

# THERE'S ALWAYS A WOMAN- SOLUTION TO LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLE

In last issue's puzzle, mini-puzzles were related to the Witch, Rose, Fosca, and Mrs. Lovett. All answers were six letters long, including the hidden names of the actresses who originally created those roles.

A different gimmick was in effect for each grid. In the Witch's clues, one word was misspelled phonetically. In Rose's clues, the wordplay yielded the answer in reverse. Fosca's clues gave definitions for two words: the answer, and an anagram of the answer minus one letter. Mrs. Lovett's wordplay yielded "blood" in the form of A, B, AB, or O, in addition to the answer word.

Clue notes are given for numbered clues in order, followed by the remainder of clues alphabetically by clue answer.

### Clue Notes

(\* indicates an anagram; " " indicates a homophone)

Across 1. [cretin] double definition 2. ES+RAPS 3. SEPTET/STEEP  
4. disCLAIMER [B]Ut reversed Down 1. [mince] ARENT\* holding C  
2. E+G(D)ELS 3. SULKED/DUKES 4. [AB]UTTERS double def.

[groan] A(DUL)T+S; [AB]A+TODDS; E(ISSU)A; [caret] CAR(P)ET; [check] DE+TEST; YAMS+I'D; DROOPS/ODORS; [B]ELATED double def.; E.G.+R.E.M.+E; E+MY+ZEN\*; [horse] "eek"+"whine"; avATAR [A]RE rev.; Z+RATES\*; EVADER/RAVED; EVEN UP/VENUE; KD LANG/GLAND; LAYMEN/MEALY; [O]MAN(T)IS; [rumor] RUM+RUM rev.; PHYLLLO/POLLY; MeSsleR dUmP; [red] SARTRE\*; [B]RET+I.E.+D; [wave] R+(-t)IPPLE; RE+MAOR(-i); GNAT(A)S; S(-tagnan)T+[O]ASIS; TANGOS/ANGST; [vary] INCOMPLETE\*-ICON; TOMATO/MOTTO; T[A]UNT OR\*; T[O]Y+RANT

<sup>1</sup> N	I	M	R	O	D	<sup>2</sup> S	P	A	R	S	E
E	Q	U	I	N	E	L	U	U	O	A	N
C	A	R	P	E	T	E	R	S	A	T	Z
T	E	M	P	L	E	D	I	S	M	A	Y
A	D	U	L	T	S	G	S	I	E	N	M
R	A	R	E	S	T	E	M	E	R	G	E
<sup>3</sup> S	E	P	T	E	T	<sup>4</sup> U	R	E	M	I	A
U	V	H	O	V	A	T	Y	R	A	N	T
L	A	Y	M	E	N	T	U	R	N	T	O
K	D	L	A	N	G	E	L	A	T	E	D
E	E	L	T	U	O	R	E	T	I	E	D
D	R	O	O	P	S	S	T	A	S	I	S