

THE GAN-FINN AND THE DRAUG SOLUTION - CHECKUPS

The grid may be filled as in the left grid below (clue explanations below grids). Initial letters of words that must be removed from clues spell, in clue order, the message EVERY TENTH LETTER OF GRID REPLACED. The right grid shows every tenth letter in the grid highlighted in yellow, with new letters inserted. The removed words each clue one of the new grid words, disambiguating new words where needed. New letters spell a strange fact about the Gan-Finn: HE'S COVERED BY BEES. Letters in the grid that are likewise "covered by" (i.e. occur under) Bs spell the final answer CHECKUPS.

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

P	O	S	S	I	B	L	Y	A	H	E	A	D
I	D	R	I	S	C	E	L	L	A	R	B	E
N	I	N	S	E	C	T	S	T	R	O	H	S
C	E	N	T	K	E	S	U	S	T	O	O	P
E	M	I	E	N	D	A	V	E	S	U	R	A
R	O	A	R	E	B	I	S	C	O	T	T	I
C	R	E	D	L	E	N	Y	A	U	S	E	R
U	N	D	U	L	A	T	E	D	C	H	A	R
R	F	D	F	I	B	I	S	D	E	A	R	E
B	A	Y	E	D	C	S	U	Y	D	R	A	B
K	U	R	T	I	S	E	M	B	E	R	S	U
E	N	L	A	B	R	E	T	P	R	A	T	T
Y	A	W	S	S	S	N	O	W	S	K	I	S

Clue Explanations:

{removed word}; anagram*; "homophone"

Across: 1. {exposes} BOYS SLIP* 7. {vortex} M(E)AD 10. overpaID RlSIng 11. {elk} CO+RALL(-y) reversed
 12. FETTUCCINE*(-cute) 13. {rep} SHORT+S rev. 14. {yielders} KEN+T 16. ST(R)OP 18. {throne} ME(I)N
 19. {employer} "deign" 21. "scaR ORdinarily" (phonetic container) 22. {nipper}STOIC BIT* 25. {transports} D(E)OC
 rev. 27. {howled} eILEN YAhoooo 28. {Lincoln} nUtSoS aRe 29. LAUD TUNE* 31. {envisioned} CHA(-l)R
 35. double definition 37. {toll} openeD EARly 38. "bod" 41. CARD rev. 43. IS STRUCK* (-sc) 44. {Thomas} AMBER*
 45. {eyedropper} (-e)LAB(-o)RAT(-e) 46. {repository} PATT(-e)R(-n)* 47. aLWAYs rev. 48. S+WON KISS*

Down: 1. {organizer} PIN(K)ER 2. matineE IDOl rev. 3. {fundamentals} FIRST* inserting E 4. B(CC)ED 5. {gloomy}
 double def. 6. LAST* (inner letters moved outside) 7. {remains} (-s)MARTS 8. HAR(-dj)OB* 9. {impugns} DES+PAIR
 13. {deviates} ...some usual national standards... initials 15. KNO+LL 17. RU(-n)TS 18. {relative} MO(-ti)ON
 20. {earwig} A(I)NT+I 23. {piercing} C AND Y 24. TSAR* (TS moved to back) 25. CYBER(-p)U(-n)K* 26. ADDE(-r)
 rev. 30. {lower} SCRApes rev. 31. {avian} RACES* with D 32. {cheeses} CRUSTE(-d)* 33. F+A(UN)A 34. F+LATE
 rev. 36. MUST*+O 39. {enables} ID rev.+BS 40. SEAN(-ce) {daybreak} AT IS*