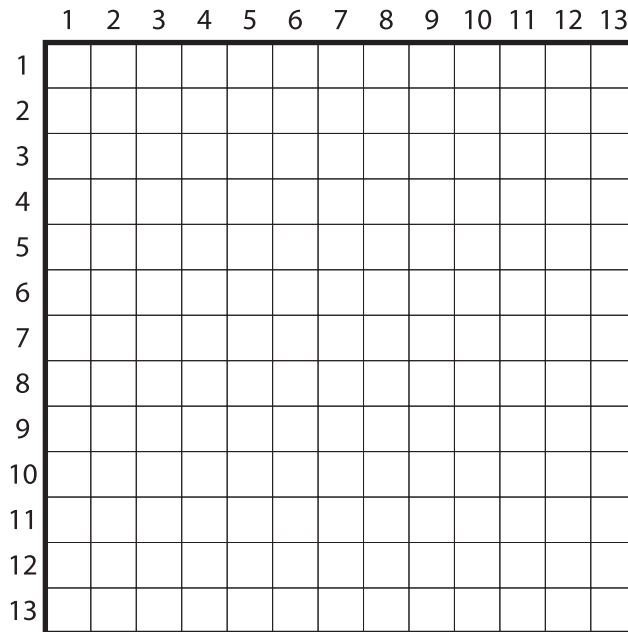
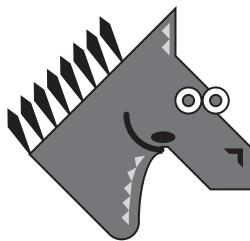
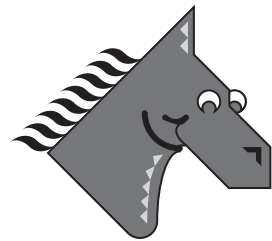


THE MARES OF DIOMEDES

It's going to be tough to tame the four notoriously temperamental (and man-eating) mares of King Diomedes. Similarly, some grid entries will need to be wrangled in a certain way to get them in line. Hercules brought along some of his male amours when he attempted to control the horses. 13 letters in the completed grid (one in each row and column) describes this group.



ACROSS

- 3rd person possessive; chest muscle; casting a ballot; Oz ratite
- Mustered; misbehaves (2 wds)
- Medicinal succulent; entry-level sites for corporate workers?
- One asking for something; scruff
- Excellent, as a beat; buddy; legal matter; one barely alive?
- Lock or ringlet; grooming routine
- Aware of; beginner; bellow
- Villainess Fatale; bride's goods; cremains container; Celtics org.
- Arab chieftain; pass into law; "zounds!"
- Former ET host John; religious retreat; tool-box; employ
- "___ boy!" (2 wds); compatriots; European pal
- Batter or mangle; it might be guilty; brings home
- Cast out, food-wise; gig; novel; Clinton or Gore, e.g.

DOWN

- Debris; skillful; former
- Dave's AI adversary; always, in verse; ID badge
- Well-spoken; a single magazine
- Last part of the small intestine; skyrocket; lasses
- Mediocre poets; wharf; befitting
- Legumes for porridge; pulsates; panaceas
- Redact; Asian sauce; a tuber; actor Cariou
- Yearly schedule; Harlan Sanders, for one
- TV accessory; potentate; even up; "thin" coin?
- Shrek, for one; over there; seine; toothed tool
- "Equal" prefix; islet; wary (2 wds)
- Swollen cheeks, maybe; peppery sauce; SNL producer Michaels
- For affluent shoppers; period; reasoned belief in God