

I NEVER DO ANYTHING TWICE - SOLUTION TO LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLE

In last issue's puzzle, solvers were cautioned not to do anything twice. When it came to entering clue answers into the grid, not repeating any letters already written yielded new words. The "seven-per-cent solution" below the grid revealed what was required to solve the puzzle in Holmesian fashion: KEEN DEDUCTIONS.

Clue Notes

(* indicates an anagram; " " indicates a homophone; unaltered answers are given)

Across 4. (MANIFESTATIONS) M+INTO FANTASIES* 9. "Thai"
 10. ACRONYM* holding H 11. (TORTUROUS) OUR TUTORS*
 13. (APPEASES) SEES PAPA* 15. (PEPPER) PE(PP)ER 17. (KINKING) K+INKING 19. (SCOOT) S(COOT)S 20. (BRIBERIES) RIBS I BEER*
 22. (DIVVIED) DIV+VIED 25. (SMELL TEST) TELLS ME*+ST 26. find A Nice
 27. HURT LO(-is)* 28. (DEADENED) AD NEEDED* 29. SO DOD reversed
 33. MoDeSt 35. E+AND rev. 36. HONES(-t) 39. (PRECIPICES) EPIC PRICES*
 40. (TETE-A-TETE) ThEaTrE cAsT IEd ThE 41. (INTERPLANETARY) INEPTLY NARRATE*

Down 1. (STEPPE) "semiarid ... shrublands" initial letters 2. (LITTERS) double definition 3. (METE) "meat" 4. A.M. + OK 5. IRON rev. 6. FAS(-t) 7. (ERASER) (-ti)RES ARE rev. 8. THE+O 12. (UNDERGROUND) DRUG RUN DONE* 14. (STINTING) S(TINT)ING 16. FIRST* 18. GILD+A

20. (BALLADEER) BALL+A+DEER (does) 21. (SMOOTHER) TOM'S HERO* 23. (EDAMAME) MADE ME A* 24. (CANDIDACIES) NICE SAID CAD*
 30. bloODINess 31. (BARBER) BARB+ER 32. SAME* 34. (STARTS) S+TARTS 37. penNIlless 38. double definition

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| | E | T | 11 | T | O | R | 12 | U | S | 13 | A | P | E | 14 | S | | | |
| 15 | P | E | 16 | R | 17 | K | I | N | 18 | G | 19 | S | C | O | T | | | |
| 20 | B | R | I | E | 21 | S | 22 | D | I | V | 23 | E | 24 | C | I | | | |
| | A | S | F | 25 | S | M | E | L | T | 26 | D | A | N | | | | | |
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| 35 | E | D | N | A | 36 | H | O | 37 | N | E | 38 | S | I | T | | | | |
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| 41 | I | N | T | E | R | P | L | A | Y | S | R | | | | | | | |

K E E N D E D U C T I O N S
 17A 23D 7D 37D 22A 35A 28A 12D 24D 11A 41A 30D 5D 34D