

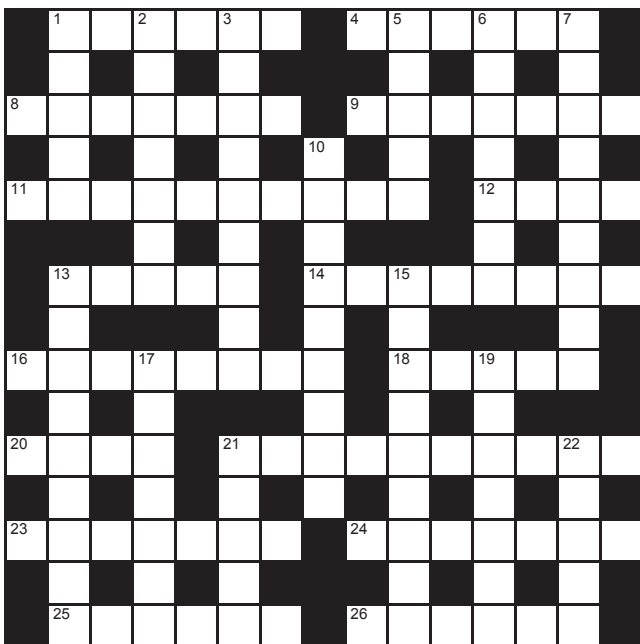
# Crossword 16,326 Set by Rosa Klebb

## ACROSS

- 1 Singer with personal hygiene problem is our nearest relative (6)
- 4 Ghostly figure accompanied by entertaining artist (6)
- 8 Regularly spying press in rough bars (3,4)
- 9 Pair heartily keen to drop a complaint (7)
- 11 Poor son reacted badly (6-4)
- 12 Reportedly cause terrible smell (4)
- 13 Water vole eviscerated bug (5)
- 14 Nine pale security guards from Asia (8)
- 16 Hollywood star cheers gagging order (3,5)
- 18 Squandered last of pension on cannabis (5)
- 20 Vivacity of Zulu monarch's beginning to go (4)
- 21 Half-cut Pict slurs you cruelly and falsely (10)
- 23 Spooner's fish is allowed to do this when it's sunny (4,3)
- 24 Conservative kept dark study carpeted (7)
- 25 European with extremely macabre habit making you throw up (6)
- 26 Privates from Ohio wreathed in smiles (6)

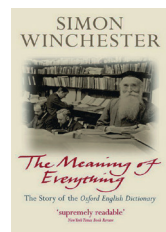
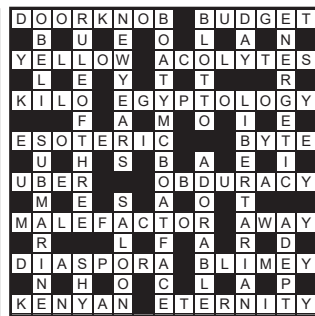
## DOWN

- 1 Newton tucked into cheese and pickle (5)
- 2 Malodorous moose in Barking (7)
- 3 Vegetable husks cut by old American dame (5,4)
- 5 Lift shafts, so to speak (5)
- 6 Bad months after one's exam (7)
- 7 Minions in hospital infuriate boy (7-2)
- 10 Metal guineas melted down in empty museum (9)
- 13 Closest friend follows professional team (9)
- 15 Bookmaker and boozier relish reveals (9)
- 17 Husband eyeing dodgy sanitary practices (7)
- 19 Poem about matter initially incensing religious group (4,3)
- 21 Guru perhaps crawled over island (5)
- 22 Child leaves Loch Ness, ignoring new geological feature (5)



## Solution 16,325

## Solution 16,314



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