

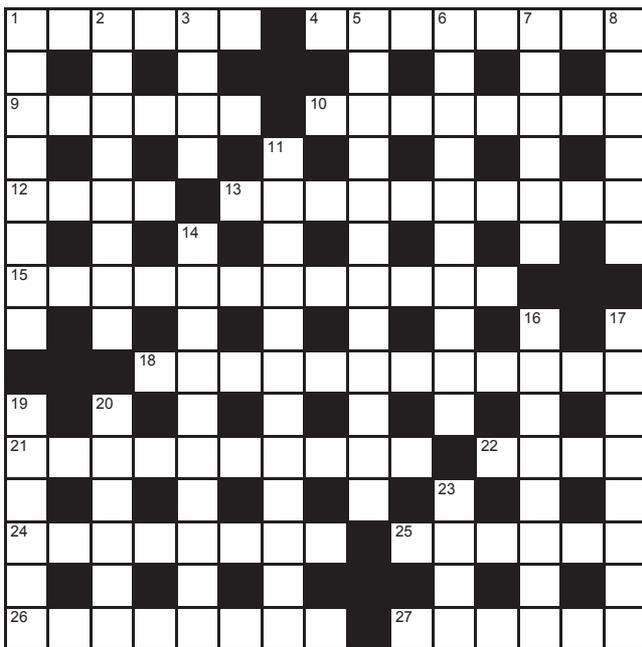
Crossword 16,266 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Cracked layer (6)
- 4 Small item of office equipment one runs (8)
- 9 Sweet little animal biting tail of puss (6)
- 10 Different capital built around capital in Yerevan (8)
- 12 Gripping back of wheel, pull shaft (4)
- 13 "Love Me Tender" an abomination? (10)
- 15 Server getting no work anxious for a turnaround (12)
- 18 Breakfast item potato, supper stew (3-2,7)
- 21 Very much at home, always gracious! (4,1,5)
- 22 King aboard great ship (4)
- 24 Hebrew welcoming a time to rise (8)
- 25 Project about romance for girl (6)
- 26 Tailor silent, dressing doctor in threads (8)
- 27 Written on reverse of cheque, popular foundation (6)

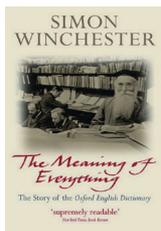
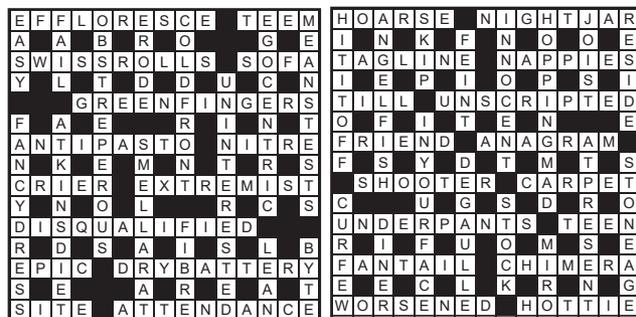
DOWN

- 1 Company keeping order beginning to march with soldier (8)
- 2 Stupid solver given no chance then? (8)
- 3 When to feed 'eated oven (4)
- 5 Steps taken, by the sound of it, as PM and Queen talk (6-6)
- 6 Possibly a "no", simpler being detached (10)
- 7 Watch the heart (6)
- 8 Describe 2nd, 6th and 7th notes (6)
- 11 Like some pieces, playing a part (12)
- 14 Go and tear into incompetent middleman (10)
- 16 Winger looking to keep left (8)
- 17 Resort not left out after heading for Blackpool (8)
- 19 Visible in the gloom, clown masks sick for the most part (6)
- 20 Nothing in common, stuffing knocked out - split! (6)
- 23 Rough edge to p-polish up (4)



Solution 16,265

Solution 16,254



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