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**THE RETURN OF  
SHERLOCK HOLMES.**  
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*XI.—The Adventure of the Missing Three-Quarter.*

**M**E were fairly accustomed to receive weird telegrams at Baker Street, but I have a particular recollection of one which reached us on a gloomy February morning some seven or eight years ago and gave Mr. Sherlock Holmes a puzzled quarter of an hour. It was addressed to him, and ran thus—  
"Strand post-mark and dispatched thirty-six," said Holmes, reading it over and over. "Mr. Overton was evidently considerably excited when he sent it, and somewhat incoherent in consequence. Well, well, he will be here, I dare say, by the time I have looked through the *Times*, and then we shall know all about it. Even the most insignificant problem would be welcome in these stagnant days."  
Things had indeed been very slow with us, and I had learned to dread such periods of inaction, for I knew by experience that my companion's brain was so abnormally active that it was dangerous to leave it without material upon which to work. For years I had gradually weaned him from that drug mania which had threatened once to check his remarkable career. Now I knew that under ordinary conditions he no longer craved for this artificial stimulus, but I was well aware that the fiend was not dead, but sleeping; and I have known that the sleep was a light one and the waking near when in periods of silence I have seen the drawn look upon Holmes's ascetic face, and the brooding of his deep-set and inscrutable eyes.

Therefore I blessed this Mr. Overton, whoever he might be, since he had come with his enigmatic message to break that dangerous calm which brought more peril to my friend than all the storms of his tempestuous life.

As we had expected, the telegram was soon followed by its sender, and the card of Mr. Cyril Overton, of Trinity College, Cambridge, announced the arrival of an enormous young man, sixteen stone of solid bone and muscle, who spanned the doorway with his broad shoulders and looked from one of us to the other with a comely face which was haggard with anxiety.

"Mr. Sherlock Holmes?"  
My companion bowed.  
"I've been down to Scotland Yard, Mr. Holmes. I saw Inspector Stanley Hopkins. He advised me to come to you. He said the case, so far as he could see, was more in your line than in that of the regular police."  
"Pray sit down and tell me what is the matter?"  
"It's awful, Mr. Holmes, simply awful! I wonder my hair isn't grey. Godfrey Staunton—you've heard of him, of course? He's simply the hinge that the whole team turns on. I'd rather spare two from the pack and have Godfrey for my three-quarter line. Whether it's passing, or tackling, or dribbling, there's no one to touch him; and then, he's got the head and can hold us all together. What am I to do? That's what I ask you, Mr. Holmes. There's Moorhouse, first reserve, but he is trained as a half, and he always edges right in on to the scrum instead of keeping out on the touch-line. He's a fine place-kick, it's true; but, then, he

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## **SHERLOCK HOLMES CANONPUZZLES**

