

**ACROSTIC #18**  
**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. Two clue answers are familiar foreign terms, one of which is not in Webster. As always, I am grateful to Claire Trazenfeld for her skill and patience as test solver. For credit, please submit author, title, and last word of the quotation by October 20, 2004, to mdunphy@hvc.rr.com.

**CLUES**

**ANSWERS**

**A** Stupid person bringing nutritious things  
back to us

38 49 59 75 88 127

**B** Done everything? Start sewing denims

19 62 102 135 158 162 168 182

**C** Stupid person on dole, unfortunately

33 39 107 130 161 134

**D** Stupid persons amount to nothing in  
the early hours

31 43 51 73 97 122

**E** Stupid people—second rate

35 76 89 112 142 150

**F** Scrub rickshaw’s interior—that’s customary

118 8 159 175 189 1

**G** Pathetic character of the Sunday after Easter

55 2 32 41 68 125 144 202 155

**H** “Take it off!” resounds in burlesque  
(nothing omitted!)

14 80 181 212 5 12 173

**I** Work in a hospital in rotation, so to speak

57 138 154 200 9 20

**J** Bigot’s slogan: “Isolate whites and  
yellows, barring same” (3 wds)

6 11 48 84 34 91 21 65 166

30 44 47 113 26 93 191

**K** Going to heaven is something taken  
for granted

95 4 10 56 148 77 100 119 164

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**L** Prince’s comeback is a shock

15 104 136 179

<b>M</b> Marine creature’s flesh—cut it in pieces	<u>7</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>209</u>
									<u>22</u>
<b>N</b> In retrospect, Torah embraces long-fallen woman	<u>29</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>204</u>			
<b>O</b> List of unlikely candidates for knighthood? (2wds)	<u>86</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>178</u>
								<u>27</u>	<u>54</u>
<b>P</b> A stupid person returning alone	<u>196</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>111</u>				
<b>Q</b> Stupid person can return with it	<u>129</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>69</u>			
<b>R</b> For good mice, solid homes	<u>198</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>203</u>
<b>S</b> Future broadcaster?	<u>52</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>90</u>			
<b>T</b> Attractive topless artwork	<u>72</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>186</u>		
<b>U</b> Befuddled basketball team--hands slapped? (2 wds)	<u>46</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>208</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>156</u>	
<b>V</b> Physicist wants ice on a wound (2 wds)	<u>192</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>99</u>
								<u>117</u>	<u>185</u>
<b>W</b> Able to quench disreputable chef’s status symbol (2 wds)	<u>70</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>172</u>
							<u>36</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>40</u>
<b>X</b> Halt girl that’s wandering, okay? (2 wds)	<u>201</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>183</u>	
<b>Y</b> Madder family members trashed sublet	<u>195</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>207</u>			
<b>Z</b> French country star—one in bad taste	<u>132</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>187</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>157</u>
<b>ZZ</b> “Risky Business” remake: ghost pursuing Chaney	<u>190</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>116</u>	

**Grid for Acrostic #18**

1F	2G	3N	4K	5H	6J	7M	8F	9I	10K	11J	12H	13R	14H	15L	16V	17O
18Z	19B	20I	21J	22M	23W	24V	25S	26J	27O	28X	29N	30J	31D	32G	33C	34J
35E	36W	37M	38A	39C	40W	41G	42V	43D	44J	45M	46U	47J	48J	49A	50ZZ	51D
52S	53W	54O	55G	56K	57I	58M	59A	60W	61S	62B	63V	64W	65J	66S	67O	68G
69Q	70W	71X	72T	73D	74U	75A	76E	77K	78X	79Q	80H	81ZZ	82T	83X	84J	85Y
86O	87S	88A	89E	90S	91J	92Q	93J	94U	95K	96Z	97D	98ZZ	99V	100K	101ZZ	102B
103V	104L	105R	106M	107C	108W	109Z	110O	111P	112E	113J	114Z	115N	116ZZ	117V	118F	119K
120O	121Y	122D	123Q	124V	125G	126O	127A	128W	129Q	130C	131M	132Z	133U	134C	135B	136L
137Y	138I	139X	140P	141R	142E	143T	144G	145R	146Y	147ZZ	148K	149P	150E	151W	152M	153R
154I	155G	156U	157Z	158B	159F	160Q	161C	162B	163U	164K	165T	166J	167M	168B	169N	170X
171P	172W	173H	174Z	175F	176R	177Z	178O	179L	180ZZ	181H	182B	183X	184R	185V	186T	187Z
188W	189F	190ZZ	191J	192V	193N	194K	195Y	196P	197O	198R	199T	200I	201X	202G	203R	204N
205U	206T	207Y	208U	209M	210O	211V	212H									