MATCHMAKER
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While most of the entries in this puzzle are straight, a significant percentage have an alternate orientation. Each of these entries appears straight-acting at first, but eventually reveals its attraction toward a similarly oriented entry. When you have finished you will have played matchmaker to ten of these happy couples.

1 Trip is gay soul
2 Athlete's broken promise
3 Puccini heroine captivates a city
4 Beseech snoop holding answer
5 Either way you look at it, it's a tiny thing
6 Fellows originally offer cheers for Hanukkah items
7 Minnesota intercepts one Virginia vehicle
8 Berate Reverend Whitney in recession
9 Money beginning to leave nest egg
10 Breed has mid-December inflorescence
11 Exhausted famous friar before dawn of day
12 That ensemble has not relaxed
13 Kind of income reflected head of company in any occupation
14 Mighty struggle is essential to get us slender
15 Nut hurt Fuzzy's lie
16 Might that man start to mitigate violence?
17 Group of lawyers describes stooge: "simple creature"
18 Get out unopened stuff
19 Jail holds retired person from a Greek island
20 Money deposit from a teller
21 Active people run into female deer
22 Vividly describe hot dogs and the like
23 Riot upset character on Star Trek: The Next Generation
24 Intimidate group of stars in Bulgaria
25 Ballad about me repelled Air Force commander
26 Irish-American full of pity
27 He's carrying zero garden tools
28 Fuss about liberal Italian man's name
29 Roman Empire invader got high
30 I had each concept
31 Former wanderer within borders of Tibet is gregarious person
32 Vehement if rye spilled
33 Can Whalers' center move on the ice?
34 Reached around one Italian painter
35 Improved techies then arrive (3 words)
36 The GI hid bombing waves' time (2 words)
37 Nordic person spinning a yarn
38 Show amazement at eastern peninsula in Canada
39 Heard comic poet make a grinding noise
40 Tried hard piece of roast in cooker

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