

A DEADLY GAME - SOLUTION

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The first part of each "secret" given in last month's puzzle obliquely clued one of the Evidence words seen circled in the grid. Five guests could be found hiding in the grid (seen shaded at right); these are the suspects from the game Clue. These are also linked to the Evidence words, both by literally crossing them and in phrase usage. Thus, BULL/COW = (White) ELEPHANTS, FLAN = (Plum) Pudding, MAIL = (Scarlett) LETTER, NEON = (Mustard) GAS, NUTS = (Green) BEANS, and POTTY = (Peacock) THRONE. Miss Scarlett does not appear in the grid, and is thus the killer. Five clue answers replaced by Evidence entered in the lower grid indicate that she was CAUGHT RED-HANDED. The clue answer replaced by her evidence, SARDINE, is not used at all and is merely a ... red herring.

Clue Notes

(* indicates an anagram; " " indicates a homophone)

Across 1. eleVEN OMelets 4. BLANKIES* 9. I+LEX 10. (HEYDAYS) "hay+daze" 12. EXULTS PET* 13. STEW reversed 14. frAGRAnt 15. (COUGH DROP) DRUG POOCH* 19. SITIN(-g) 23. double definition 24. ROSES* around I 25. "acher" 26. (REUNITED) TENURED I* 27. capitalizED ITalics 29. SOL(-d)IER* 31. double def. 35. TO+TAL(-k) 37. SEAPORT* with OR 39. MANY* 40. LEAK* 41. GAY GOPHER* 49. DEA(PAD*)N 44. AIL gOnE 45. WORDS TO A* 46. (-I)UMBER
Down 1. VI+SAS(-s) 2. GLEE*+I+AC 3. O(TAX*)IL 4. double def. 5. (-m)IDLER 6. KIT+H 7. AN+WAR 8. (SARDINE) A DINER'S* 11. (-b)ASSISTS

16. SOT LIES* 17. I OPEN*+E+R 18. OXEN...BUT final letters 20. (DAUNTED) TAN DUDE* 21. hoSTESS Always rev. 22. "carry+Okie" 28. NAIVE* with HO 30. A SLOPE* 32. AMMON(-i)A* 33. CREE+D 34. COOP+T 36. EARLY* 38. A+GAR 42. (HOVER CAR) OVER ARCH*

1	V	2	E	N	3	O	M	4	S	5	I	N	6	K	7	A	B	8	L	E
9	I	L	E	X	10	P	U	D	D	I	N	G	E	11	A					
12	S	E	X	T	U	P	L	E	T	13	W	E	T	S						
14	A	G	R	A	15	E	16	L	E	17	P	H	A	18	N	T	S			
19	S	I	20	T	I	N	O	R	I	21	A	R	E	E	I					
22	K	A	H	23	A	S	T	24	O	S	I	E	R	S						
25	A	C	R	E	26	B	E	A	N	S	27	E	D	28	I	T				
29	R	30	E	O	I	L	S	31	K	E	E	N	N	V	S					
	A	L	N	33	C	E	I	34	C	E	35	T	O	T	A	36	L			
37	O	P	E	R	38	A	T	O	R	S	39	M	Y	N	A					
40	K	A	L	E	41	G	E	O	42	G	R	A	P	H	Y					
	E	S	43	D	E	A	D	P	A	N	44	A	L	O	E					
45	W	O	O	D	R	A	T	S	46	U	M	B	E	R						

C	O	U	G	H	D	R	O	P	H	E	Y	D
A	Y	S	H	O	V	E	R	C	A	R	R	E
U	N	I	T	E	D	D	A	U	N	T	E	D