

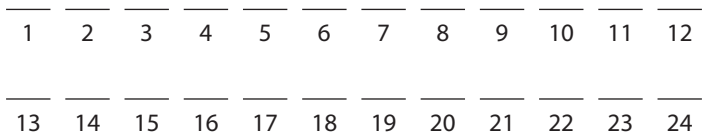
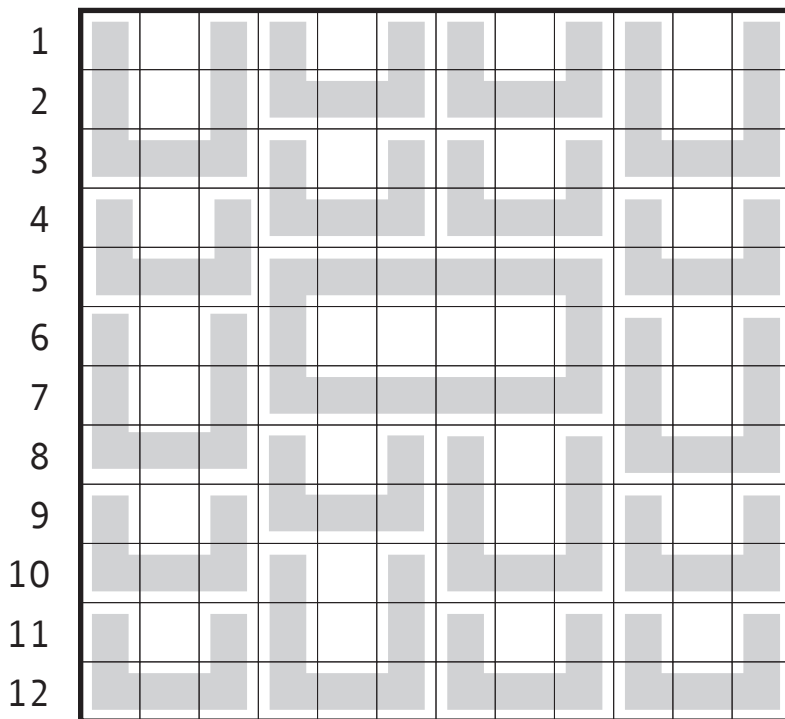
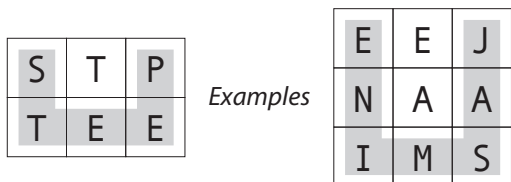
# CUPS OF TEA, AND HISTORY

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The historic events taking place in the treaty house in *Pacific Overtures* are commemorated in this issue's puzzle, but with an eye toward smaller details; namely, the "many cups of tea" reportedly consumed.

Answers to Across clues are to be entered in order in the indicated rows; word lengths must be determined. In lieu of Down clues, Cup clues are given, ordered alphabetically by answer. Each Cup answer will be entered in a large or small cup shape as shown in the examples below. Note that the answer may run in either direction. When a cup has been located in the grid, assign its contents the bracketed number given with the clue (in a large cup, assign numbers from the top down. In the examples, the contents are T and EA). When finished, copy the numbered letters into the appropriate spaces below the grid for a description of the tea cups.

And there's someone in a tree, or the grid is incomplete; without someone in a tree, nothing happened here....



## ACROSS

- 1 Optometrist's aid is yet worried about summers in Paris (2 wds)  
Encountered "fa-la-do-mi-re," possibly
- 2 Knotted cords came undone, enveloping arm in a tangle  
Small fork covered in muck
- 3 Most audacious lunatic stabs her  
Bavarian, with no sign of hesitation, becomes agent (*hyph*)
- 4 President recognized Yemen's leader  
One gnarled tree is feature of rugged mountainscape
- 5 Bloom with unusual zeal in rehab group  
Valets falling all over chaste maiden
- 6 Tossed salads lacking bit of dressing or sauce  
Russian aristocrats initially buying old houses' attached property (*variant*)
- 7 North African is unbearable, to some extent  
Lend recklessly, captivated by young lady's amiable nature
- 8 Ringtone bothered a certain element  
*Shrek*, for example, is so retro
- 9 Leapt frantically, catching round jai alai ball  
Gradually reduces wicked group?
- 10 Unending hatred corrupted planet  
Be afraid to upset a rodent (2 wds)
- 11 Chronicle building's division  
Oaf traveling west among strange fens and swamps
- 12 Entrée made of fancy cheeses, ignoring every other ingredient  
Wild boar inhabiting spot in a foreign land

## CUPS

- Quit eating snacks, primarily sweet stuff [2, 24]  
Vital legion recalled by yours truly in nation's capital [3, 12]  
Resort needs to get pristine, naturally beautiful areas [20]  
Raise some spirits in the wee hours after end of séance [1]  
Carve edges in back of retooled amber clasp [4, 23]  
Loud spat with athlete in Florida [17]  
Some Civil War reenactors live off the land, reportedly [15]  
Controversial director kept acting zany at numerous premieres [7]  
Is "Anita" likely part to be rotated, or the Sharks' girlfriends en masse? [5, 9]  
A great number of lanes switching right to left [8]  
Epoch depicted in outré poet's work [14, 10]  
Bluish gray fruit left behind [21]  
Go back, for example, in railroad at double curve [22, 16]  
Losing time, accost deranged anarchist from the '20s [19]  
Quick to cause pain [13]  
Introduction of subtle color in diamond, perhaps [6]  
Scientist partial to institute's laboratory [18]  
Any of eight Roman Catholic leaders situated in a city [11]