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ACROSS

- 1 Cleans
- 7 Tuning knob
- 11 Bee abode
- 12 Obsessed with
- 13 Church officer
- 14 Three or four
- 15 Houdini feat
- 17 Placed down
- 20 Coffee bar order
- 23 Hold title to
- 24 Catch off guard
- 26 Rule in India
- 27 Target
- 28 Poorly
- 29 Gets into something
- 31 Engine need
- 32 Splinter groups
- 33 Travel stops
- 34 Stressful
- 37 Diva's piece
- 39 Parking attendants
- 43 Hen pen
- 44 Makes amends
- 45 Addition column
- 46 Brain, slangily

DOWN

- 1 Used to be
- 2 King Kong, for one
- 3 Caret's key
- 4 Despised
- 5 Amorous archer
- 6 Dubbing concern
- 7 Nanny's nappy
- 8 Disease
- 9 Finished off
- 10 De-pressed
- 16 Second U.S. president
- 17 Leapers in a Christmas song

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Yesterday's answer

- 18 In the know
- 19 Disease treatment, sometimes
- 21 Bold poker bet
- 22 Chops down
- 24 Fresh
- 25 Even score
- 30 Bra parts
- 33 Snow house
- 35 Infamous czar
- 36 Brussels-based org.
- 37 Join a cast
- 38 Fish eggs
- 40 Cease
- 41 — Aviv
- 42 Direction opposite NNW

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: LIFE BECOMES EASIER WHEN YOU LEARN TO ACCEPT AN APOLOGY YOU NEVER GOT. — ROBERT BRAULT