TISANE
Much lore and some science surrounds this refreshment which has been savoured for centuries. Cross off all the listed words in the grid and in the leftover letters you will read a Chinese proverb which may be a judicious blend of ideas.


## LATERAL THINKING: CRYPTIC

Use the cryptic clues to solve this crossword with a twist.


## ACROSS

1. Basic supplies for kitchen and office (7)
2. Sells foot levers, I'm told (7)
3. Christian missionary converted pet also (7)
4. Posed in shiny cloth (5)
5. High-ranking officers seen before queen, that is, in cheap restaurant (9)
6. Most parents have leases (5)
7. Comic verse about rice milk (8)
8. Half the data I chip in when brooch is lost in relaxation routine ( 1 ' 2,3 )
9. Lang is backing gesture (6)
10. Distant relative upset one's cart (8)
11. Afternoon
12. Assamica
13. Astringent
14. Bedtime
15. Beverage
16. Billycan
17. Bitter
18. Black tea
19. Blends
20. Boiling water
21. Bouquet
22. Brew
23. Broken leaf
24. Caffeine
25. Camellia sinensis
26. Camomile
27. Ceremony
28. Ceylon
29. Chai
30. Chinese
31. Cultivation
32. Darjeeling
33. Decaffeinated
34. Delicacy
35. Dust
36. Earl Grey
37. English Breakfast
38. Estate
39. Fannings
40. Fine bone china
41. Full-bodied
42. Golden
43. Green tea
44. Herbal
45. Indian
46. Infusion
47. In the mouth
48. Their distribution is the dealer's responsibility (5)
49. Way of handling hospital care (9)
50. Singers Jolson and Turner are similar (5)
51. Gradually launch new product to flatten pastry $(4,3)$
52. Moved outfit into shed (7)
53. Looks over opinion polls (7)

## DOWN

1. They keep passengers in their place $(4,5)$
2. Smell and sound like a nomad? (5)
3. Absolute vertical (5)
4. "Goes by," Pa says in speech (6)
5. Removal of weapons is that what disfigured
6. Invigorating
7. Japanese
8. Jasmine
9. Kettle
10. Lapsang

Souchong
43. Leaves
44. Milk jug
45. Mugs
46. Nilgiri
47. Oolong
48. Orange Pekoe
49. Porcelain
50. Pu-erh tea
51. Readings
52. Refreshing
53. Russian

Caravan
54. Samovar
55. Scented
56. Service
57. Smell
58. Steeping
59. Strainer
60. Strong
61. Sugar bowl
62. Tannin
63. Tasting
64. Teabags
65. Tea break
66. Tea caddy
67. Tearooms
68. Top up
69. Velvety
70. White tea
71. Withering
72. Yellow tea

Venus de Milo? (11)
6. Around midnight, sons created ballads (5)
9. Pick me up a quinine drink! (5)
11. Theresa sped off to get accounting program (11)
14. Knew an odd parrot from New Zealand (3)
16. It's rare. It surprisingly gets on your nerves (9)
18. A bouquet to dunk in reconstituted grain (5)
20. Answer engraved in Dorset cheddar (6)
21. School group
with style (5)
23. I departed Israel in order to see Lords (5)
24. Call up Adam's
mate about Roger (5)

