41 73 119 51 103 124 45 78

D Joints to drink in, according to funny one (*hyph*)

58 31 66 90 85 96 120 158 188 128 178

E Drive about, conveying sheep to be examined

8 14 29 57 71 181 167 88

F They don't believe in holdups

67 81 94 105 110 129 152 189

G Anchor near bottomless atoll to find some fish and rice

126 101 180 23 30 46 59 138

H Showing restraint, refigure a sum—so be it

118 6 143 72 91 133 146 157 114 151

I July's session highlights "The Man Who Labors"

10 60 25 115 130 140 191

J T. Rex attacked me after eating cap—most unusual

15 80 92 141 159 9 49

K Doctor Stern, swallowing bagel—he's a Yiddish lexicographer

27 43 131 102 154 87

L I'm a Greek letter close in sound to a British letter marked for protection

35 5 134 33 75 79 116 55 20

M Destructive person with flower in ear is German

50 65 82 97 3 112 11 34

N Start to speak in telephone test for quality

12 44 39 2 149 168 76 52 106 177

- O Highly agitated, more than 100 inside left  
the premises 63 139 95 40 74 16 185 47 136 117 109
- P Takes care: to laugh derisively or try to solve  
the problem? 42 166 113 53 100 127 19 155 184 186 69
- Q Indo-European greeting heartless twit wearing  
knotted tie 153 21 62 144 28 169 179
- R Kind of a drip, coed very unconventional, like  
some old buildings (*hyph*) 182 48 61 125 83 164 99 187 104 26
- S Lumpy upper-class British bachelor in New York  
98 108 13 32 37
- T Elementary, dear Abe—I can spell it out  
86 68 190 17 165 64 1 54 174 170 121
- U With insight, casually invite Haitian, you, and  
me inside 4 147 183 150 142 176 135 70 172
- V Impaired cadet, surely bound and headed west  
171 84 160 148 163 122

The diagram for this puzzle is found on page 3.

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