

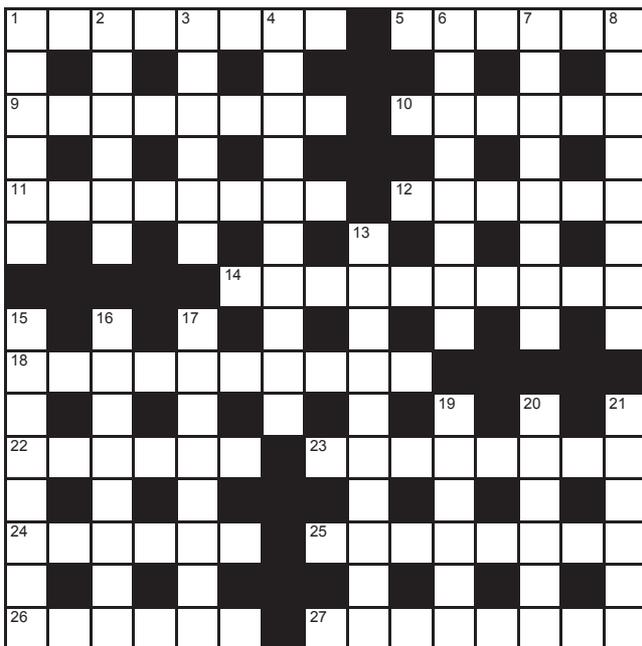
Crossword 16,212 Set by Rosa Klebb

ACROSS

- 1 Printout from PC perhaps accepted by novelist (4,4)
- 5 Wished to knock stuffing out of grinning reprobate (3,3)
- 9 Londoner's wife with better way of avoiding issue (5,3)
- 0 Contractors put cement around front of traffic island (6)
- 11 Satire on corrupt public officials (8)
- 12 Northern EU citizen lacking pulse in cell (6)
- 14 Lies and falsity are shocking (5,5)
- 18 Move unsteadily across tramline (10)
- 22 One forecasting old drivers will retire at last (6)
- 23 A nation's diverse composition (8)
- 24 I love to feed urges with fashionable drug (6)
- 25 Brahms and Liszt briefly studied wine (8)
- 26 Prime the French to don uniform (6)
- 27 Secretly devised tartan behind backs of antiquated Dundee elite (4-4)

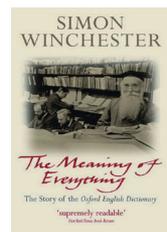
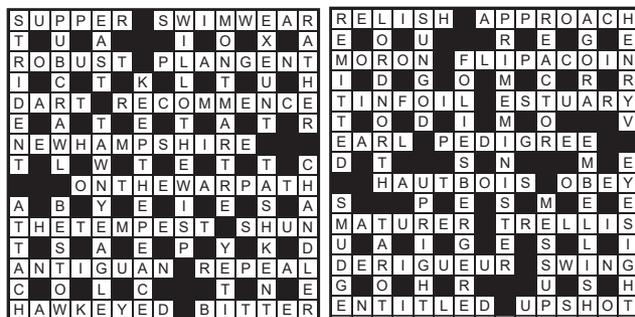
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- 1 Concealing orchid in gardening trousers (6)
- 2 Alternate cobblers saw them alternately (6)
- 3 Company man about to be consistent (6)
- 4 Hearing gun manufacturer is anti-war activist (10)
- 6 Complaints bother Stalin and me (8)
- 7 Thoroughly scrubbing edges of men's lavatory, one trusts (8)
- 8 Gift of the gab is mixed blessing (8)
- 13 Indecisive Tories rule unstably (10)
- 15 Actors oddly suppose this is poisonous (8)
- 16 Turn red, stumped by rising stock transaction (8)
- 17 Average weapon, in a manner of speaking (8)
- 19 Permit cycling on policeman's original beat (6)
- 20 Chain of supermarkets in Egypt runs regular adverts at first (6)
- 21 Open prison completed (6)



Solution 16,211

Solution 16,200



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