**Word Search, Criss Cross & Crossword Puzzle  
DEVELOPED BY STEVE MASON**

# **The Return of Sherlock Holmes**

## **The Adventure of the Missing Three-Quarter -- Part 2**

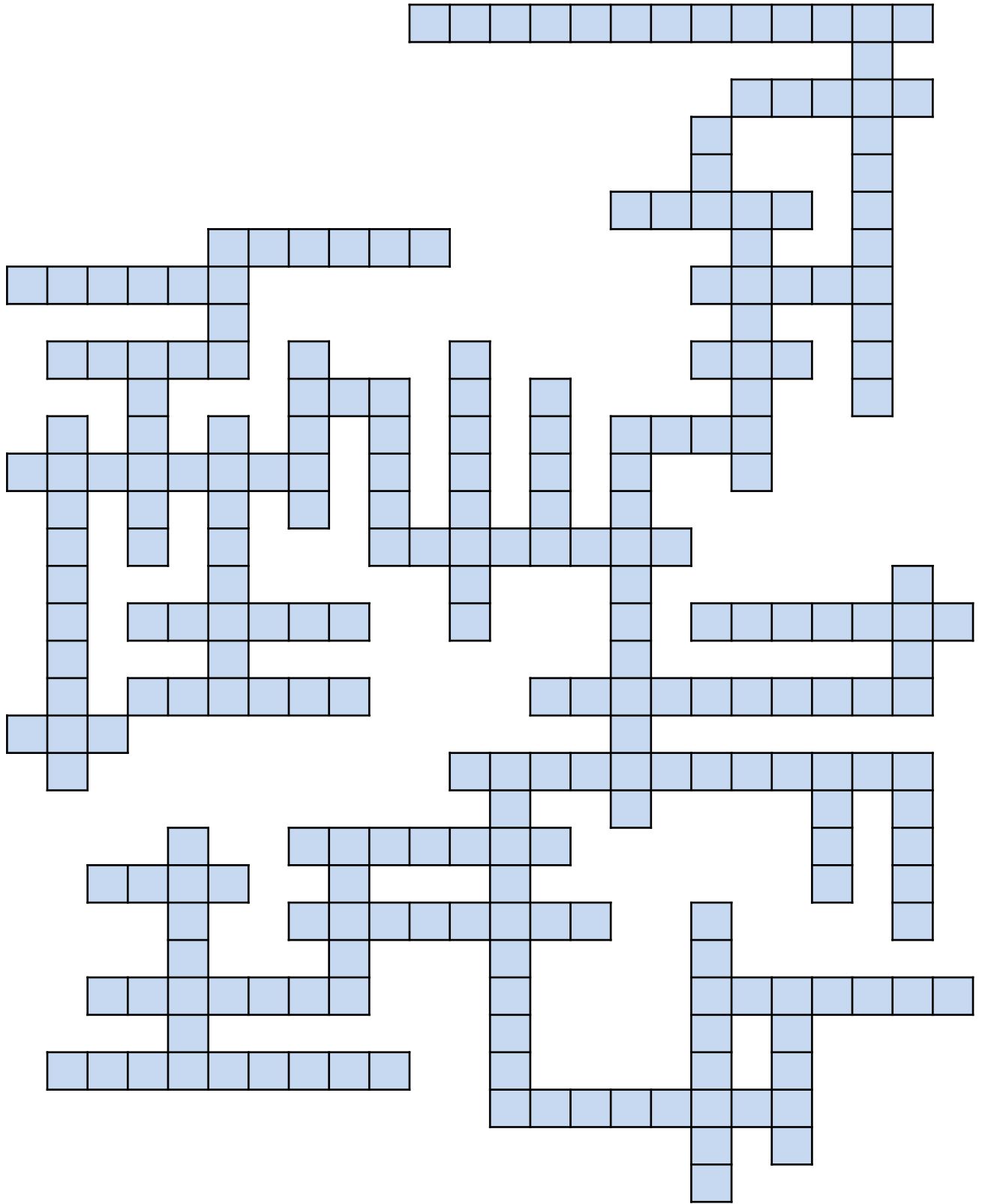
**These Puzzles include specific terms related to the story.  
All words and terms come directly out of the Canon.**

