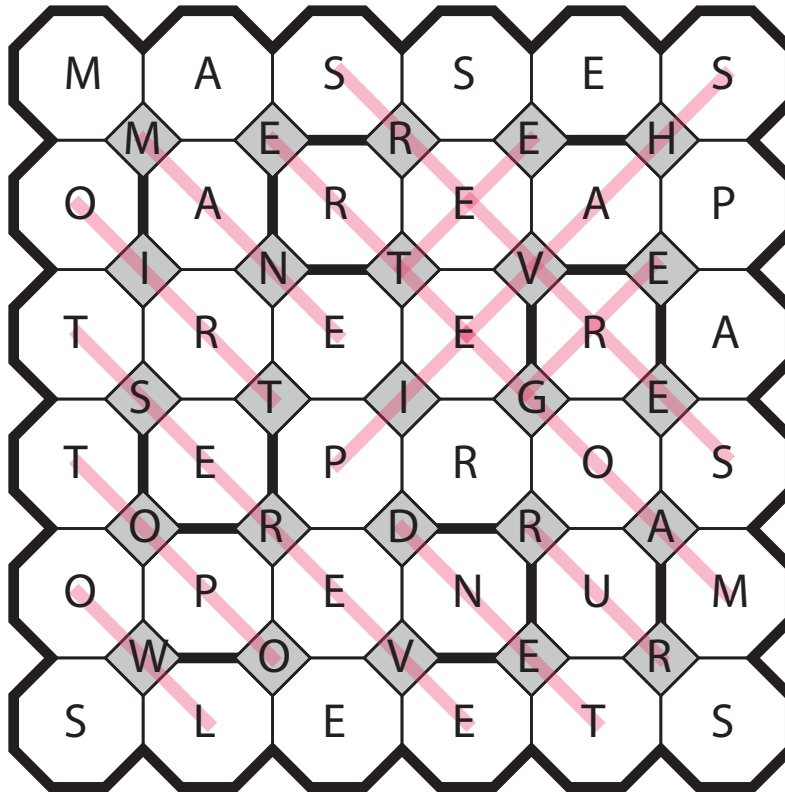


## ARTISAN SOLUTION - TRACE

Filling the grid as shown below, using letters in the Across and Down entries to determine placement of the inlays, produces a message reading across the diamonds: "Mere hint, vestige, or draw over", which clues the word TRACE.



### ACROSS

Aces  
Bouts of freezing rain  
Gaping  
Harvest  
Relations representation  
Religious assemblies

### DOWN

"Be Prepared", et al  
Defeat decisively  
Fencing need  
Pythoness, for one  
Swiss tributary of the Rhine  
Tics

### INLAYS

1921 sci-fi drama  
A bit of work  
Cuddly vermin Gigio  
Cultivate; watch over  
Do a bit of grooming  
Employees who wait  
Freud topic  
Hillary's conquest  
It may be chess, cream, or humble  
*Little Red Book* figure  
Name in deco design  
Pussycat's companion  
Simba's pride, maybe?  
The Bee Gees or Jonas Brothers, e.g.  
Tiger's support?