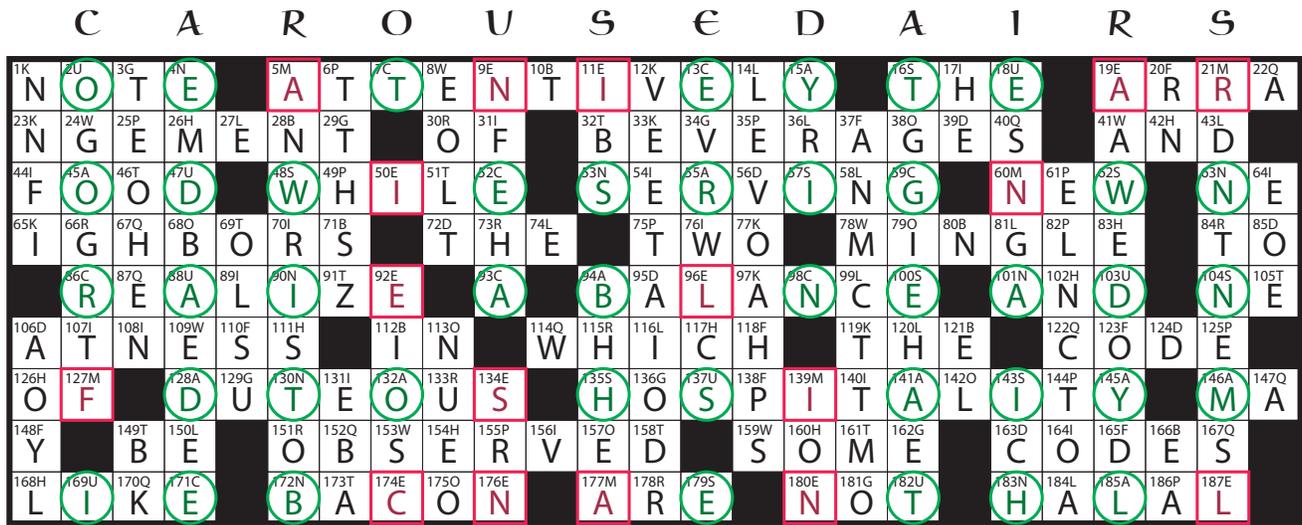


The House of the Three Ladies - SOLUTION (CAROUSED / AIRS)

Noting attentively the arrangement of the "beverage" answers and "food" answers in the grid reveals a Bacon cipher, in which the beverage answers may be considered the A element and the food answers the B. Decoding each column (note that the absence of J and V in the cluing suggests which version of the code to use) yields the answer words CAROUSED and AIRS.



- A. Entrepreneurial South Pacific islander (2 wds) **B L O O D Y M A R Y**
94 185 45 132 128 15 146 141 55 145
- B. Concentrated **I N T E N S E**
112 28 10 166 80 71 121
- C. Zhang Yuan's *I Love You* follow-up (2 wds) **G R E E N T E A**
59 86 13 171 98 7 52 93
- D. Champion **A D V O C A T E**
106 124 56 85 163 95 72 39
- E. The *fagioli* in *Pasta fagioli*, sometimes **C A N N E L L I N I S**
174 19 9 176 92 187 96 11 180 50 134
- F. Freewheeling, emotional composition **R H A P S O D Y**
20 118 37 138 110 123 165 148
- G. Defeat in a show of hands, perhaps **O U T V O T E**
136 129 3 34 181 29 162
- H. Drowsy state **S O M N O L E N C E**
111 126 26 42 160 168 154 102 117 83
- I. Date for an impossible event, with "the" (3 wds) **T W E L F T H O F N E V E R**
107 76 131 89 31 140 17 164 44 108 64 156 54 70
- K. Do something new **I N N O V A T E**
65 23 1 77 12 97 119 33
- L. Activity for Claire Bennet or Marcia Brady **C H E E R L E A D I N G**
99 120 150 27 36 14 74 184 43 116 58 81
- M. Dennis on *Law & Order* reruns **F A R I N A**
127 5 21 139 60 177
- N. Toulouse-Lautrec's "Green Fairy" **A B S I N T H E**
101 172 53 90 63 130 183 4
- O. Base **I G N O B L E**
79 38 113 175 68 142 157
- P. Naugahyde relative **L E A T H E R E T T E**
82 35 186 144 49 125 155 61 75 6 25
- Q. Boondocks; repercussions **B A C K W A S H E S**
152 22 122 170 114 147 167 67 87 40
- R. Exhaustive **T H O R O U G H**
84 73 30 178 151 133 66 115
- S. Riesling, for one (2 wds) **W H I T E W I N E**
62 135 57 16 179 48 143 104 100
- T. Taken in by chicanery **B A M B O O Z L E D**
32 173 161 149 69 46 91 51 105 158
- U. Tab, for example (2 wds) **D I E T S O D A**
103 169 18 182 137 2 47 88
- W. Communication **M E S S A G E**
78 109 159 153 41 24 8