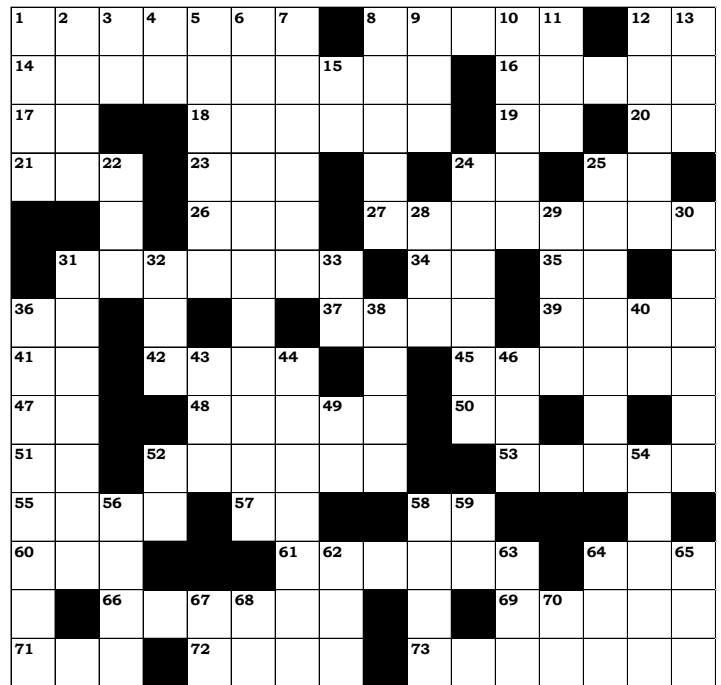


Puzzle #784

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ACROSS

1. Nestled in the shade of Missouri's hardwood ____ in the rugged areas of the central Ozarks and St. Francis Mountains grows a very lucrative commodity: wild American ginseng.
8. The Ford ____ was one of the most spectacular failures in automotive history.
12. Tufts and Harvard are universities in this State (abbr.).
14. "I wish you were ____ or hot," —Revelations 3:15 (2 wds.).
16. Himalayan country sandwiched between China and India.
17. Four-term Gov. of N.Y. State, ____ Smith, in 1928, was the first Catholic to be nominated and run for the office of President of the U.S. He was defeated badly in large measure because of the rest of the country's extensive anti-Catholic sentiment of the time.
18. Two French Jesuit priests in China found in North Am. a related species of ginseng in 1716. The huge Chinese ____ ignited three centuries of a very profitable North Am.-Chinese trade in ginseng.
19. Prefix for fend or feat.
20. Abbr. for the prophet Joel, 36th book of the Bible.
21. Q — U.
23. Letters for Personal Digital Assistant, a handheld computer that functions as a personal organizer but also provides email and internet access.
24. Letters for European Union.
25. "Mary was his mother, and ____ not mothers know all about their sons?" —Lucanus (Luke) in *Dear and Glorious Physician*, Taylor Caldwell.
26. Letters for Economic Impact Payment, the one-time gov't. COVID relief payment, also called the stimulus check.
27. Many prolific early ginseng root diggers were fur ____ such as Daniel Boone. During the Revolutionary War, Gen. George Washington ordered Boone to gather ginseng to help fund the war effort.
31. "My father was an amazing man. The older I got, the ____ he got," —Mark Twain.
34. "Speak ____ I'll off and leave you to your own folly, and you'll find that cold company," —*Dead Man's Ransom*, Ellis Peters.
35. ____ *cum spiritu tuo*.
36. 101 to Cicero.
37. Very elite college in England, founded in 1440 by King Henry VI; has graduated a Who's Who of English leaders; tuition in U.S. dollars: nearly \$56,000 per year.
39. Very dry; barren.
41. Informal engineering shorthand for heat exchanger.
42. In 1895, the USDA encouraged farmers to grow the lucrative ginseng plant as a specialty ____.



45. "Not much doubt what Richard overheard and none that it sent him hotfoot on some urgent ____," —*The Hermit of Eyton Forest*, Ellis Peters.
47. The absent-minded professor forgot to wear pants again! ____ least he arrived on time.
48. The licorice flavor of ____ is used to flavor food, candy and alcoholic drinks.
50. Princess ____, popular royal (daughter-in-law of Queen Elizabeth), died in a car wreck in Paris, Aug. 31, 1997 amid huge and continuing press & TV coverage. Mother Teresa died 5 days later in India. Coverage was minimal.
51. Prefix for cure or rum.
52. At the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis, ginseng growers in Houston, Mo. and Joplin, Mo. collected ____ for their product.
53. "The Popes passing the ____ (John Paul II to Benedict XVI) could not have been more different. One was mystical and Marian, the other learned and Christocentric," — Peter Seeward in *Pope Benedict XVI: Last Testament*.
55. To be full of; swarming.
57. ____-de-da.
58. Blue Tiger school.
60. Abbr. after a company indicating it's legally incorporated.
61. "The herd mentality often inclines ____ the status quo," —*Jesus, A Pilgrimage*, James Martin, S.J.
64. A Mizzou football SEC rival university in Louisiana's capital (abbr.).
66. Unfortunately, Mo. at this time has become a ____ for laundering millions of dollars' worth of international sale of suspected illegally harvested ginseng.
69. The ____ and the Missouria were the first tribes to sit in gov't. to gov't. council with the U.S. gov't. They lived on the upper Missouri river.
71. ____-Hoo; chocolate-flavored drink; created in 1928 in New Jersey; owned by Keurig Dr. Pepper.
72. "At ____, soldier," said

the General.

