

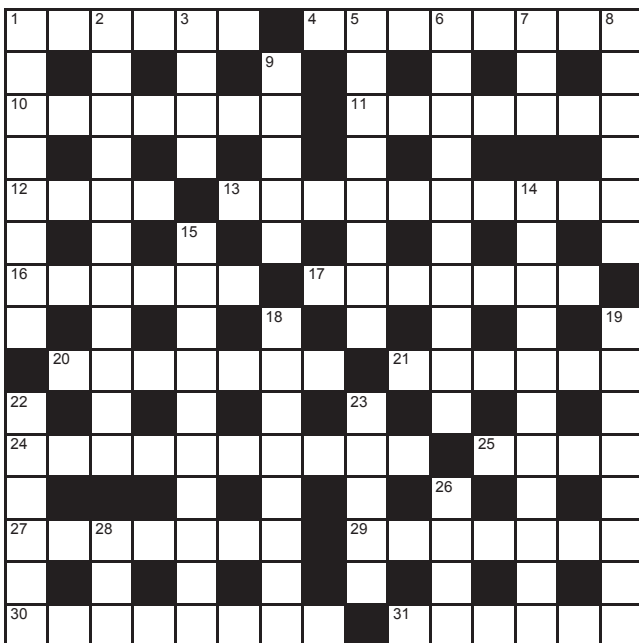
# Crossword 16,230 Set by Mudd

## ACROSS

- 1 Become less attractive and go mad? (4,2)
- 4 Daughter into sport negotiating obstacles (8)
- 10 Increase scale, then happy (5,2)
- 11 Those posing problems, cryptic setters (7)
- 12 Hurt as climbing higher, expedition leaders (4)
- 13 Don't win game that's hinged on castle? (10)
- 16 Miss losing heart in twisted clue, girl 6 down? (6)
- 17 Suppose there's little money to pick up (7)
- 20 Launch pie into drink (5-2)
- 21 River cut off, ending in diversion (6)
- 24 Athlete sprinting short distance, thighs warmer? (4,6)
- 25 Feature in forest, a redwood (4)
- 27 Assassin going after western poet (7)
- 29 Appropriate to air bomb (7)
- 30 Phone team watching boxing match closely? (8)
- 31 Big noise in criminal activity? (6)

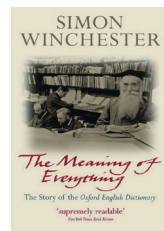
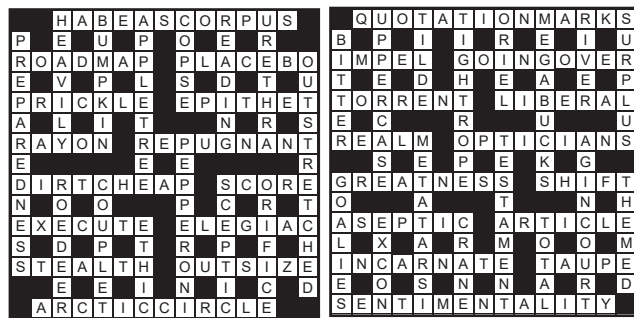
## DOWN

- 1 See poet in my part of Italy (8)
- 2 City boy covering foul mouth, apt (11)
- 3 Not much I love, I appreciate that (4)
- 5 Inauspicious drawn-out plays (8)
- 6 Upset to find first of drawers has locks? (10)
- 7 Decorate some biscotti, certainly (3)
- 8 Manage to file request for compressible ring (6)
- 9 Extra thin (5)
- 14 US vehicle throwing up dirt onto fresh pile (6,5)
- 15 US novelist with pair of kings? (5,5)
- 18 Married couple, one in the south of France is sent for (8)
- 19 Degradation of inert gas, most furious (8)
- 22 Female further down, rose say? (6)
- 23 Strong as an ox? (5)
- 26 Place where a bottom gets cut (4)
- 28 Roof off European pub (3)



### Solution 16,229

### Solution 16,218



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