

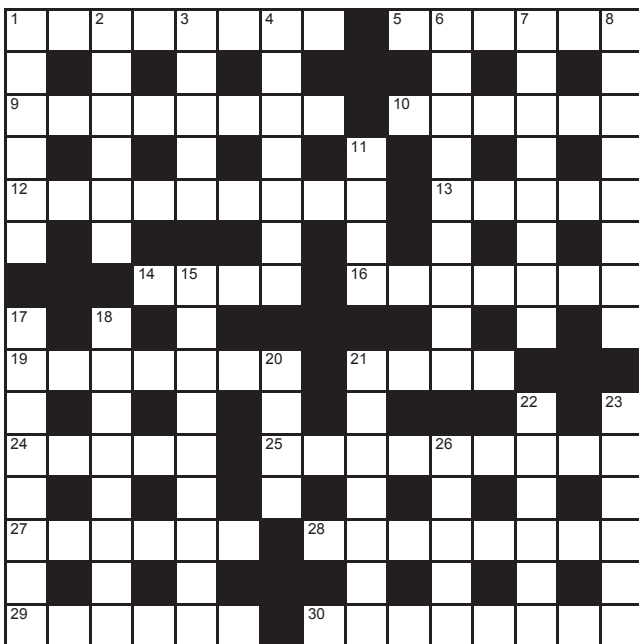
Crossword 16,224 Set by Goliath

ACROSS

- 1, 17** Dressed to kill (4-4,8)
5 Initially, Tony Blair's distortion of the family (6)
9 Porch is where flying raven had returned (8)
10 Heard where blood flows to no useful purpose (2,4)
12 Someone from Europe, and not the British, gain ground (9)
13 Material defects over (5)
14, 21 across, 11, 20 Manage to bring B and H together (4,4,4,4)
16 Writer initially made way for extremely smart old printer (7)
19 Pleasing oneself by refitting mansion (7)
21 See 14
24 Right about waistline (5)
25 Space for tied ribbon jumper found in tree (5,4)
27 Aphrodisiac may be part of a playboy's territory (6)
28 Permission for safe signal with nothing ambiguous (3,5)
29 Small and dark? No (6)
30 Mark manuscript as good and bad? (8)

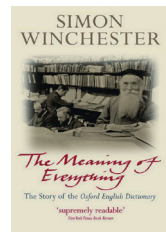
DOWN

- 1, 22** Epic climber approach with oddly drip-dry clothing (6,6)
2 Cosmic model is at last okay after error corrected (6)
3, 15 Italian "dirge" he composed? (5,9)
4 Hot stuff should not get left on top of staple food – that's greed (7)
6 Born again late Christian tea parties finally included (9)
7 Take a second woman (8)
8 One missing from pack? (4,4)
11 See 14
15 See 3
17 See 1 across
18 River banks in Saigon troubled many soldiers (8)
20 See 14
21 Endearment supported by half of London wonder city (7)
22 See 1 down
23 Pains from smells (6)
26 For starters: wine and cheese, coming up: fine fruitcake (5)



Solution 16,223

Solution 16,212



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