

*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.*  
 XV.—THE ADVENTURE OF THE YELLOW FACE.  
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**T**he publishing these short sketches, based upon the numerous cases which my companion's singular gifts have made me the listener to, and eventually the actor in some strange drama, it is only natural that I should dwell rather upon his successes than upon his failures. And this not so much for the sake of his reputation, for indeed it was when he was at his wits' end that his energy and his versatility were most admirable, but because where he failed it happened too often that no one else succeeded, and that the tale was left for ever without a conclusion. Now and again, however, it chanced that even when he erred the truth was still discovered. I have notes of some half-dozen cases of the kind of which "The Adventure of the Musgrave Ritual" and that which I am now about to recount are the two which present the strongest features of interest.

Sherlock Holmes was a man who seldom took exercise for exercise's sake. Few men were capable of greater muscular effort, and he was undoubtedly one of the finest boxers of his weight that I have ever seen, but he looked upon aimless bodily exertion as a waste of energy, and he seldom bestowed himself save where there was some professional object to be served. Then he was absolutely untiring and indefatigable. That he should have kept himself in training under such circumstances is remarkable, but his diet was usually of the sparsest, and his habits were simple to the verge of austerity. Save for the occasional use of cocaine he had no vices, and he only turned to the drug as a protest against the monotony of existence when cases were scanty and the papers uninteresting.

One day in early spring he had so far relaxed as to go for a walk with me in the Park, where the first faint shocks of green were breaking out upon the elms, and the sticky spearheads of the chestnuts were just beginning to burst into their five-fold leaves. For two hours we rambled about together, in

silence for the most part, as befits two men who know each other intimately. It was nearly five before we were back in Baker Street once more.

"Beg pardon, sir," said our page-boy, as he opened the door; "there's been a gentleman here asking for you, sir."

Holmes glanced reproachfully at me. "So much for afternoon walks!" said he. "Has this gentleman gone, then?"

"Yes, sir."

"Didn't you ask him in?"

"Yes, sir; he came in."

"How long did he wait?"

"Half an hour, sir. He was a very restless gentleman, sir, a-walkin' and a-stampin' all the time he was here. I was waitin' outside the door, sir, and I could hear him. At last he goes out into the passage and he cries: 'Is that man never goin' to come?' Those were his very words, sir. 'You'll only need to wait a little longer,' says I. 'Then I'll wait in the open air, for I feel half choked,' says he. 'I'll be back before long; and wish that he ups and he outs, and all I could say wouldn't hold him back.'

"Well, well, you did your best," said Holmes, as we walked into our room. "It's very annoying though, Watson. I was badly in need of a case, and this looks from the man's impatience, as if it were of importance. Hallo! that's not your pipe on the table! He must have left his behind him. A nice old briar, with a good long stem of what the tobaccoists call amber. I wonder how many real amber mouthpieces there are in London. Some people think a fly in it is a sign. Why, it is quite a branch of trade the putting of sham flies into the sham amber. Well, he must have been disturbed in his mind to leave a pipe behind him which he evidently values highly."

"How do you know that he values it highly?" I asked.

"Well, I should put the original cost of the pipe at seven-and-sixpence. Now it has, you see, been twice mended: once in the wooden stem and once in the amber. Each



**SHERLOCK HOLMES CANONPUZZLES**  
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**The Adventure of Yellow Face, Part 1**