73. Ginseng poaching in Mo. is rampant. 94% of all ginseng roots were dug illegally, out of season and nearly all were through poaching on public lands or trespassing on _____ property.

DOWN

1. "...While it is true that I neither _____ God nor respect any human being'..." (Luke 18:4).
2. Different _____ are used in Confirmation and in the Sacrament of the Sick.
3. _____. Rev. Msgr.
4. "_____, what's up, Doc?" asked Bugs of Elmer.
5. _____ Fi; Marine motto.
6. For more than 5,000 years, ginseng has been central in _____ Chinese medicine, known as a life-prolonging cure-all for everything from fatigue and impotence to diabetes and cancer.
7. "And he took a potsherd to _____ himself as he sat among the ashes," (Job 2:8).
8. "May he make of us an eternal offering to you so that we may obtain an inheritance with the _____, esp. with the most Blessed Virgin, Mary..." —Third Eucharistic Prayer.
9. Banned insecticide.
10. How did we _____ here again? We're lost and going in circles! (2 wds.)
11. Robert E. _____; Confederate general.

12. In 1784, Robert Morris, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was a _____ investor in the first int'l. trade vessel to sail under the U.S. flag. Its destination was China; its cargo was over 30 tons of ginseng.
13. "He was only a fox like a hundred thousand other foxes. But I have made him my friend, and now he is unique in _____ the world," —*The Little Prince*, Antoine de Saint Exupery.
15. So-so yes.
22. Male turkey.
24. Pound-for-pound ginseng was almost always more profitable than most other produce (e.g., in 1891, ginseng _____ \$3.50 per pound; in 1947, \$11 per pound; today in 2023, over \$600 per pound).
25. One "who, without objectively valid reason, (does) disclose another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," —*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2477.
28. Informally, kangaroo.
29. "A partridge in a _____ tree," —from the "12 Days of Christmas."
30. "In 1895, Holmes had a succession of cases ranging from the _____ death of Cardinal Tosca, an inquiry which was...at the express desire of His holiness the Pope, to the arrest of Wilson the notorious canary-trainer,"

—*The Adventure of Black Peter*, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

31. Sweet _____; a March Madness NCAA bracket.
32. Joan of _____; patron saint of France.
33. Prefix for port or mind.
36. "The worldly ideal is not _____, but safe sex," —1992 talk at the Judicial prayer breakfast on "Being Different"; Supreme Court Judge Antonin Scalia.
38. "The one who frees himself from _____ to possessions can follow Jesus," —*Jesus, A Pilgrimage*, James Martin, S.J.
40. "The country to the south is evacuated and our force is concentrating _____ and around St. Louis. The militia are all called out and every man is needed for duty," —*Troubled State [Mo.]: Civil War Journals of Franklin Archibald Dick*.
43. "Lincoln's fiery Secretary of State, Wm. Seward, was viewed by Britain as "an ogre fully resolved to eat all Englishman _____," —*Northern Diplomacy and European Neutrality*, Norman Grebner.
44. Pittsburg's MLB team.
46. He didn't break any bones in the accident, except for a _____ or two.
49. Mt. Rushmore State.
52. "The Lord called to Samuel, who answered 'Here I _____,'" (1 Samuel 3:4).
54. At the _____ of a cold, I take cold medicine, get

plenty of rest and drink lots of orange juice.

56. _____ Bluff State Park near Eminence, Mo. is one of Mo.'s newest State Parks.
58. "...they saw through into the inner room the constant _____ on the stone altar which showed tiny and dim as a single spark..." —*The Hermit of Eyton Forest*, Ellis Peters.
59. Abraham's _____ ancestral home.
62. "_____ on a Grecian urn;" —famous poem by English Romantic John Keats in 1819.
63. Letters for Dept. of the Interior; in the U.S. it protects and manages the Nation's natural resources & cultural heritage with a special responsibility for Am. Indians.
64. Mauna _____ volcano in Hawaii is considered the largest active volcano in the world.
65. "You've got a sack of smarts, a gallon of guts and a spark in your eye that suggests you mean to _____ them. May the good Lord be with you," —Nanna Walker to Skags in *Bogfolke*, Michael Nicholas Richard.
67. Tea (with acute mark) in Manila.
68. College degree.
69. Boob tube.