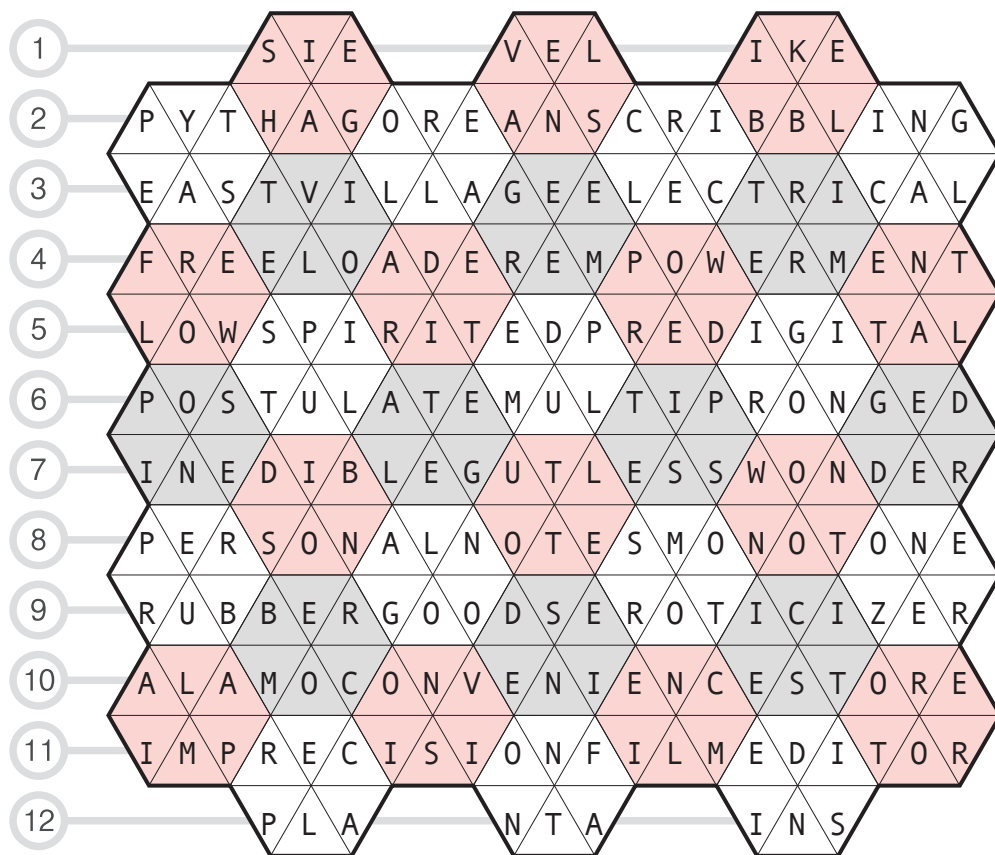


The grid may be filled as show at the right. Row answers are all normal. However, for some of the Bloom answers, one letter has been "forgotten" in the clue.

Bloom answers are given below, along with omitted letters. Reading those letters from the top down spells the answer phrase STEEL SNARE.



## BLOOMS

### PINK

Ready to bloom, perhaps	LATENT
Chow chow	KIBBLE
Sigh <b>T</b>	VISION
One with a cap <b>E</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;"> </span>	TORERO
Dust	POWDER
Japanese entertainer	GEISHA
Heart-felt <b>S</b> creed	TIRADE
Stuffed dumpling	WONTON
Ve <b>N</b> t, maybe	OUTLET
Makes an offer (2 wds)	BIDS ON
Popular Chevy	IMPALA
Lint traps?	NAVELS
<b>P</b> Eony, for example	FLOWER
___ Nutritional, makers of Splenda	MCNEIL

### WHITE

Floral Plath poem	TULIPS
<b>S</b> tart	ORIGIN
Tropical island feature	LAGOON
Huge beauty company	L'ORIAL
<b>F</b> eathered	PLUMED
Gerrymander	REZONE
One eructating	BURPER
Ring	CIRCLE
1st runner-up	PLACER
Doing up boots	LACING
Lean	NONFAT
<b>D</b> Rives	MOTORS
Contained	INSIDE
Energetic go-getters (2 wds)	TYPE AS

### GREY

Bloom, in a way	EMERGE
Search deeply	DREDGE
Shrinking bloom?	VIOLET
Most frigid	ICIEST
Says "nay"	DENIES
<b>C</b> lot	GELATE
Cut again	RETRIM
Holds forth	OPINES
Malices	SPITES
One who's for <b>A</b> ging	COMBER