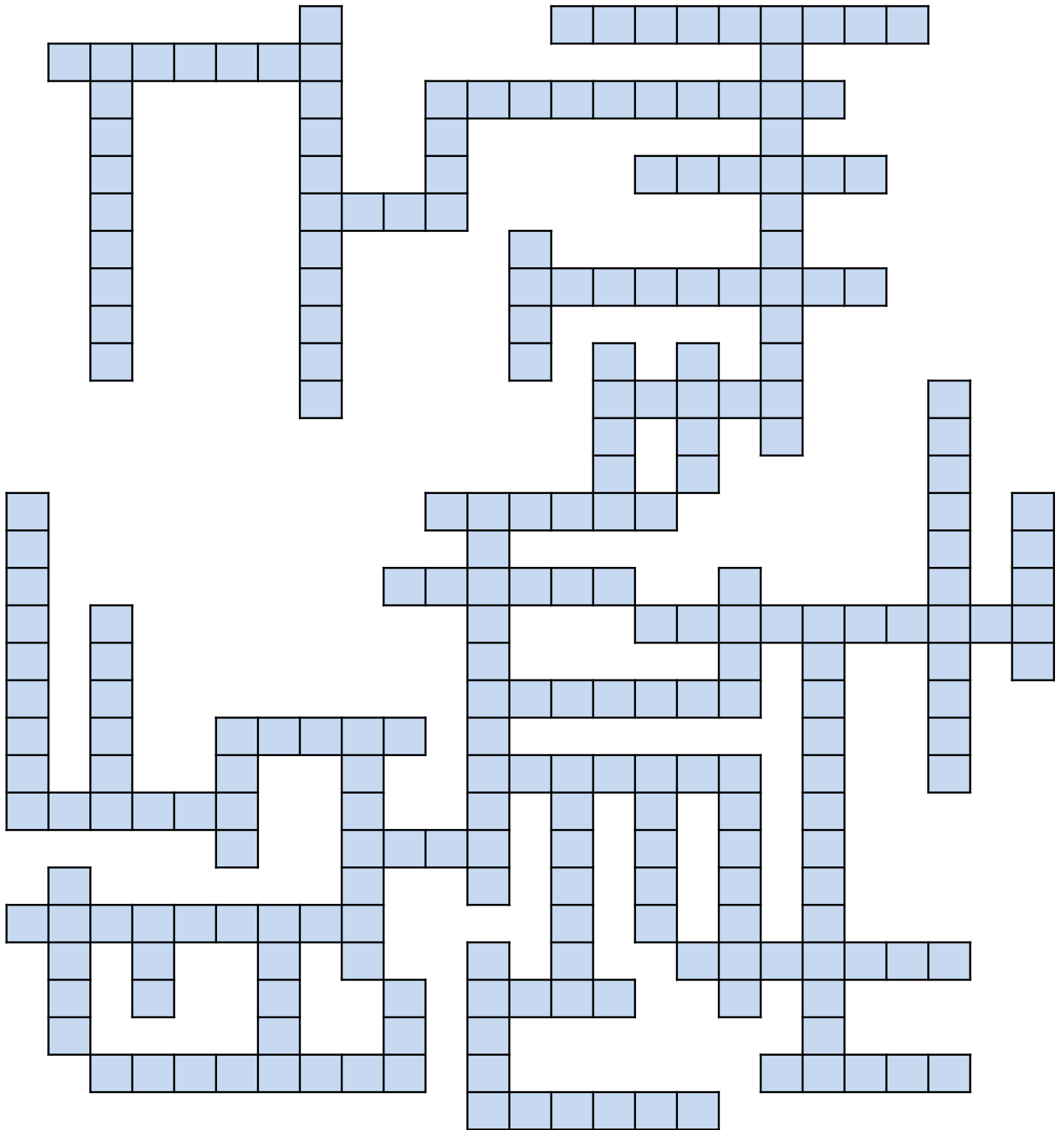
**These Puzzles include specific terms related to the story.**  
**All words and terms come directly out of the Canon.**

**Thanks to Bill Dorn for his gracious allowance of**  
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**vols. 1 and 2**



