

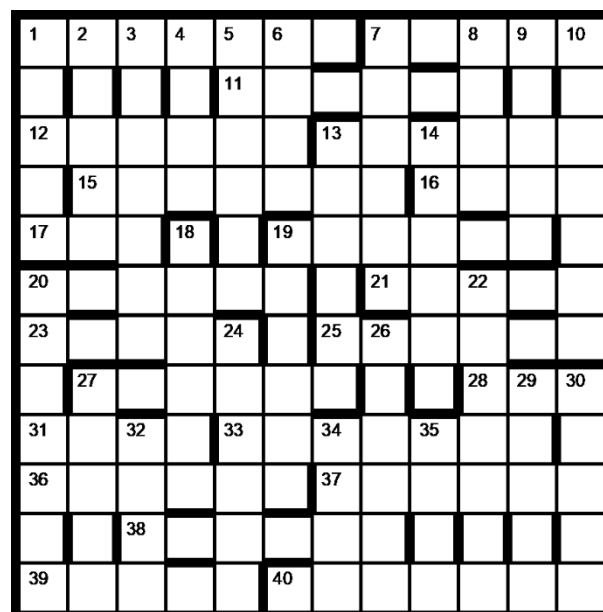
Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes

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Each of the 24 Down entries must be modified before entry into the grid according to the title nursery rhyme. Modifications are divided evenly among the following:

- **Head:** The first letter is changed.
- **Shoulders:** The second letter is changed.
- **Knees:** The second-to-last letter is changed.
- **Toes:** The last letter is changed.
- **Eyes:** Two I's are added to the entry.
- **Ears:** A homophone of the entry is inserted.
- **Mouth:** Read as "*M out H*", an M is dropped from the entry, and an H is added to the end.
- **Nose:** Read as "*No SE*", the bigram SE is deleted from the entry.

Modified entries include one proper noun. Tagging refers to pre-modification answers.



Across

- A detective is wrapped in cloak from head to toe (7, *hyph.*)
- Bette found in Swiss resort following knee replacement? (5)
- Are collars, a couple undershirts, and Ian's cap "costumery"? (6)
- Sorceress nabs model's toe ring (6)
- Sell in small quantities: a liter, perhaps (6)
- Henry breaks into a samba at sea somewhere off of Florida (7)
- Dispense with one-fifty tons (4, 2 wds.)
- Member of the fam is taken aback by book (3)
- As I get dotty, I discriminate against seniors (6)
- Like skin left anesthetized (6)
- Create bridge crossing two valleys (5)
- Guides lectured for English city (5)
- Poe's timeless bird shrouded in echoes (6)
- Cast spade in error, drawing heart (6)
- U.K. network cancelled after second-rate premier of *Bridgerton* (3, *abbr.*)
- Notice inside of the ear (4)
- Lubricant for a lock and chain from kiln with no walls (7, 2 wds.)
- He craves a drink around mid-morning (6)
- Director of *Batman's Return*, not *Hitch* (6)
- State launches violent struggles (6)
- Wild dog by entrance of dark cave (5)
- Encourages others with problems getting by (7)

Down

- Manipulate with perseverance without a crew leader
- Lady wearing a black and white robe
- Black houses, close to the expected amount, can be taken apart
- Crowd knocked back some brandy
- Buddy rented out temporary bed
- Check isotherm at regular intervals
- Engine fuel fades with rise of *Center for Solar Energy*
- Small vessel that's red-blooded, but not the heart
- Don't forget end of Victorian period
- Only half salute flag, being cross
- Equipped earthmover top-to-bottom and bottom-to-top
- Record rap battle's finale
- Colorful kitchen pest leads to apartment dweller backtracking and breaking lease (2 wds.)
- Pacifist and mimic eating vegetables
- A long couplet is written up for all to hear
- Craft that goes round and round red snapper
- Mineral with curious sheen contains phosphorus
- Humming sounds produced by bats hurt my senses, initially
- Label street on map incorrectly
- Suggest, as an idea, baking loaf with hint of thyme
- Chief of engineers is unable to divide curves of trig functions
- Scrape off two layers of painting for money in Peru
- Leader to step down from Asian nation? Yeah, right! (2 wds.)
- Zoo in crisis! Bears beginning to uncork Greek liquor