Adalogical Ænigmas
No. 41

Gentle solver,

One hears rather a lot of discussion regarding *walls* of late, and such conversation always puts me in mind of the many mediæval castles I have visited in my travels. At the largest and oldest of these, I was oft struck by how positively *serpentine* the walls had become o'er the ages, as the castle grew and evolved in response to shifting circumstances.

The present ænigma invites you to reconstruct exactly such a twisting, *meandering* parapet.

In the grid below, the black and heavily outlined white squares represent towers and other buildings in the vicinity of a castle. Your task is to draw a single closed wall by connecting the centres of adjacent squares; the wall may neither touch nor cross itself. All of the outlined *white* buildings must lie *inside* your wall, whilst all *black* buildings must be left *outside* it.

Each numeric clue specifies the *total* length of the wall segments laid *along* the row or column in the direction of the arrow, looking all the way to the edge of the grid. (If you prefer, you may equivalently consider every number as counting the grid-line *crossings* in the direction of its arrow.)

Once you have completed your grid, you may move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. Commencing in the lower-left corner of the grid, walk *anticlockwise* along your wall, noting the letters in each square where your wall turns to the *right*. Reading those letters in the order you encounter them will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

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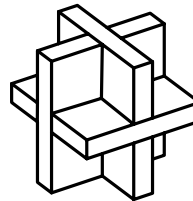
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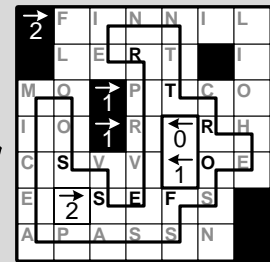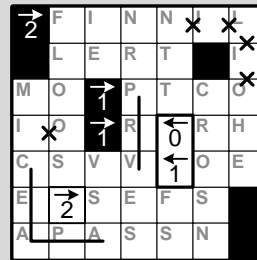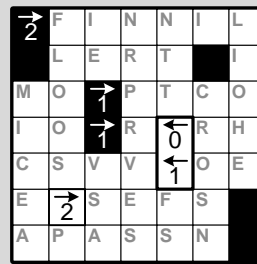
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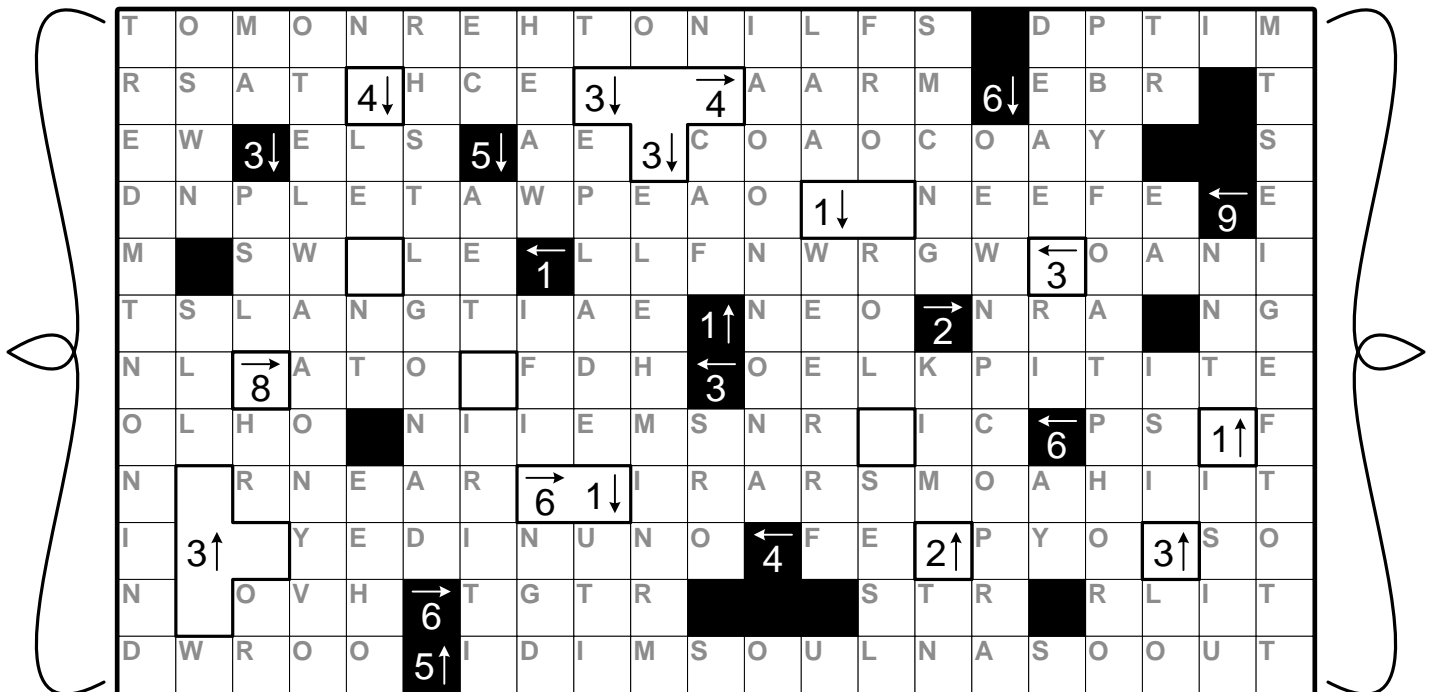
Example

Answer:
FORTRESS

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