Crossword 16,006 Set by Rosa Klebb

ACROSS DOWN 1 Glorious adult joke captured by 1 Don't forget to ditch repulsive, microphone (8) gutless parliamentarian (6) 5 One suffering grimly at heart 2 Stone me, she gets about in after winner loses gold (6) style! (3-6) 9 Ship's officer hands round 3 Swimmer beginning to soap 11 case of impressive military buttocks (5) equipment (8) 4 Work - tire - eat - repeat. (7) 12 13 10 Walks on water across lake. 6 Perhaps supporting sick friend gripping tool (6) in a way the law forbids (9) 12 Standing up in court after 7 Oddly send up sincerest 14 16 regularly ignoring decree (5) youngsters (5) 13 Performing seal again feeling 8 Optimism at Chequers 18 no pain (9) disquising conflict (8) 14 Small store struggled (6) 11 Balearic port cut lifeline here 19 16 Camel, if ill-treated, causing (4)15 Unscented old roses lead to destruction (7) 22 19 Bearing wine for Charles de unusual stir (9) 23 Gaulle? (7) 17 Mad gerbil fan liable to go to 21 They'd a yearning to preserve pieces (9) golden age (6) 18 Barmen stripped after womer 23 Unimportant match for clubs? party got livelier (6,2) (5,4)20 Thin, ugly, half-cut brute (4) 25 After cycling, entered bar (5) 21 Impetuous type roasting nut 26 Stranger following driver's (7)initial progress uncertainly (6) 22 Extremely sexy nurses rent 27 Glower after Washington floor of building (6) restricts Ecstasy for 31 days (8) 24 One had an upset on river 28 Pass away - for each is, bottom (5) primarily, human (6) 25 Archetypal males leaving mid 29 Dissolute sinner excluded from meal (5) unrestrainedly wild, illicit sex (8)

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