

ACROSS

- 1) ___ mater
- 5) Operates a crowbar
- 10) "Song" or "slug" attachment
- 14) TV fixture of old
- 15) Cocoon constructor
- 16) Hourly wage, e.g.
- 17) Procrastinator's response to a question
- 20) Assume for argument's sake
- 21) "Twelve Days of Christmas" bounders
- 22) Vein glory
- 25) Buying binge, e.g.
- 26) Long-billed shorebird
- 30) Crate eggs, e.g.
- 33) Palomino, e.g.
- 34) Type of lily
- 35) Lion offspring
- 38) Hitting up the boss
- 42) "Indubitably!"
- 43) Lucy Van ___ of "Peanuts"
- 44) Demagnetize
- 45) Fingerprint features
- 47) It falls in the fall
- 48) "Li'l Abner" character Hawkins
- 51) Lip-___ (fake sing)
- 53) Most suitable for Sprat
- 56) Bewhiskered animal
- 60) Sought consent
- 64) Animal that killed Adonis
- 65) Alternate identity
- 66) Solo at the opera
- 67) Agile
- 68) Thing to ski down
- 69) Put faith in (with "on")

DOWN

- 1) Decay-fighting org.
- 2) It makes a sinner thinner?
- 3) Kind of shark
- 4) Poor-box contents
- 5) Aristotle's instructor
- 6) Car-washer's need
- 7) Nest-egg initials
- 8) Wicked as sin
- 9) Rational
- 10) Frozen, fruity dessert
- 11) "Peter, Peter, Pumpkin ___"
- 12) Cubic meter
- 13) Brief in speech
- 18) Brennan of film
- 19) Girl of Aberdeen
- 23) Less willing to listen
- 24) Signs up, as for the military
- 26) Horse cart
- 27) Scent detector
- 28) Gets one's goat
- 29) Letters on an air pump
- 31) Girl's bow
- 32) Doc bloc, for short
- 35) Overseas greeting or farewell
- 36) Lenin's land, for short
- 37) "How have you ___?"
- 39) Local mail HQ
- 40) Responds to a stimulus
- 41) Line made with a compass
- 45) Place with vats
- 46) Act on, as advice
- 48) Big, thick slices
- 49) Famous writer of fables
- 50) Senegal's capital
- 52) Disturber of the peace
- 54) Aquatic resorts
- 55) Spill the beans
- 57) "Arts" anagram
- 58) Emerald Isle
- 59) Churn up
- 61) Copacabana setting, briefly
- 62) GPS offering
- 63) Voiced turndown

A QUESTIONABLE PUZZLE

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