Crossword: December 15th

Across **54** ___ Lanka 28 Smidgen 56 Kind of hygiene 1 Fleur-de-___ 31 Shell mover 58 Barrel 4 Type of dog 33 Bread spreads **60** Wallop 8 Isinglass **35** Crete mountain 61 Like draft beer 12 Bustle **36** Depressing 63 Silkworm 13 Unnatural 38 Mental keenness 67 Role player **15** Spanish title 41 Schmoozes 69 Disease outbreaks **16** Dental procedure **43** Watering hole **72** Holds back 18 Extreme **44** Cheers regular 73 18-wheelers 19 Singing voice 45 Terrier type **74** Fixed charge **20** Trap 46 Like some lines 75 Blunders 22 Maverick, briefly 49 Born 76 Finnic language 23 Work unit **50** Roomy vehicle 77 Oceanic timetable inits. 26 Under the covers **52** Samuel's teacher

53 Make a seam

27 Naval inits.

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- **1** 1814 Byron poem
- 2 Hero type
- 3 Lampblack
- 4 Dry, as wine
- **5** Thompson of *Howard the Duck*
- **6** Coastal raptors
- **7** Goddess of the hunt
- 8 Actor Gibson
- 9 Invasions
- **10** Essential parts
- 11 Ishmael's people
- **14** Expound
- 15 Soft leather
- 17 Bunion's place
- 21 Count on
- 24 Engine part
- 25 Long-jawed fish
- 28 Excavates
- 29 One of the Aleutians
- **30** Kid controller, maybe
- 32 Strikes a chord
- **34** Possess
- 37 Prone
- 39 Orchard unit
- 40 Old World duck
- 42 Diocese
- 46 Mend
- 47 Forest denizen
- 48 Expire
- **51** Thresholds
- **54** Fountain order
- **55** Kitchen utensil
- **57** Place for a pin
- 59 Beryl, for one
- **62** Plains Indian
- **64** Abundant
- 65 Chilled
- **66** Cruising
- 68 Wife of Saturn
- **70** Immerse
- **71** Unproven ability

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