# Yellow Face (Puzzle #2)

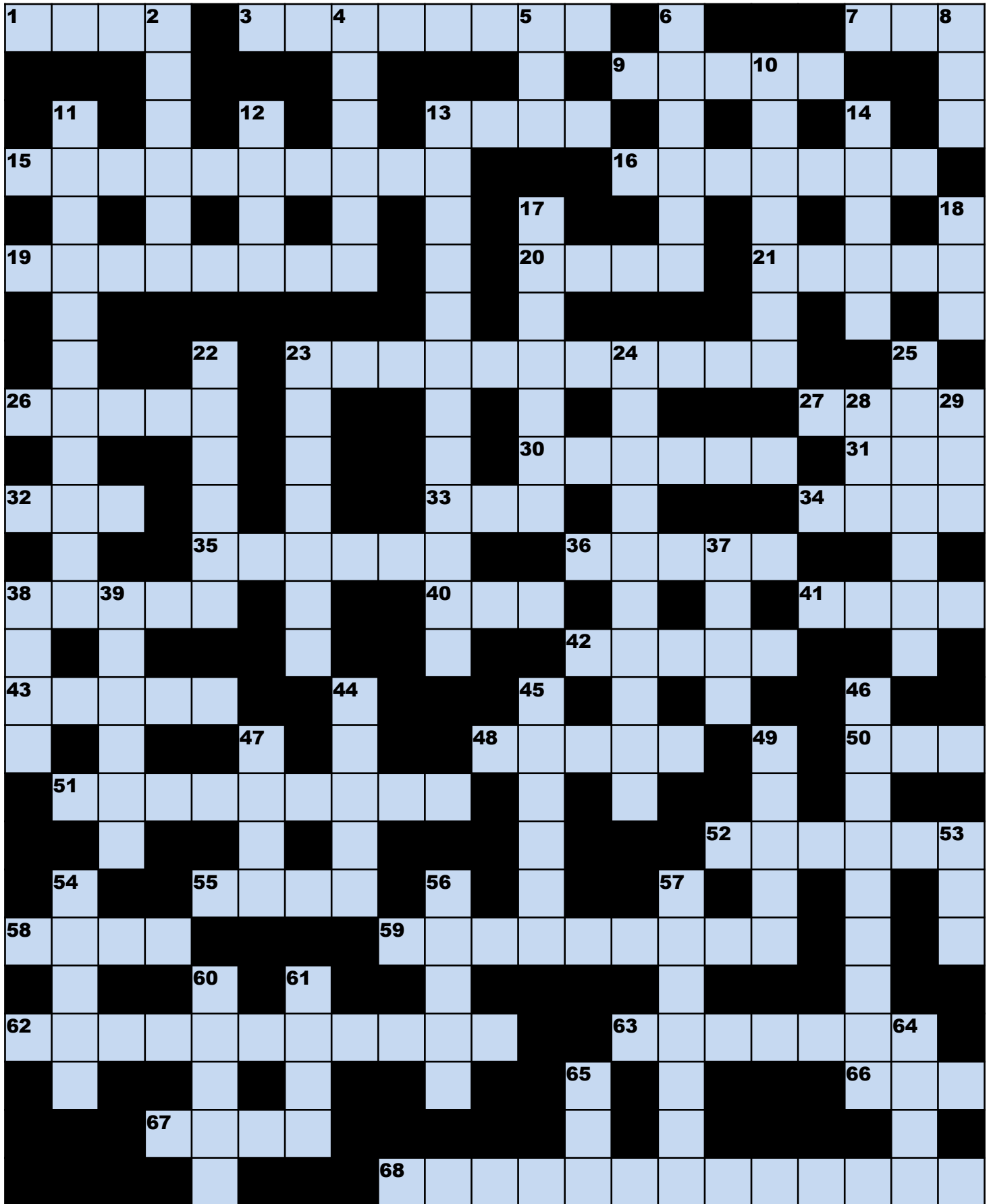
CRISS-CROSS: Fit each word into their proper place in the Framework.



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# Yellow Face (Puzzle #3)

CROSSWORD: Each clue is a term from the Canon. Highlighted clues on the next page are from this Story.



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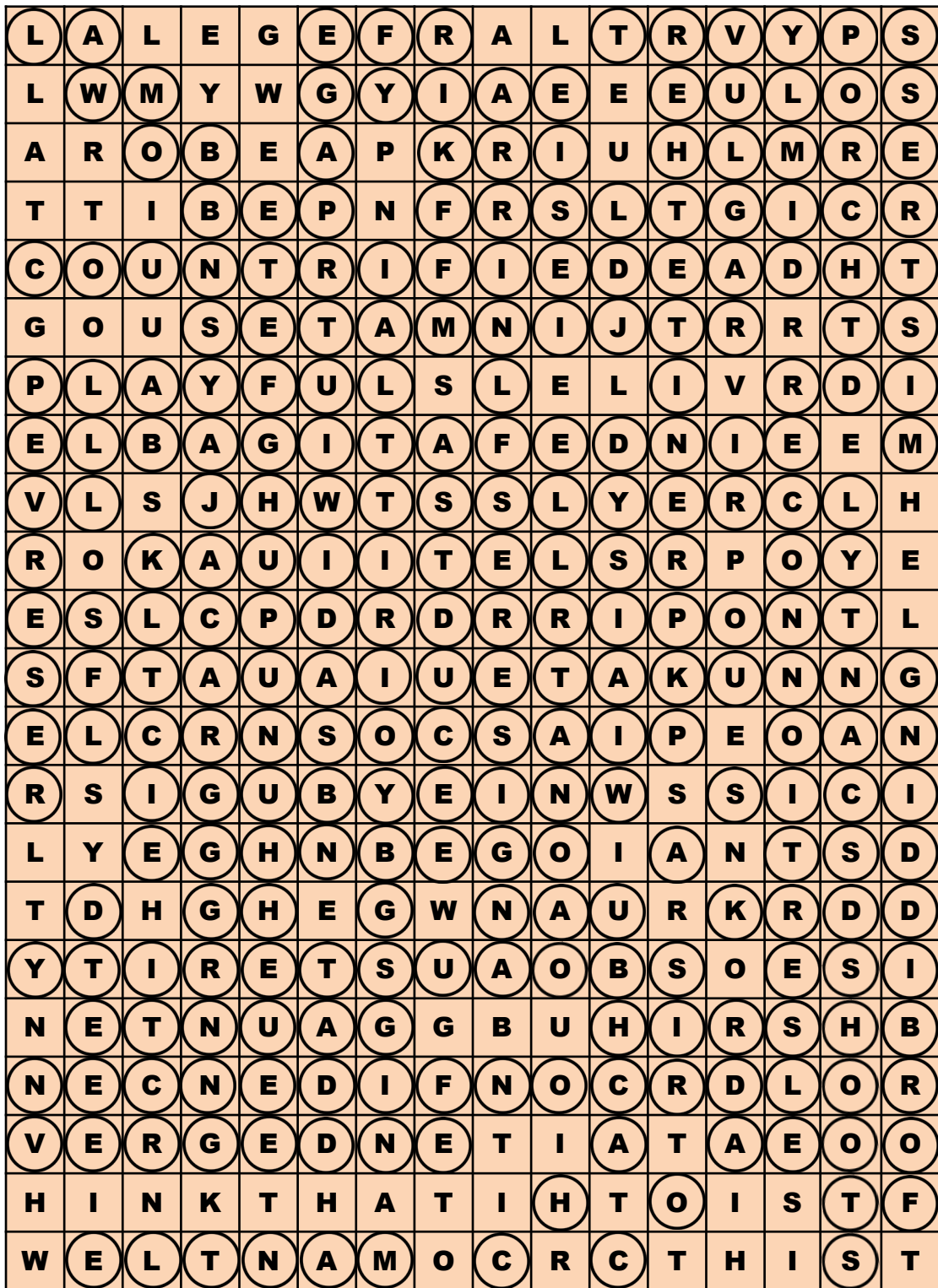
### Across

