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SET PIECES

Split the words into three groups of three, so that the concepts connecting each group also have a connection.

afghan argentine augusta caesar feathered kiwi mutual nero pen

CENSOR SHAPE

In every clue, one or more redactions must be made before solving. The pattern of redactions in each clue matches the pattern of black squares that must be added into that answer's row or column. The grid has 180° symmetry.

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The central 3-by-3 grid of this sudoku contains a magic square (where rows, columns and diagonals add to the same total). The central cells of each 3-by-3 grid, when considered as a 3-by-3 block, also form a magic square which uses the digits 1-9.

Across

- 1. Keen Kitten, for example (6)
- My powder may be measured in 'omegrations' (4)
- 3. Business lender of spend (3)
- 4. A type of waster; or bore? (7)
- 5. An insult is licked honey in the face (4)
- 6. Turn book into descriptor for a film? (5)
- 7. Fuses needless pin as machine? (4)
- 8. Disposes of gold cards, in a way (7)
- 9. "Hit's note made hit's _____" (3)
- 10. Wash balsam for slumber (4)
- 11. Pleasant, suited to host dry weather (6)

Down

- A. Punt in stocks, or finesse? (6)
- B. Hedge off as chill (4)
- C. All horse, butt stripped? (5)
- D. Lushest (7)
- E. Social with Sandy, Andy, Clay (4)
- F. Gravesend's one might displease God (5)
- G. Crouch, win mother swords (4)
- H. Abductor Whitaker's namesakes (7)
- J. Skiing tutor's home country (5)
- K. Grow this merrily in bad ground (4)
- L. What magazines welcomed in (6)

Example:

13. Reduce staple Red∎■ ■tap■e

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