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ACROSS

- 1. Criticize sharply
- 5. Sound in a cave
- 9. House watcher's channel
- 14. "Got it now"
- 15. Water carrier
- 16. "No man is ___ to his valet"
- 17. At bat
- 20. It's sunk in a sink
- 21. Speak
- 22. Detroit dud
- 23. Light gas
- 24. ___ 51 (ufologist's interest)
- 26. Metric unit
- 30. Cup-shaped bloom
- 32. Play with a pussy
- 34. It has a wet floor
- 37. With 38-Across, sexual practice involving oral stimulation of the scrotum, and a hint to what's hidden in the long entries of this puzzle

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DOWN

- 1. Homemade pistol
- 2. Misses a period
- 3. Almost touching
- 4. Phrase used with the finger
- 5. Online periodical, for short
- 6. "The Muses Are Heard" author
- 7. Yeah high
- 8. Flatware brand
- 9. ___ diem (seize the day)
- 10. Buddhist monastery with a branch of kung fu
- 11. Bank chains hold them
- 12. Ancient strongbox
- 13. Yuletide song
- 18. Cornfield unit
- 19. Rump
- 24. ___ Raymond, originator of "Flash Gordon"
- 25. Rivulet
- 27. Get older
- 28. One of the White Stripes
- 29. Hip sib?
- 31. Gas guzzler, briefly
- 32. Wind breaker?
- 33. "Hometown proud" supermarket
- 34. Crabs, e.g.
- 35. Racket extension?
- 36. Tool for someone who shouts "Timber!"
- 38. Clingy seedpod
- 41. Colorful fog phenomenon
- 42. Invigoration locations
- 43. Members of the second-largest U.S. Indian tribe
- 45. Lowest of the low
- 47. Connection
- 48. Carve
- 49. Like some rye bread
- 51. Reaches the top
- 52. Tampon
- 53. Like some stocks: Abbr.
- 54. Picket's provoker
- 55. Fully erect
- 56. Peek follow-up
- 57. Verdi baritone
- 58. Union and others: Abbr.

- 38. See 37-Across
- 39. It may get bruised
- 40. Like fajitas
- 42. Roberto of the ring
- 44. "Ein, zwei, ___"
- 45. Simpson imp
- 46. Father-daughter boxers
- 50. Fix one's hair?
- 53. Woolly, in a way
- 54. Welfare checks, e.g.
- 59. Adoptable doll of the '80s
- 60. Have ___-see
- 61. Series of novels, maybe
- 62. Co-feeder of the Humber
- 63. Sucks dick
- 64. Chinese menu possessive
- 65. Went like Jehu