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We all know that, when it comes to puzzling, the two things I like most are my Mystery Hunt team and anagramming. (Disclaimer: only one of those things is true.) This little puzzle combines both! Each of the twenty-six lines below contains a pair of words or phrases where the word on the left can be turned into the word on the right by replacing one of its letters with the letters I I A N D F and anagramming the result. (The words in Line W have been filled in as an example.) A different letter is changed in all twenty-six lines, so you can cross off letters as you use them. As an additional aid, the lines are alphabetical by longer answer.

As a bonus, there's a quote at the bottom that's been encrypted by replacing each letter in the quote with the letter at the start of the line where that letter gets removed from the shorter word. (That's a little confusing, but I couldn't find a better way to say it. Again, an example has been provided.) To keep you from just solving it as a cryptogram, I removed all those helpful spaces and punctuation. Good luck!

- A. Division of an hour (6)
Endlessly (Lat.) (2 9)

- B. Leno's predecessor (*6)
Feminist songwriter who founded Righteous Babe Records (*3 *2*6)

- C. It attracts iron (6)
Bitmap format that includes motion (8 3)

- D. Gunpowder ingredient with the formula KNO_3 (9)
Patrick Henry, Samuel Adams, or another opponent of a central government
stronger than state governments (4-*10)

- E. A corporation organized to administer financial assets (5 7)
A business leader, especially one whose business includes philanthropy or the
betterment of the country (as opposed to a robber baron) (7 2 8)

- F. Fecund (7)
A kind of equation that's occasionally partial (12)

- G. Games Magazine often has a hidden one (7)
A compound like bleach or hydrogen peroxide designed to kill bacteria (12)

- H. A swear word, or the presence of smut (9)
The act of removing anything unseemly and tacking on an artificial happy veneer (like turning Andersen’s “The Little Mermaid” into a cheery cartoon where the girl gets the prince) (*14)
- I. Very wavy, as a line (8)
Excluding from competition due to a violation of the rules (13)
- J. Alluring in unfamiliarity and foreignness (6)
Enlightenment via teaching (11)
- K. Express hesitation or objection due to personal doubt (5)
Equitable in judgment (4-6)
- L. Lounge idly (4)
Settled for certain, as plans (9)
- M. For a German noun, it might be masculine, feminine, or neuter (6)
Providing great detail or making small distinctions (4-7)
- N.¹ Tall and thin (4)
Symphonic poem by Scandinavian composer Jean Sibelius, or a brand of vodka from the same country (*9)
- O. Last name of TARP overseer Elizabeth or first name of Buffy villain Meers (*6)
James Taylor song about his depression and the death of his friend Suzanne (*4 3 *4)
- P. To a huge extent (10)
Like a tesseract (4-11)
- Q. Ethical qualm or misgiving (7)
A psychologically revealing error, as the substitution of one word for a mother (*8 4)
- R. Like bows, guitars, tennis rackets, or Christmas lights (6)
Soliciting money from alumni or other donors (11)
- S. Hyena-like humanoid in *Dungeons & Dragons* (5)
James of *The Sopranos* (*10)

¹ To clear up an unfortunate red herring: the four-letter answer contains only one vowel. Sorry about that.