**Thanks to Bill Dorn for his gracious allowance of  
vocabulary words from Study Guide to Sherlock Holmes,  
vols. 1 and 2**



# Missing Three-Quarter (Puzzle #5)

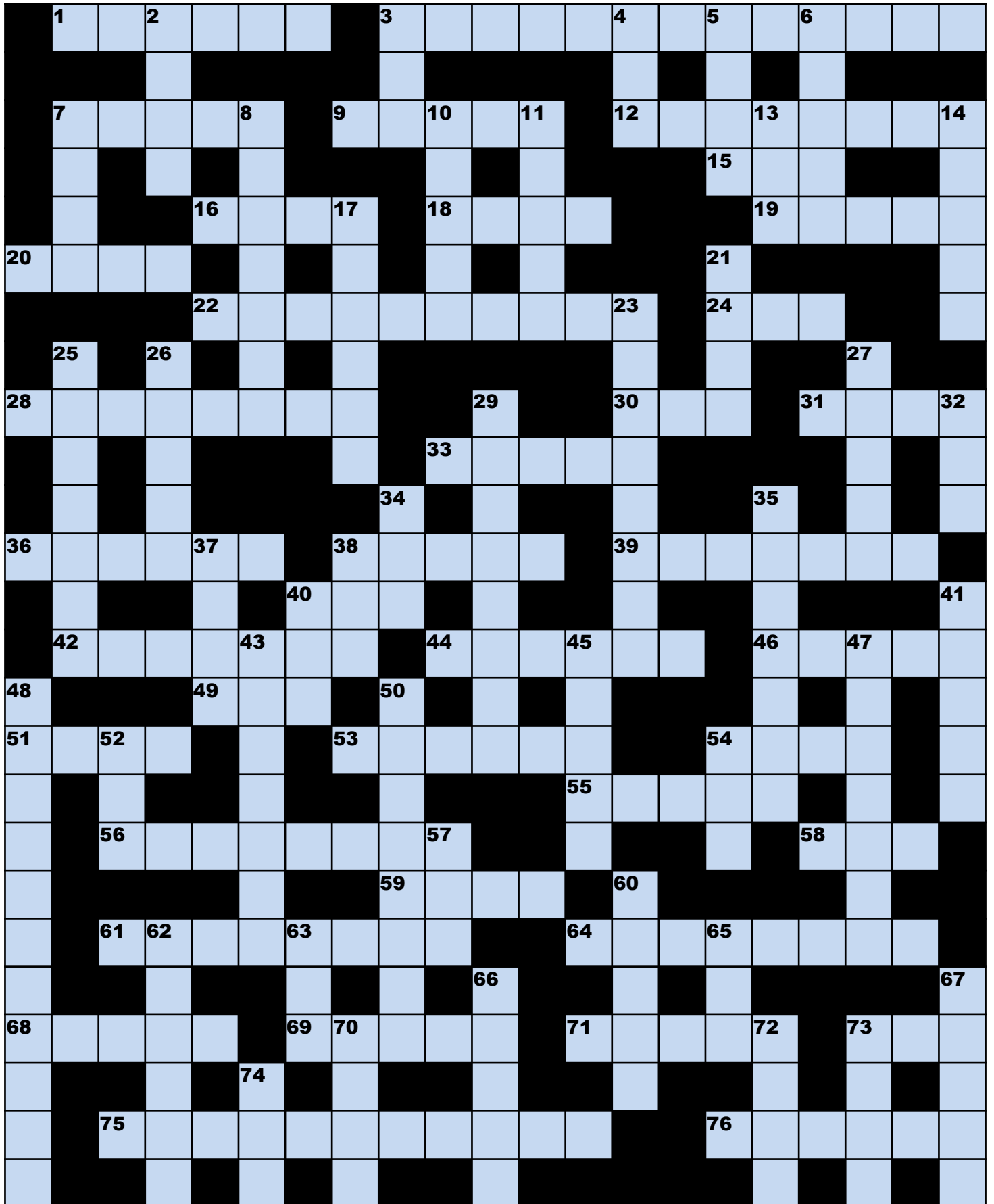
CRISS-CROSS: Fit each word into their proper place in the Framework.



