

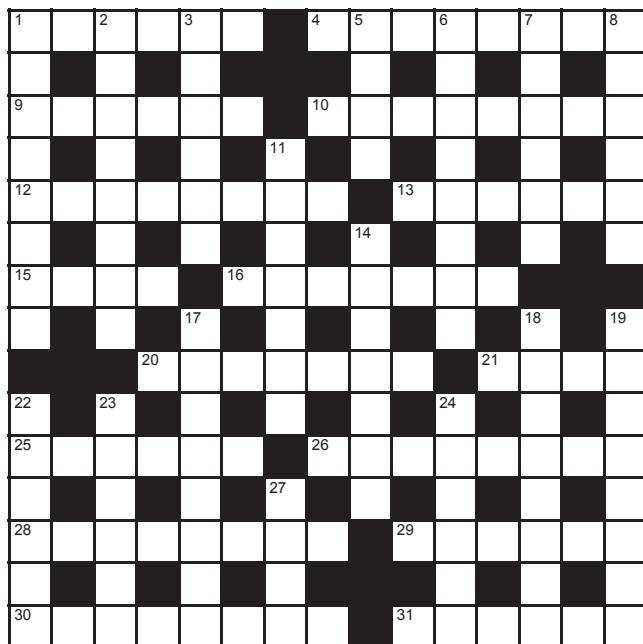
Crossword 15,940 Set by Goliath

ACROSS

- 1, 4** Thain's mirthful soundtrack? (6,8)
9 Tiny slice of tomato in fried onion: there's an idea (6)
10 Briefly order colliery to be run down (8)
12 So, after the end of winter, green improvement (8)
13 Blue instant bloomer (6)
15 Bite biter back (4)
16 Labour leader in hotel, upset after love tragedy (7)
20 Dad's following message about you, said in error (4,3)
21 See 27
25 Relax with Macron's one victory finally reversed (6)
26 Parasite's work pattern very much includes leave (8)
28 Problems from men cavorting with girls (8)
29 Almighty ally turns into a docile creature (6)
30, 31 Playing slick soccer, the current results? (8,6)

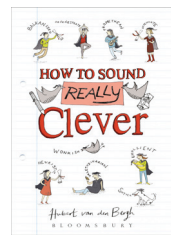
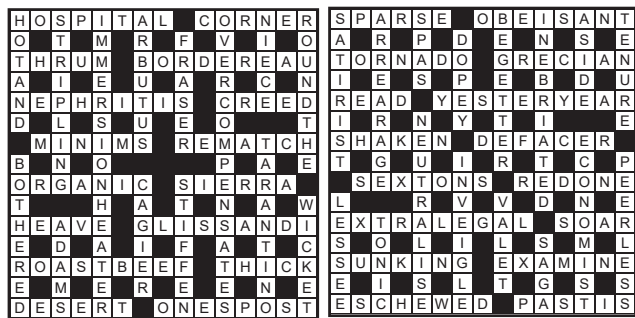
DOWN

- 1, 22** Without compiler rejecting clue on troubled city (8,6)
2 Seeing only cake? (8)
3 Corrected heart valve using nothing for a change (6)
5 Cuts neckbones (4)
6 Large organisation presrves gentile carving (8)
7 It upset poet terribly to move with discretion (6)
8, 19 Endless prose about naturalist wiping out a corrupt group of constituencies (6,8)
11 Excuse for telegram, presumably? (7)
14 Large banks prohibit working in this country (7)
17 Glove challenge (8)
18 Peril of dice curtailed on this kind of table (8)
19 See 8
22 See 1 down
23 Pluck of delicate zone ongoing (6)
24 Sport drink (6)
27, 21 Role model he ain't, or otherwise (8)



Solution 15,939

Solution 15,928



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