

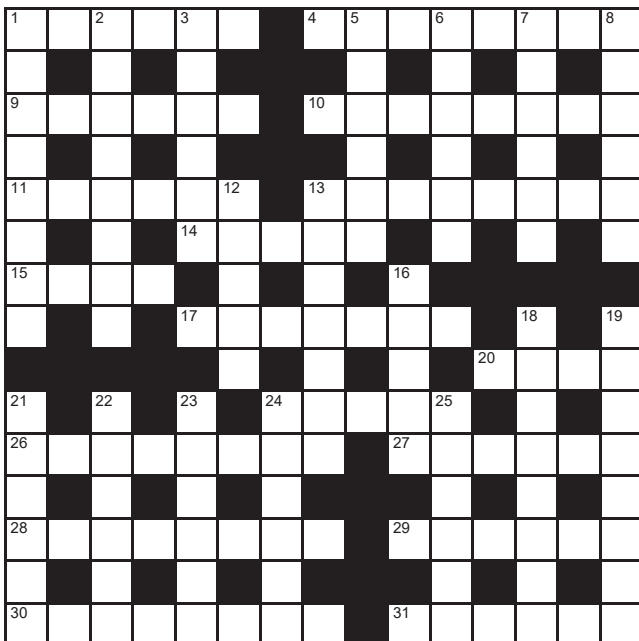
Crossword 16,036 Set by Rosa Klebb

ACROSS

- 1 Posed with your small goats (6)
- 4 Discontentedly expostulates about dead mushroom (8)
- 9 Beaming head off, boisterously closed book (6)
- 10 Sci-fi villain parroted rubbish (8)
- 11 Very trendy old setters like wine (6)
- 13 Grip tea bag boxes (8)
- 14 Go away and start to tighten belt (5)
- 15 A duck, last to leave river (4)
- 17 Bits of blancmange perhaps hitting Dane (7)
- 20 Prudence and Carmen turning east (4)
- 24 Good person ignoring the odds, robust and resolute (5)
- 26 Work with university pal, in fact (8)
- 27 Dull, obstinate person eating very loudly (6)
- 28 Newspaper describing the French as "immutable" (8)
- 29 Labour leader getting behind campaign for tripe (6)
- 30 Is offended by articulate letter, in imagination (5,3)
- 31 Novelist partaking of lobster Newburg (6)

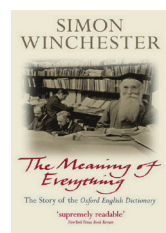
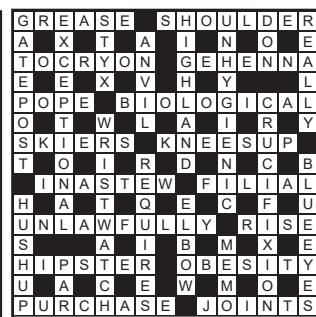
DOWN

- 1 Putting aside verse in broken English (8)
- 2 Half-cut pedestrian ogles unclothed figure (8)
- 3 Terrible noise from strange Manx cat (6)
- 5 14 in drunken stupor (6)
- 6 Mad dictator imprisoning fanatic (6)
- 7 Missing most of sidereal year (6)
- 8 Regularly defy arbiters in high places (6)
- 12 Indifferent gesture and silence over toupee (5)
- 13 Need to evacuate Torquay after parking terminated (7)
- 16 Prince leaves platform in disgust (5)
- 18 According to Spooner, whimsical tosser is seasonal irritation (3,5)
- 19 Signal to wake First Lady, not so well after cycling (8)
- 21 Little but combative Scotsman supports prohibition (6)
- 22 Sweetheart's first pet name for male sex organ (6)
- 23 Thick skin of cold, retired Roman general (6)
- 24 Mawkish drinker in empty speakeasy (6)
- 25 Rebellious blighter ruthlessly guarding gun enclosure (6)



Solution 16,035

Solution 16,024



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