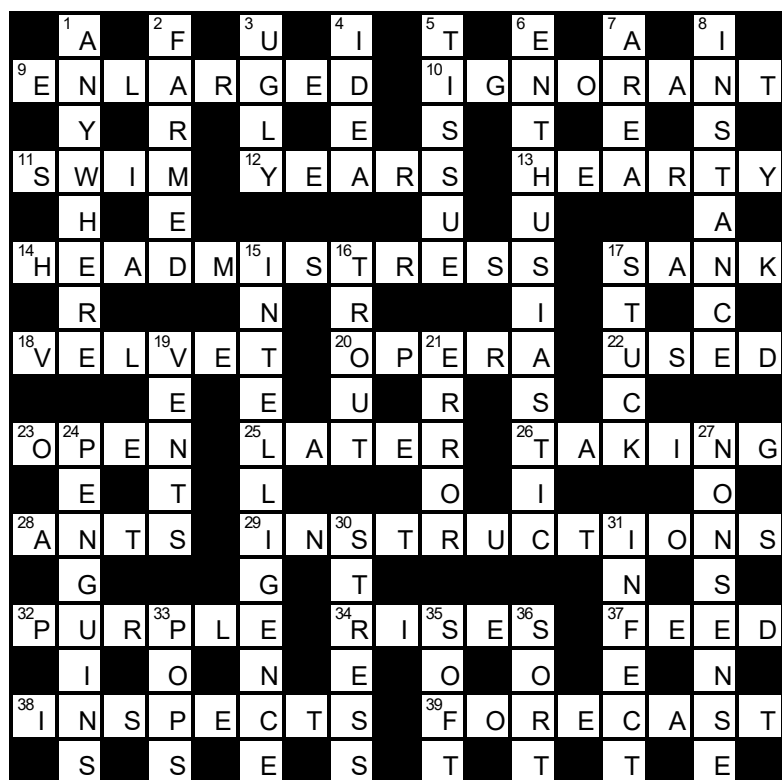




Across

- 9** The French female, in gender, made bigger (8)
enlarged (Made bigger - LA (French for the, feminine) in GENDER* (anagram=made))
- 10** That's stupid. I admit inner negativity (8)
ignorant (That's stupid - I + GRANT (admit) with inner NO (negativity))
- 11** Dip heads of some witches in mere (4)
swim (Dip - Heads (first letters) of S[ome] W[itches] I[n] M[ere])
- 12** It's time to turn arsey (5)
years (Time - ARSEY* (anagram=turn))
- 13** Large organ? Yes (6)
hearty (Large - HEART (organ) + Y (Yes))
- 14** School leader dies, hamsters party! (12)
headmistress (School leader - (DIES HAMSTERS)* (anagram=party))
- 17** Dropped Spanish saint and knight (4)
sank (Dropped - SAN (Spanish saint) + K (knight))
- 18** Drape fabric over set to conceal first lady having left (6)
velvet (Drape fabric - Reversal (over) of TV (television set) around (to conceal) EVE (first lady in bible) holding L (left))
- 20** Each one gets nothing before a piece (5)
opera ((Musical) piece - PER (each) + A (one) with O (nothing) before)
- 22** Second hand clothing upsets egghead (4)
used (Second hand - clothing (outside letters) of U[pset]SE[gghea]D)
- 23** Start being available (4)
open (Double definition - start/begin & available/open to)
- 25** Succeeding takes real reflection over time (5)
later (Succeeding - Reversal (reflection) of REAL around T (time))
- 26** Money, thanks to monarch (6)
taking (Money - TA (thanks) + KING (monarch))
- 28** Workers producing magnetism, on and off (4)
ants (Workers - Every other letter (on and off) of [m]A[g]N[e]T[i]S[m])
- 29** This month troubles guide (12)
instructions (Guide - INST (this month, Latin abbreviation) + RUCTIONS (troubles))

32 Turn up at King's speech with the French masculine colour (6)

34 Gets up to deadhead flowers (5)

37 Supply with cost to date (4)

38 Looks at flies on the quiet (8)

39 Predict a number tossed to the audience (8)

Down

1 Year when voyaging worldwide... (8)

2 ...grew in distant sea (6)

3 Hideous smug lying exposed (4)

4 Name each thought (4)

5 Wipe the meat (6)

6 Chest Tunisia has broken with beans (12)

7 Potential quitters hold on to territory (4)

8 Ready to bat one time (8)

15 Wisdom in archer leading soldier back to fenced interior (12)

16 Fish Bantu or Tutsi take a turn catching (5)

17 Confused by drink? About time! (5)

19 Lets off steam here? (5)

21 Fault of old queen - resistance to men (5)

24 Hold guns over a waddle (8)

27 Regularly in town to feel rubbish (8)

30 Put emphasis on small lock (6)

31 Corrupt court chasing criminal fine (6)

33 Dad's drinks (4)

35 Faint, as a result of split ends (4)

36 Organise very right wing and left wing (4)

purple (Colour - Reversal (turn) of UP + RP (King's speech, received pronunciation) + LE (French the, masculine form))

riser (Gets up - Missing first letter (deadhead) of [i]RISES(flowers))

feed (Supply - FEE (cost) + D (date))

inspects (Looks at -INSECTS (flies) around (on) P (quiet))

forecast (Predict - Homophone (to the audience) of FOUR CAST (a number thrown))

anywhere (Worldwide - (YEAR WHEN)* (anagram=voyaging))

farmed (Grew - FAR (distant) + MED (sea))

ugly (Hideous - Hidden word (exposed) in [sm]UGLY[ing])

idea (Thought - ID (name, identification) + EA (each))

tissue (Double definition - wipe (noun) & meat/flesh)

enthusiastic (With beans - (CHEST TUNISIA)* (anagram=broken))

area (Territory - AA (alcoholics anonymous, potential quitters) around (holding) RE (on))

instance (One time - Cryptic definition IN (batting) + STANCE (positioned ready to bat))

intelligence (Wisdom - IN + TELL (archer, William Tell) + reversal (back) of GI (soldier in US) + [f]ENCE[d] (interior of the word))

trout (Fish - Reversed (take a turn) hidden word (catching) in [ban]TU OR T[utsi])

stuck (Confused - SUCK (drink) about T (time))

vents (Double definition)

error (Fault - ER (old queen, Elizabeth) + R (resistance) + OR (men/soldiers, Ordinary Regiments))

penguins (Waddle (collective noun for penguins) - PEN (hold) + GUNS around I (a))

nonsense (Rubbish - Regularly (every other letter) [i]N [t]O[w]N + SENSE (feel))

stress (Put emphasis on - S (small) + TRESS (lock, of hair))

infect (Corrupt - CT (court) after FINE* (anagram=criminal))

pops (Double definition)

soft (Faint - SO (as a result) + [o]F [spli]T (end letters of the words))

sort (Organise - SO (very) + R[ight] wing (end letter) + [lef]T wing (end letter))