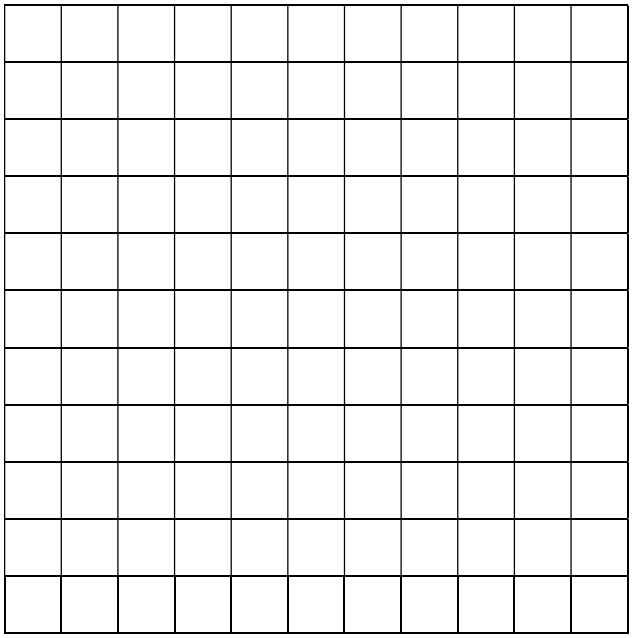
Duplicitous - by Peter Green

Guess the words defined by the clues. The answers vary in length from 3 to 8 letters long and of these 8 are capitalized, 1 is a prefix, 1 is a variant spelling and 2 others are uncommonly used nouns. 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.

4 across words are duplicates of 4 other across words so no clues are provided for these and it is the solvers' responsibility to determining where they fit. In addition, for 4 other across words and 4 down words, one letter will need to be removed from each answer before it is entered into the grid. These 8 letters, taken in order (across and then down) will provide an appropriate phrase for this puzzle.



Across

1. Steal and flip out about going to the area of the hospital (6)
2. Silver article takes in anew (5)
3. Dirtier male soldier appears on old TV show (7)
4. Top cheerleaders are notably nervous, yet clever (5)
5. Silently angry at Hook for example (6)
6. Careen about with nothing in the place of a second showing (6)
7. Not part of a mignonette (3)
8. Think about dropping Peter for former Buccaneer tailback Barber (5)
9. Before the relatives ate it (3)
10. To rework the promotion is appropriate (5)
11. Are heartless when the insect returns to the insurance giant (5)
12. Islander so it was written is sadly ailing without the force (8)
13. About fuel about fuel for example! (6)
14. Fume as lesser size has 'more experience' (7)
15. Wielding without the flapping appendage, come back to rest (4)
16. Go for it Troy, you have nothing to lose (3)
17. Tree part is soundly Scandinavian (4)
18. Shake it Glen, shake it (6)
19. Strange tale for a desert city (4)
20. The mad Dictator who is without a vehicle will do likewise (5)

Down

1. Yours truly is missing, greet and groom (5)
2. Race around the land area (4)
3. A kite comes right after iron gets tainted with lithium (5)
4. Murphy is newspaper man that will end it all (5)
5. Regarding railway film collector (4)
6. Criticize the first electrical plate (4)
7. Disorganized panel I joined to obtain the high ground (6)
8. Barrier, initially, can enclose back of marsh (5)
9. Some part I edited is level (4)
10. Pure muscle, a Neanderthal has it (5)
11. Animal has nothing to start out with a Mediterranean fish (5)
12. Nimbus initially has always looked opaque (4)
13. Poetic for example is worse off being removed from artillery (4)
14. Note direction of disorderly lease when you go in again (7)
15. Squashed thanks to an elected official and media leader (6)
16. Sampled with Mr. Turner after he took a chair back (6)
17. Getting closer in twice, inside joke (7)
18. Ruin it coming back with an alien (7)
19. Protamine provides order to tasks (4)
20. To enshrine a Chinese philosophy (3)
21. Retaliating Engineers are missing court person (8)
22. Dormant religious period preceded by silicon (6)
23. Put right into exploding rocket fuel (5)
24. Blue kind I got inside- (6)