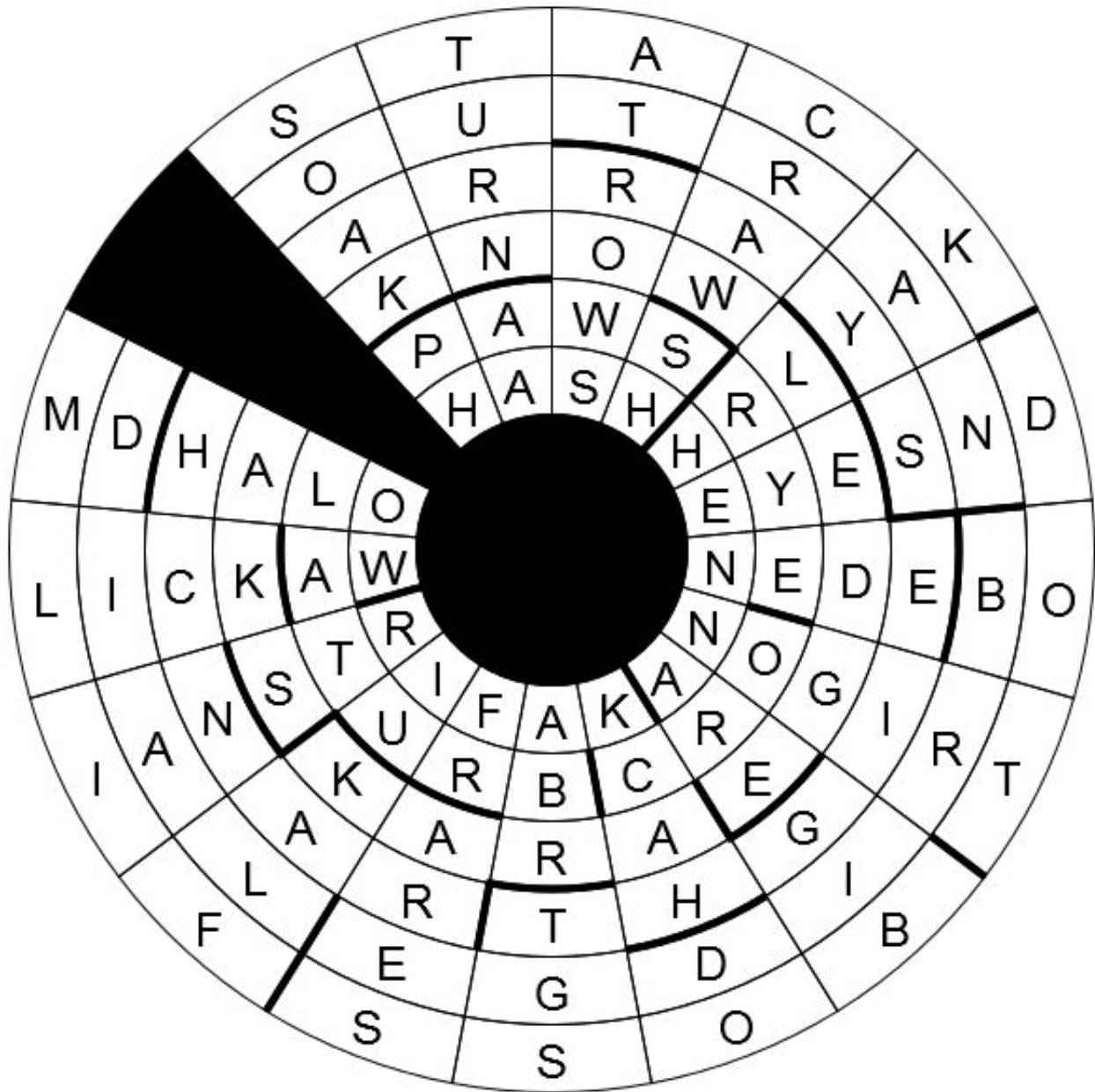


# Rings

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Here's the solved crossword:

