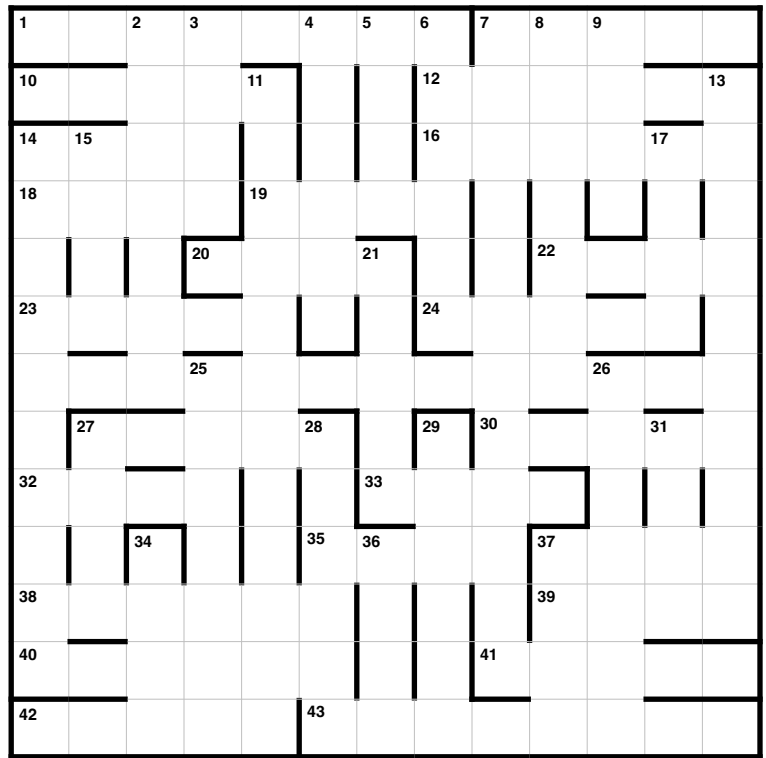


# Crime and Punishment

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Thirteen clues have had letters stolen, which need to be returned before the clues can be solved. The recovered letters, in clue order, tell you who is on the case. The same force has been busy in the grid, correcting twelve of the answers. The first letters of the twelve clues whose answers have been corrected, in clue order, spell out the crime committed. Finally, the unclued entry across the center gives the punishment.

The clue answers include several obscure proper nouns.



## Across

1. A low sound captivates Hal and Kelvin in return of musical
7. France's *The South* of lower importance
10. Belief in od is held by medium from the east
12. Hippie leader in bogus claim to commune in France
14. Audibly inflict stench
16. Headless dog wolf makes Brazilian newspaper
18. Ignoring the odds, headed by vortex
19. Bone sauce counters vegetarian food
20. Out of place bathroom constant around South
22. Met sensationalist media
23. Article at end of year about old airline in conflict
24. Chap left holding street relish
27. Musician Adrian played horn without energy
30. AI after me with steel structure
32. Grease starts to leak after rainy day
33. Until zero Fahrenheit

35. Erin reinvented law term
37. Range: stove nonexistent!
38. Site of education in Sierra at low temperature when covering heat source
39. Gain following; beta; ship
40. Bridges trapping white seeds
41. Linked to one of us initially; ultimately linked to both of us
42. Beginning in January, taverns produce Arabian spirits
43. Tease hot arrangement of Jack Johnson album

## Down

2. Ludicrously yowl and surrender
3. African airline to question why
4. Disapprove of, resent following surgical procedure
5. Screw up hand warmer
6. Anesthetized before E.R. routine
7. Not sweet, positive reaction to the letter
8. Intellectual property's held by Vogue rival Val
9. Grow horseradish, slice that

11. Muscle controllers split European Union into fools
13. Unfinished ballet move breaking statement of praise
14. A dresser girl tidied despite everything?
15. Polish surge backfiring
17. Gal from Belgian capital and French island
21. Sumerian god of vegetation from eastern network
25. Runed lot down in historic district
26. Alarmed mobile home traversing Northeast US carrying nothing
27. Judges' bench inline, we hear
28. During time in England, card game entertained fifty
29. Gold medalist Riekewald embodying bassist Cook is special to the max?
31. Continent loses India, gains part of Europe on the ocean
34. Egg producer goes after Trillium leader next
36. Maligned Roman emperor runs through Florence in revolt
37. Pregnancy specialist Cho hiding origin of operating instrument