1. White or grey soft mineral with a greasy feel
- 3. Woman in a position of authority or control**
7. Inquire too closely into a person's private affairs
- 9. Covered shelter projecting in front of the entrance of a building**
13. Completely fascinated by what one is seeing or hearing
- 15. Feeling or belief that one can rely on someone or something; firm trust**
- 16. Occupants of a house**
19. In a calm, peaceful, and untroubled manner
- 20. \_\_\_\_\_ - boy**
21. Of, resembling, or fit for a monarch
- 23. Rural; unsophisticated**
26. Number of things, typically of the same kind
27. Person easily injured or taken advantage of
- 30. Highly - \_\_\_\_\_**
- 31. Employ**
32. Atmosphere above the Earth
33. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_; expressing disapproval or annoyance
- 34. Come into the presence or company of someone**
- 35. Extent or limit of one's endurance**
- 36. Candle - \_\_\_\_\_**
38. Conditions under which an action may be undertaken or agreement reached
40. Before the present time
41. Where bees are kept and grown
42. Person who is fully grown or developed
- 43. Hard, translucent, yellow, orange, or brownish-yellow fossil resin**
- 48. Thin and bony**
- 50. He \_\_\_\_\_ and he outs**
- 51. Became active**
52. Having or characterized by strength and energy
55. Pale or grayish color
- 58. Be constantly or visibly worried or anxious**
- 59. Soft broad-brimmed felt hat**
- 62. Helpful; friendly**
- 63. Light-hearted**
66. Eat a meal
- 67. \_\_\_\_\_ - black**
- 68. Persisting tirelessly**