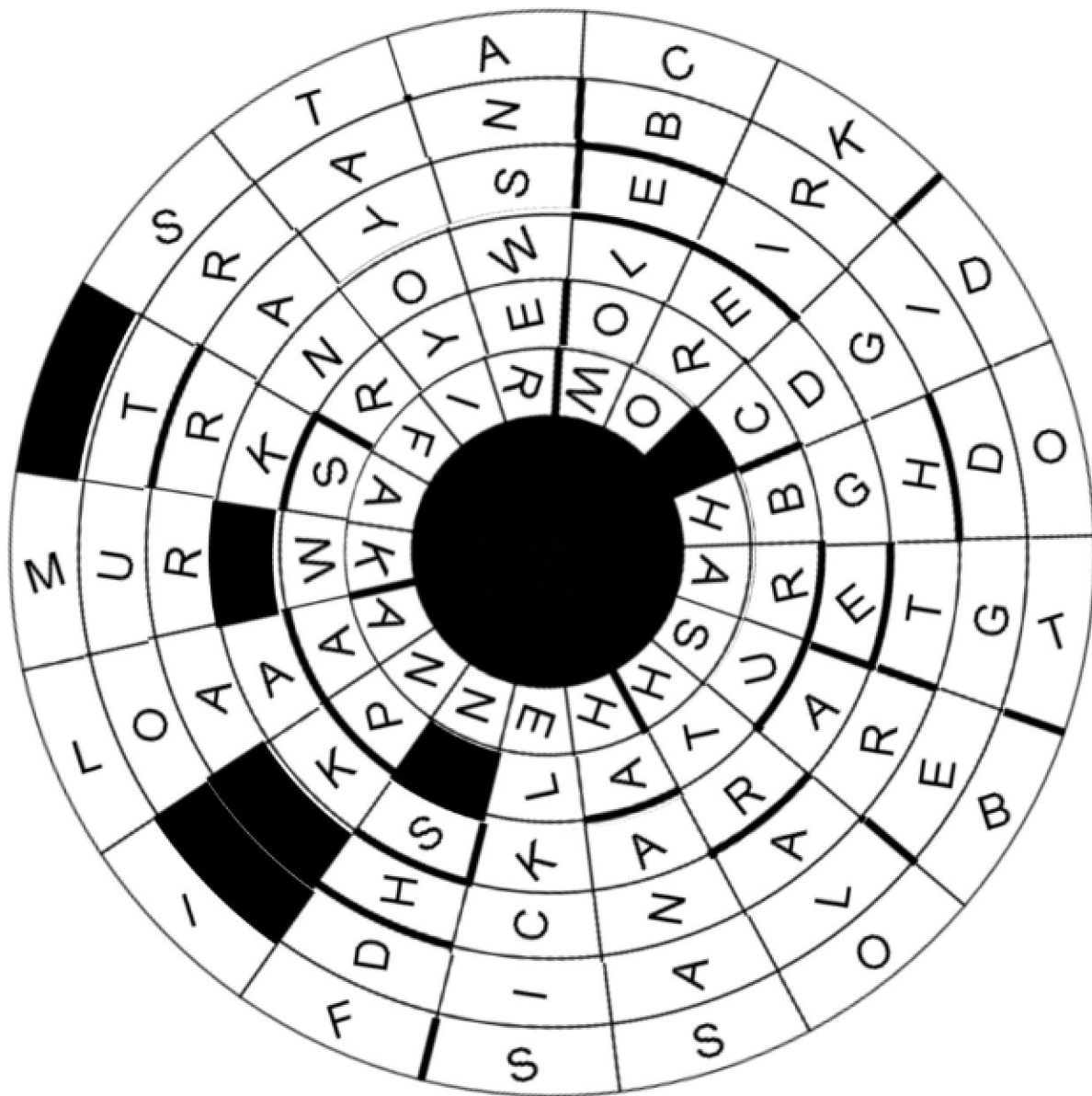


In the Down clues, we have:

- 16 **What to do after solving the crossword**
- 20 **... to find the final ANSWER.**

Which solves to **"TURN ROWS"** in the crossword. This, along with the visual cue of the crossword looking vaguely like a combination lock, should indicate that we should individually rotate each of the rows.

If you cut out the concentric rows and turn them individually, it is possible to uniquely spell **"ANSWER"** as follows:



Doing so gives the message: **C BELOW** ("see below")

On the opposite side of the rotated puzzle, the word **SICKLE** is spelled out.

**Answer: SICKLE**