

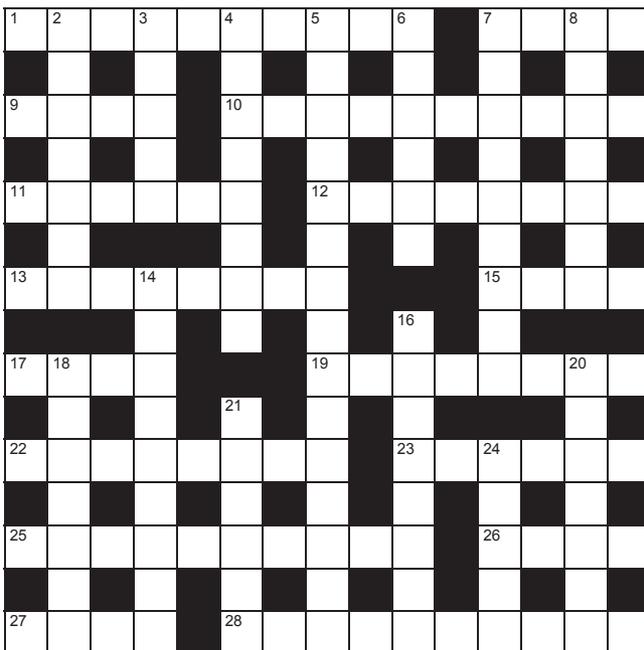
# Crossword 16,437 Set by Julius

## ACROSS

- 1 German composer penning British lines for Opera, perhaps (3,7)
- 7 Dismiss bishop, no longer part of the cloth (4)
- 9 Competent board short of time (4)
- 10 René cannot be disturbed (sign on 24) (2,8)
- 11 Davy peeled salad leaf (6)
- 12 Early birds returning, beginning to rip up delphinium plant (8)
- 13 Head of Gold Bullion manufactured protein (8)
- 15 Oklahoma's first state prison without barriers (4)
- 17 US index dropping – Joe's depressed (4)
- 19 Other people bred, trained, entered June event on the 17s (3,5)
- 22 Julius? Old, cold, boring, disastrous, second-rate (8)
- 23 Internet "lawmaker", 17, getting mixed up with GI (6)
- 25 Participating in deal to get Hereford United (10)
- 26 Cricket ground, nonviable, regularly deserted (4)
- 27 Sulphur mine's depth excavated by a shovel? (4)
- 28 Fresh, exciting actress giving a headline performance? (10)

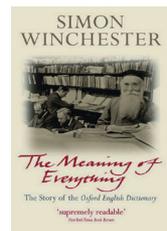
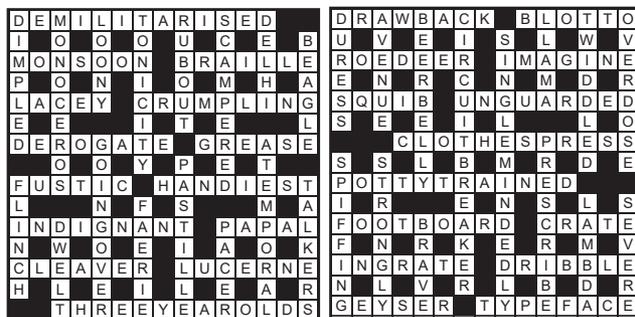
## DOWN

- 2 Involve little brother wearing revolting lime clothing (7)
- 3 Holiday snap (5)
- 4 In the rococo style, worn at Élysée gathering . . . . (8)
- 5 . . . whose late nights carousing is getting plenty of attention (8,3,4)
- 6 Comeback electronic act supporting Queen (6)
- 7 Florida street's left-over sidewalk material (9)
- 8 Publicity-shy individual burst ulcer on seaside vacation (7)
- 14 The first two letters of bird – bald bird – and marsupial (9)
- 16 Taxi turned up carrying R. Gere, sozzled, somewhere in Dordogne (8)
- 18 Lay on another finished circuit (7)
- 20 Troops ordered to defend oil installation (7)
- 21 Televised Cliff's discarded material, last seen in Eurovision (6)
- 24 Gates: "Nothing right in Microsoft operating system" (5)



## Solution 16,436

## Solution 16,425



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