

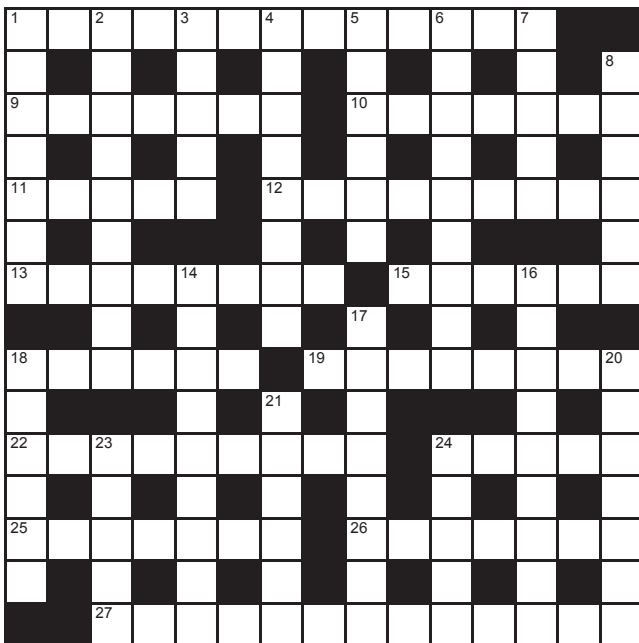
Crossword 16,042 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 County made merry in private doctor's style (7,6)
- 9 Slip back on circuit, and faultless race ends (7)
- 10 Remainder getting unexpected rise, deserved (7)
- 11 Rogue survived being knocked about (5)
- 12 Without thinking, newspaper magnate pocketing diamonds, if in recession (4,5)
- 13 Bone put in heap on the way out (8)
- 15 Swimmer in the sea has to dry back (6)
- 18 Fairy king possessed by desire to cause harm (6)
- 19 Something designed to save cost when travelling back in car journey (4,4)
- 22 Wretched peers struggling to see on the periphery (9)
- 24 Joint – nothing else's inhaled (5)
- 25 Terrifying being on the move, uprooted literarily? (7)
- 26 First in computer technology, learner perfect to send over (7)
- 27 Extraordinary things supposedly witnessed, as result of bull in china shop? (6,7)

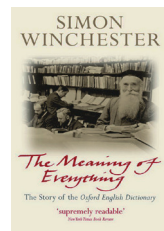
DOWN

- 1 Lack of interest in way mug flipped over (7)
- 2 One freeing organ in ungulate (9)
- 3 Drive the lowest characters in taxi firm up the wall (5)
- 4 One carrying trunk, graceful if leaving pub for good? (8)
- 5 A general not at home (6)
- 6 Unusual instrument no use, left abandoned (4,5)
- 7 Another thing for jockey (5)
- 8 Group – ten beginning to trudge into rising river (6)
- 14 Stroke goat, then run! (9)
- 16 A Serbian wasted last of Worcestershire sauce (9)
- 17 Emperor is brute, I suspect (8)
- 18 Calm when sitting down, daughter wound up somewhat? (6)
- 20 Report is outlining Republican framework (7)
- 21 Hands clasping support first (6)
- 23 Difficult body (5)
- 24 Poem – great, great accomplishment read out? (5)



Solution 16,041

Solution 16,030



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