

ACROSS

- 1 Reportedly, in New England green seed is capable of producing brown nut (5)
- 4 Plump maiden raised to become beloved Canadian icon (5)
- 7 [see 17a]
- 8 Abstaining for spiritual reasons? Resign! It's a fundamental part, in retrospect (7)
- 9 Section of Madame's system is convoluted (5)
- 11 For starters, chocolates and hazelnuts in a set of dishes (5)
- 13 Little worker replaces disorderly mob in popular tile-based game (5)
- 15 Revolutionary agriculture university stuck in the middle of stress-ridden term (affectionate) (5)

- 16 Lead character in controversy: liquor and pinch of bum by the masculine degenerate (7)
- 17 [17a + 7a] [Hmm... something seems to be missing here...] (4,4)
- 18 Scrape the surface off (switching sides) to reveal superficial shine (5)
- 19 Old song-and-dance is a literary contrivance (5)

DOWN

- 1 Father held up by awkward situation (principally about scandalous work-from-home attire) (7)
- 2 Both halves of sexy dance are fire (3)
- 3 Quick thanks after end of mission (if skillfully carried out) (5)
- 4 An air, say, of mystery, unsettling sights in Cairo; the first signs...? (5)

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- 5 Quiet transmission: "Dates and fresh chèvre are a lovely one" (7)
- 6 Press last slices of entrée (fig pudding) (3)
- 10 Last two bites of awful pasta warped utensil (7)
- 12 A left and right before fight; opening denied satisfactorily (7)
- 14 Bee ensnared in yarn? Deal with it later (5)
- 15 Luxurious lodging described as hella cool (5)

- 16 Health insurance company ditches North America, becomes leading cause of preventable death shortly (3)
- 17 Madeleine is filled with flowers (3)