The twenty words needed to complete this puzzle are mostly vowels. Even though thirteen of the words contain consonants, they are still more vowel than consonant. To prove the point and provide a hint at the same time, we have inserted all the consonants—all you must do is provide vowels to complete thirteen words, and vowels to construct seven words from stem to stern.

It would have been impossible to solve this puzzle by using any single reference source before 1965. That year saw the publication of one of the best and most unusual books in logological history. This puzzle owes its existence to that book alone. You will find its title with the puzzle’s solution on page 192.

Across
3. One of the old atlas names for one of the smaller of the Tonga Islands in the SW Pacific, now called “Eua” and not to be confused with “Eua,” the name of one of the larger islands.
6. A popular name for the roseate spoonbill.
11. An Algerian tribe of Kabyle Berbers, living in the Jurjura Mountains.
12. A trope from the Gregorian Lesser Doxology.
13. A Tuscan city in ancient Etruria, also given as “Veii,” captured and destroyed by the Romans in 396 B.C.
14. Another name for 7 DOWN, also bestowed by Perrot.
17. A family of scarlet-flowered shrubs (probably the longest 4-consonant word).
20. A healthy condition of the blood.

Down
1. Another one of 3 ACROSS.
2. Pertaining to the abode of Circe in Greek mythology.
4. The name of a British race horse, son of Eclipse, born in 1773 (hint: pronounced, and a homonym of, “potatoes”).
5. Another name for 7 DOWN, conferred by the 17th-century Flemish explorer, Louis Hennepin.
7. A name for the Iowa Indian tribe launched by the 17th-century French explorer, Nicolas Perrot.
8. An Arabian people mentioned by Ptolemy.
10. Mewing like a cat.
15. A family of tropical trees and shrubs (probably the longest 3-consonant word).
16. Another of 12 ACROSS.
18. Forming a line.
19. Calling out in the manner of the Australian aborigines.
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Amaranth, Complications, January 13, 1911

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