D P Z Y X Q V S H C W J F

Guess the words defined by the following clues. The answers vary in length from three to seven letters long and of these, three are capitalized, one is hyphenated and one is a common acronym. The punctuation in the clues may or may not help the solver.

Enter the answers in the grid one after the other starting in the top left corner and in the same order as the clues. Across words that don't end at the rightmost square of the row will continue on the leftmost square of the next row. Similarly, down words that do not end in the bottom square will continue at the top of the next column.

For thirteen squares, the letters from the across and intersecting down words are different. In these cases enter both letters in the square. When the puzzle is properly completed, each letter of the alphabet will be used exactly once in these thirteen squares. You will then be able to use the letter associations from these squares to decode the puzzle title and produce a description of something I relish as a cryptic puzzle compiler.

Across

1. A lot in order to get a song
2. They live in the far east
3. Bundle back with start of night for start of day
4. Coal burning outcome is green in a way, yes
5. Get, coat wrapped around place in the country
6. Start cropping ears and sheaves, end to end
7. Reported gatherings of chickens and rabbits for example
8. Currency of Laos oddly lacking lactate
9. Note refreshments loses clarity
10. She is part gigolo is Ellen
11. Horatio finishing meal hence finally look over
12. Small and mischievous included, self-interest
13. The French, she is surrounded by heartless yodeler and loud talker
14. Take a bushel to Serbia with a pouch
15. Fueled and freed without alternates
16. She changed Dane
17. Return shelter for electric one e.g.
18. Hollow nurse switching first and last
19. Agave is spicily saucy using one hundred for the point
20. Learned but led astray to be entitled to
21. Paltry from the first and last trip into chaos
22. Solitary individual enters Liberia!
23. A Welsh flower is grown from that - awesome
24. Reportedly put down more ovules and go away
25. The arena has an appreciation
26. Made, packed, inserted, returned and copied

Down

1. End of note consumed
2. Brusque - always has to give forth a high pitched sound
3. Carbon, deposit about it is of a sexual nature
4. Untie the third axis and hesitate behind storage unit
5. On coming home about Austrian defensive group
6. Lives and disembarks without sighting isolated area.
7. Gem, Tina arranges an integument
8. Woody, growth of the establishment reestablished
9. Worldly group gets the final say about being worried
10. Feed half the neophytes, first low land
11. Turn down offer, finally spit out
12. Level with the first tournament
13. Ultimately not here!
14. Sounds like two, fifty and five hundred were informed
15. A headdress, it comes back with article and hawk headed man
16. Disorderly group with disorderly egg, legal but for the French
17. Not cautious and unworthy, without value surrounding the melee
18. Attends a lecture of the deal
19. Given the bird, up ended gull
20. Keep agitating the dog
21. Actress Laura followed the other person finally
22. Only the odd Croupier can get by
23. Upper part of vault, operate before author
24. Forced payment or forcefully taxed with church