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| BOX  | GRIM  | MATCH | WEIRD  | CRACKLE  |          |            |               |
| CAP  | HACK  | PAINS | GLOOMY | INQUIRY  | BEFALLEN | TREATISE   | INCOHERENT    |
| EVE  | PAST  | PLATE | OBLIGE | IRKSOME  | BROUGHAM | VIRULENT   | CONSUMPTION   |
| LOP  | CROSS | QUEER | PORTER | RUFFIAN  | PROFOUND | VENERABLE  | NECESSARIES   |
| AWRY | DREAD | SCRUM | ROGUES | STAUNCH  | SHILLING | ANTAGONIST | HIEROGLYPHIC  |
| CLUE | FIVER | THREE | TENNER | AGITATED | SOUNDEST | DISCRETION | RAMIFICATIONS |

# Missing Three-Quarter (Puzzle #6)

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



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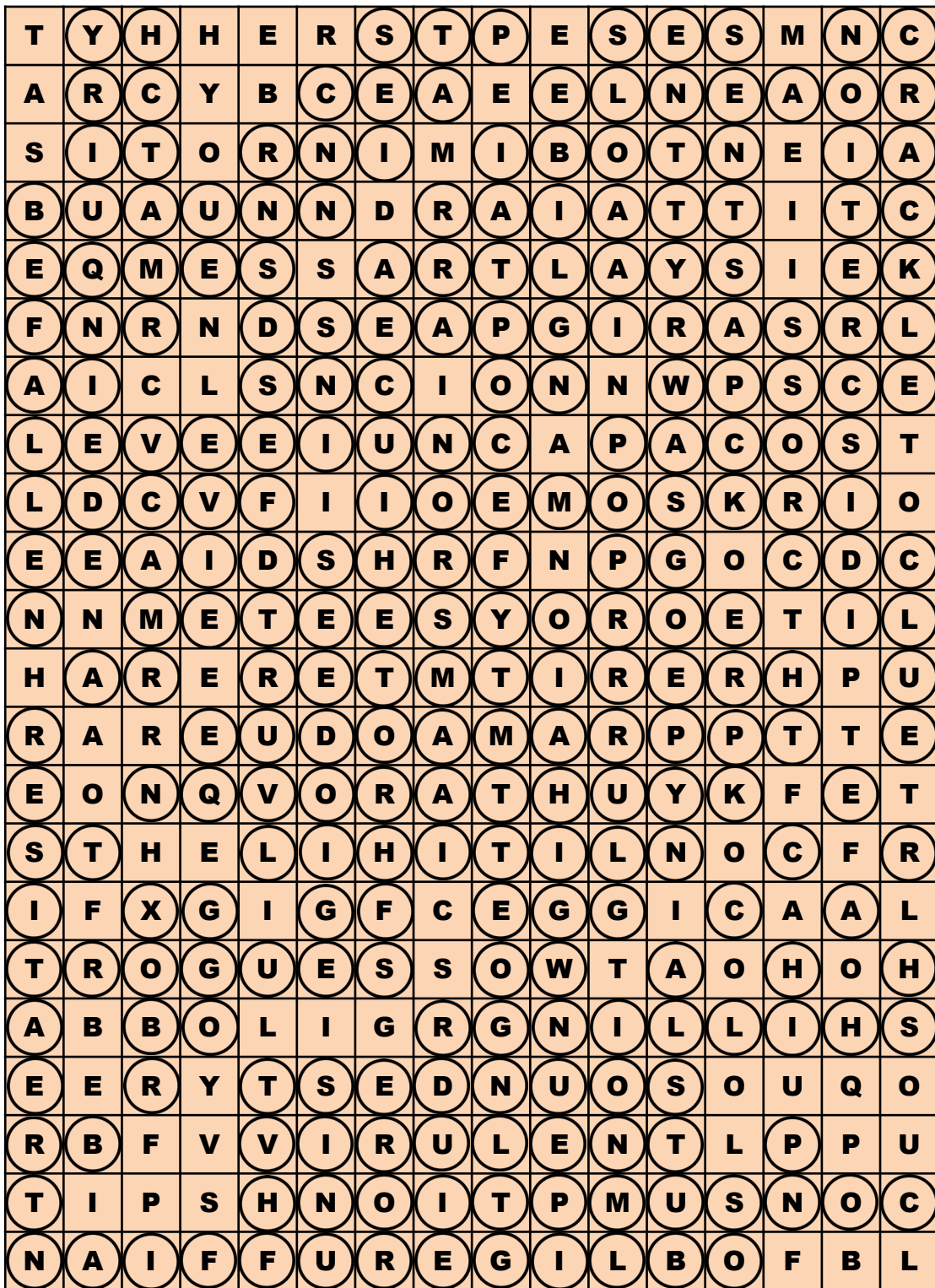
### Across

1. Dishonest or unprincipled men
3. Subdivision of a complex structure or process
7. Great care or trouble
9. Railroad station
12. British coin equal to 1/20 of a pound
15. Expire; pass away
16. Sudden sharp pain or painful emotion
18. Amiss; askew
19. Anticipate with great apprehension or fear
20. Smallest particle
22. Expressed in an incomprehensible or confusing way
24. \_\_\_\_\_ - eared
28. Horse-drawn carriage with a roof and four wheels
30. The night before a significant event
31. Bee - \_\_\_\_\_
33. Pleasing view, especially seen through a narrow opening
36. Dresses
38. Ordered formation players used to restart play in rugby
39. Official investigation
40. Very small item
42. Public display of someone's work
44. Ten pound note
46. Throw or hurl forcefully
49. Caused a person or animal to go with another by holding their hand
51. Used to refer to every one of two or more things
53. Door keeper
54. Cough
55. Smooth, glossy fabric, usually of silk
56. Very intense or great
58. Loose - \_\_\_\_\_
59. Information to be used in a decision
61. Feeling or appearing troubled or nervous
64. Of something bad happened to someone
68. Answer a telegram or letter
69. Rugby game
71. \_\_\_\_\_ - purposes
73. External part of a mouth
75. Wasting disease, especially pulmonary tuberculosis
76. Do as someone asks in order to please them

