

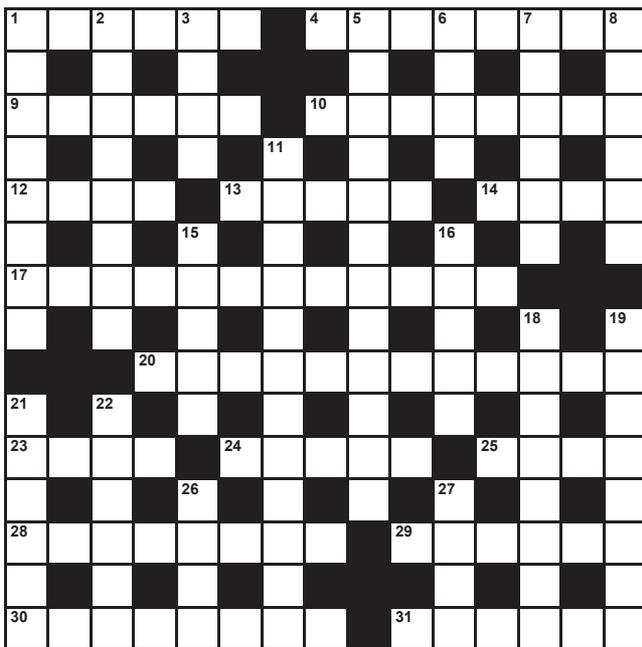
Crossword 16,182 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Australian in old South African pub (6)
- 4 Important people covering items of underwear with jumpers (3,5)
- 9 Daft bird (6)
- 10 A year after building raised, probably (1,4,3)
- 12 John Paul's first ring (4)
- 13 Right molar operated on (5)
- 14 Element neither you ---- recalled? (4)
- 17 Last two, he and she out to attract the most attention (5,3,4)
- 20 Pole once finding accommodation on river (12)
- 23 Touch flesh by the ears? (4)
- 24 In sack, black thread (5)
- 25 Writer in author I bossed around (4)
- 28 Rocky somewhere in Bedfordshire, initially lost (8)
- 29 Not just a run, if jumping (6)
- 30 Male, a belligerent killer on reservation? (8)
- 31 Clever trick - gasp! (6)

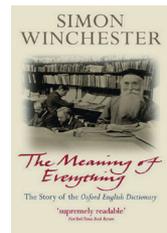
DOWN

- 1 Graduate chalks off negative comments? (8)
- 2 Brief check when done (4-4)
- 3 Goddess about right for god (4)
- 5 Plant growth on dad? (3,4,5)
- 6 Time that flies (4)
- 7 Ridiculous putting a bendy bus on road (6)
- 8 Gnome always blocking pipe up (6)
- 11 Relatives who aren't slim, unfortunately (7-2-3)
- 15 White powder line figure secretes (5)
- 16 Payment including a float (5)
- 18 Ribbing rotten, in time (8)
- 19 Dynamic forces around Open University, certainly (2,6)
- 21 A racehorse - how much? (6)
- 22 In France, I haul up part of ship that's been thrown overboard (6)
- 26 Pinch zip (4)
- 27 Creep at the altar, perhaps? (4)



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Solution 16,170



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