### Down

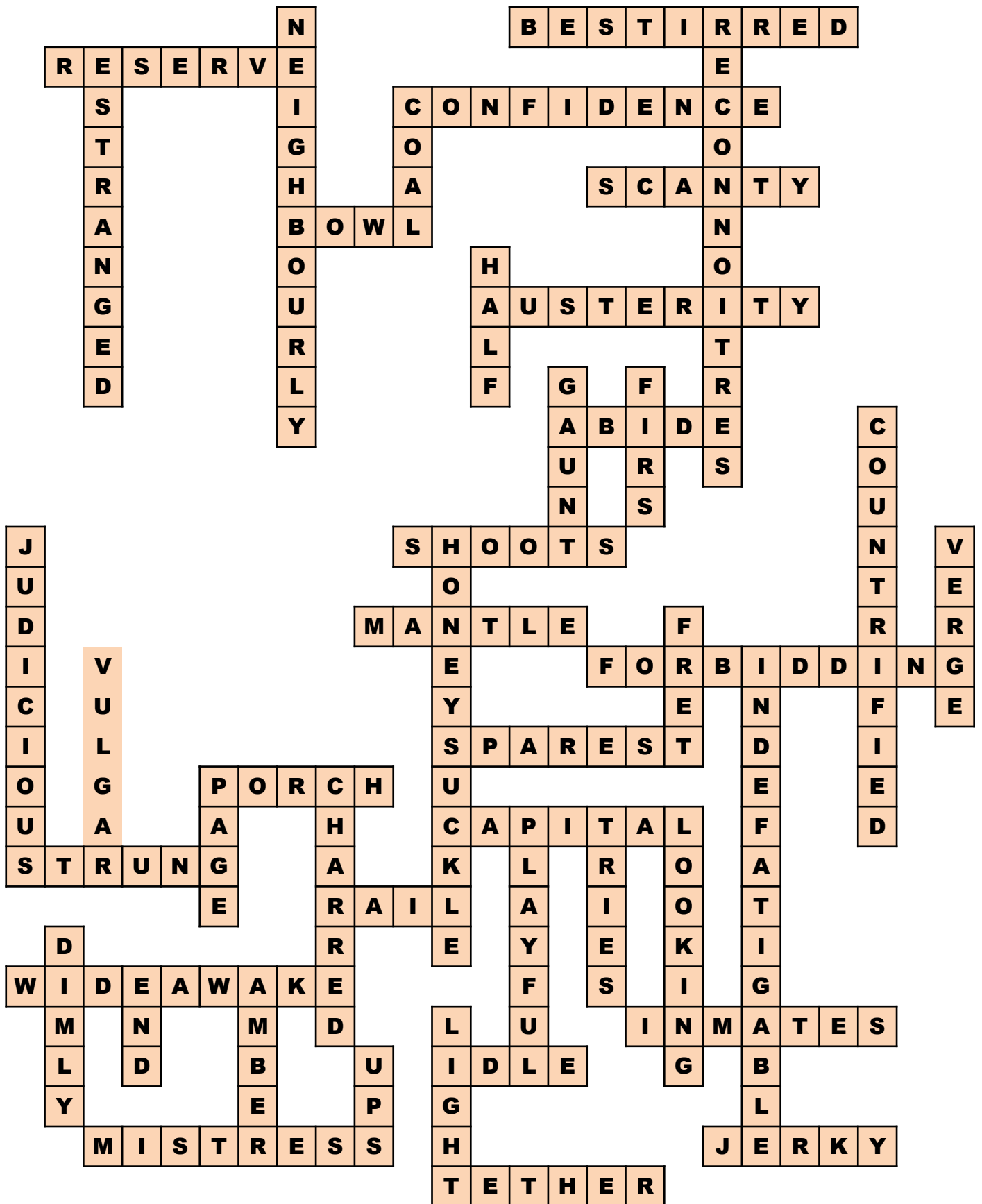
2. Hot drink made from the roasted and ground seeds
- 4. Small or insufficient in quantity or amount**
5. Take small drinks at a time
6. \_\_\_\_\_ - chair; couch or sofa
8. Coniferous tree which has red berrylike fruits
- 10. Scorched; made black from burning**
- 11. Widely distributed climbing shrub with tubular flowers**
- 12. Without purpose or effect; pointless**
- 13. Make an observation of an area**
- 14. Edge or border**
- 17. Meager; nearly inadequate**
18. Having or showing a cunning and deceitful nature
- 22. Young branches springing from the main stock of a tree or other plant**
- 23. Wealth in the form of money or other assets**
- 24. Unfriendly or threatening in appearance**
- 25. Qualification or doubt attached to some statement or claim**
28. Regret
- 29. Up to the present time**
- 37. \_\_\_\_\_ - dozen**
38. Flat, shallow container with a raised rim, typically used for carrying food
39. \_\_\_\_\_ of whist; set of games
- 44. Characterized by abrupt stops and starts**
- 45. Loose, sleeveless coat worn over outer garments**
- 46. Having, showing, or done with good judgment or sense**
- 47. Scotch - \_\_\_\_\_**
- 49. Accept or act in accordance with a rule, decision, or recommendation**
- 53. Wit's \_\_\_\_\_; finish; termination**
- 54. Makes severe demands on a person**
- 56. In a way that is not clearly perceived or recalled**
57. Brave; heroic
60. Complete disorder and confusion
- 61. Part of the pipe containing the tobacco**
64. Temporary interval of quiet or lack of activity
- 65. Peeled \_\_\_\_\_; remove**

# Yellow Face (Puzzle #1)



LEGALLY WE ARE PUTTING  
 OURSELVES HOPELESSLY  
 IN THE WRONG BUT I THINK  
 THAT IT IS WORTH IT

# Yellow Face (Puzzle #2)



# Yellow Face (Puzzle #3)

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