### Down

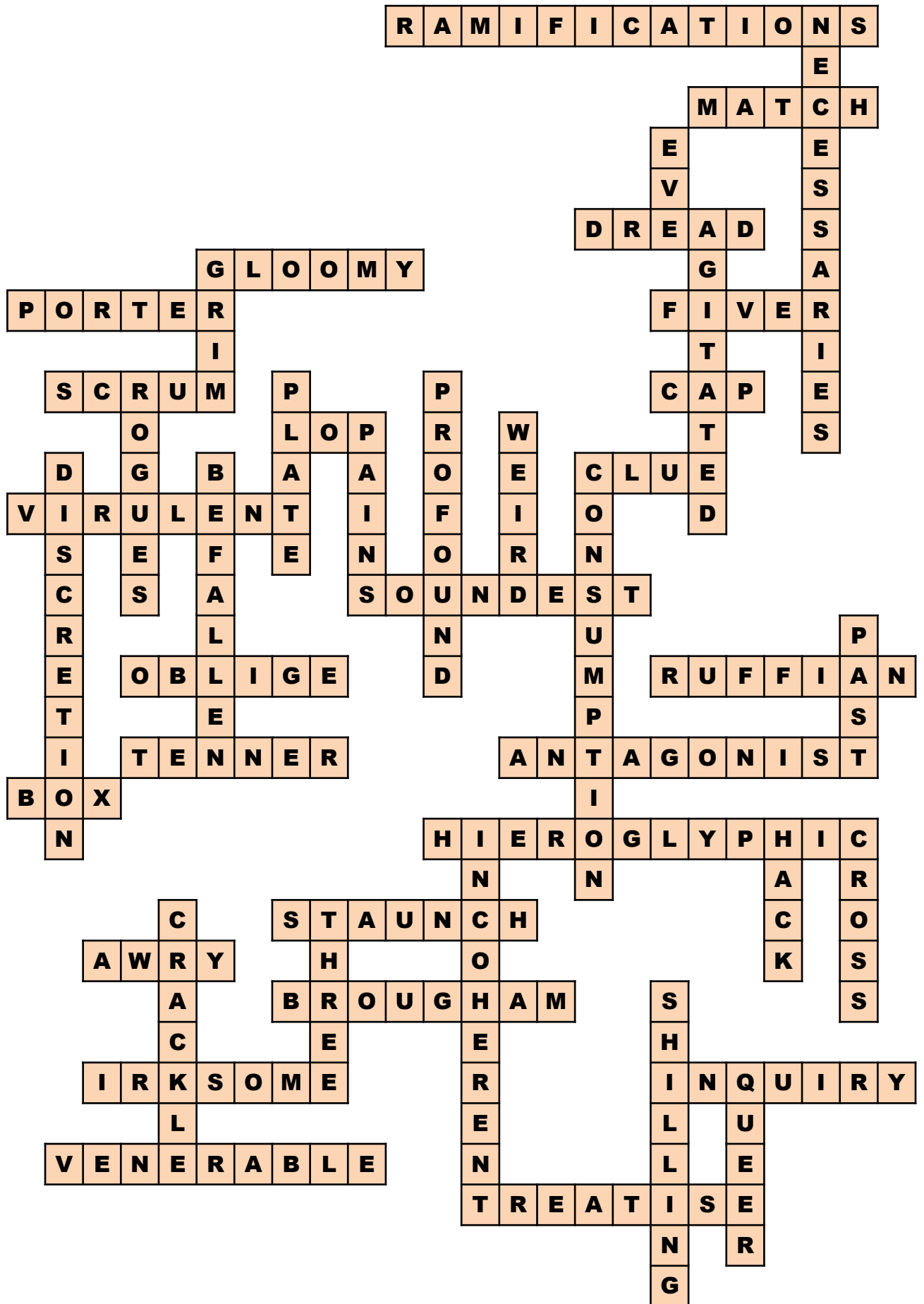
2. Lacking genuine levity; mirthless
3. Regret
4. It is
5. Dry condition
6. Someone who does not work; lazy person
7. Half - \_\_\_\_\_
8. Loyal and committed in attitude
10. Household articles covered with a precious metal
11. \_\_\_\_\_ - quarter
13. Cover for a cup or a can
14. Excitable and frivolous
17. Causing distress or depression
21. Piece of evidence used in the detection of a crime
23. Written work dealing formally with a subject
25. Frizzle; fizz; hiss
26. Odd; unusual
27. Five pound note
29. Extremely infectious
32. Before the present time
34. Perform a duty
35. Violent person, especially one involved in crime
37. Work with great effort
38. Repose in a chair in upright position
40. Offer a certain price for something; especially at an auction
41. Person who acts on behalf of another person
43. Advantage or profit gained from something
45. Person trained to care for the sick or infirm
47. Irritating; annoying
48. Small items required for a journey
50. In best condition; based on reason or sense
52. Knee - \_\_\_\_\_
54. Joint at the upper end of the leg
57. Father
60. Unusual or odd
62. Fastest pace of a horse
63. Point or direct a weapon at a target
65. What an \_\_\_\_\_ I have been
66. Connected flexible series of metal links used for fastening objects
67. Knock something over
70. Weapons
72. Cries out loud; wails
73. Den; refuge
74. Inquire

# Missing Three-Quarter (Puzzle #4)



T H E R E   M A Y   B E   S O M E   D I S -  
 I N C L I N A T I O N   O N   T H E  
 P A R T   O F   T H E   O F F I C I A L S  
 T O   O B L I G E   Y O U

# Missing Three-Quarter (Puzzle #5)



# Missing Three-Quarter (Puzzle #6)

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