

FOSSEGRIM SOLUTION - HAMSTRING

The answer to each clue can have one letter changed to get the name of a character from Shakespeare. Those characters can be fit into the gridlets as shown, always intersecting at the new letter. The original letters from the answers at each pair, ordered Across then Down, spell a line from Troilus and Cressida describing a bad performer: "a strutting player whose conceit lies in his BLANK", which can be completed with the answer HAMSTRING.

APHELIA
ARIES
BANQUE
BOULE
BRUTES
CAINS
CERTS
CILIA
COITUS
EDGER
FIRST WATCH

FLUKE
FOIL
GARNER
HAGLET
HERB
HERNIA
HUCK
ICARUS
JOLIET
LAUNCH
LEVIS

LIAR
LURE
MERCURIO
MYTH
NIM
OPERON
PARTS
PROSPERS
PUBLICS
ROTS

SAGO
SENT ON
SLANDER
SLIVER
SNARL
TALIBAN
TITANIC
TUTUS
VILLA
WINCH

