

Literal Stem-Winding

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This puzzle should be completed in lower-case letters.

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1. When you might have got your first birthday cake
7. Food aid
14. Readied, with "up"
15. Frequent medieval art subject
16. Barbershop receptacle?
17. Sharp discomfort?
18. Aliens, briefly
19. Trap
21. Blather
22. Flightless bird named for a Titaness
24. "Altar" constellation
26. Missouri neighbor
29. Outburst during a game of fetch?
33. Apartment devoted to iniquitous deeds?
35. Stupid people (or people with big hats)
37. Historical period
38. Land alternative
41. ___-Haw!
42. Asian holiday
43. Pistol's fellow Falstaff servant
44. Fragile comestible
45. In a shrewd manner
48. Comic skit with sailors?
50. Toy dog with special powers?
54. Inspiration
55. Sorrowful
57. Sport associated with Shinto
58. Band that released its 14th album in 2019, its 49th year
60. Cattle collarer
64. OR worker
65. Software tool for the over-solicitous?
68. Make grunting and oinking noises?
70. Dancer Fred
71. Nemesis
72. Supplementary vaccination

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1. Mystery author Christie
2. Dr. Seuss's real surname
3. Hearing organ
4. Planets, to poets
5. "Ja" opposite
6. "Hairspray" mother or "Simpsons" teacher
7. Earth tone
8. Word after mai or before chi
9. Irritable
10. Negative cause of a failure to build muscles or stamina, in a rhyming phrase
11. Unfasten, as a purse
12. Hostelry
13. Delay
16. Food flavorer
20. Leaf blower alternative
23. Wikipedia doesn't tell us whether Tennyson's friends called him this
25. Equally profound
27. Suspicious
28. "Paradise Lost" protagonist
30. Persian faith established 1863
31. Nuclear experiments, briefly
32. Orator's skill, briefly
34. Fiber from an agave (hidden in "listless")
36. Aleutian island
38. Space-alien contact efforts, abbr.
39. "Zounds!"
40. Goes along with
46. Gov't meat grader
47. Collections of mos.
49. Trees with light-weight wood
51. Like unsuccessful novels, sometimes
52. Sports arbiter
53. Dinner announcement tool of old
56. Change
59. Posthumous bio
61. Ticket remnant
62. Compos mentis
63. Part of REO
65. Awesome, once
66. GI's entertainment grp.
67. It's unrefined
69. Pond fish