

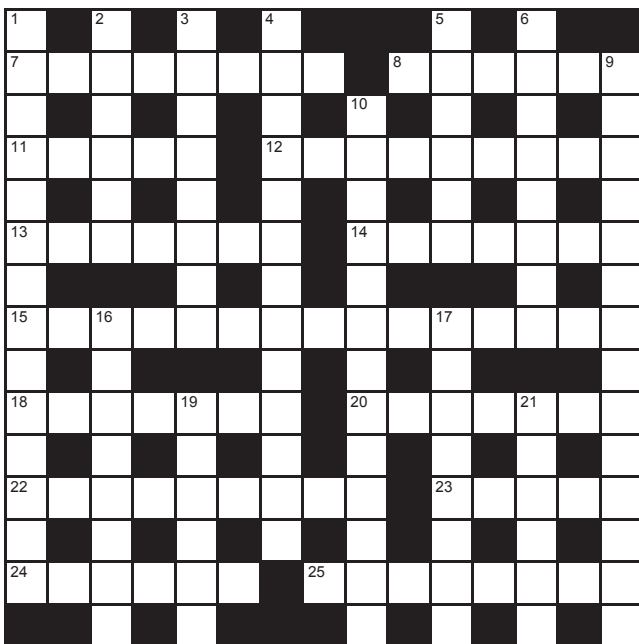
Crossword 16,069 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 7** Good visiting house, pain the morning after? (8)
8 Baking compound I see in something sharp (6)
11 Sound of wildcat in northern forest (5)
12 Couple punched by granny, friend unable to move (9)
13 Hollow tool in use, flexible tool (7)
14 Brown and black tea for landlord ends in beer mug (7)
15 Local offer in our shop, say, two free (5,4,6)
18 Count 10, possibly, backwards, before Cockney dance? (7)
20 Report is aware of patient chap seeking operation (4,3)
22 Seeking current nadir, thug beaten up (9)
23 Anything I don't like that's within the limits of agreement? (5)
24 Awkward, like a group of criminals? (6)
25 A gamble mixing with dash of lemon squash, perhaps? (4,4)

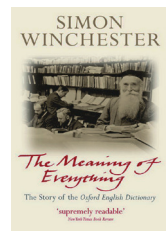
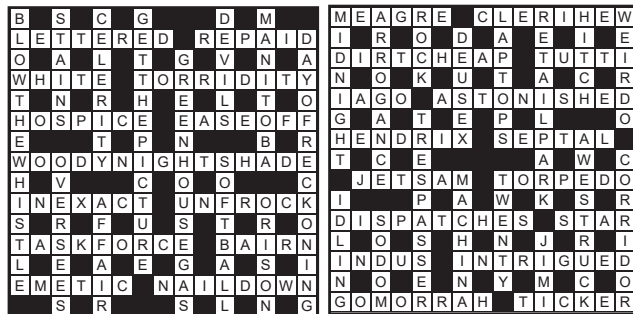
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- 1** Occasion where the woman's expecting two arms to enfold English daughters (7,7)
2 Batting team being held (6)
3 Syrup: odd bits disappearing in bowl, a lot on the outside (8)
4 Fruit is lifted over sign on field (7,6)
5 Ape is upright, one in homo sapiens (6)
6 Travellers, a party briefly stuck in toilets (8)
9 Basic type of accommodation incorporating study, say (5-3-6)
10 Stage plays heading for Reading as a substitute for Sussex town (4,9)
16 Handing out silver, charge in to bank (8)
17 Bar – joint virtually packed with jazz fans, turned over (8)
19 Posh fur can be exploited (6)
21 Jerk dated tool (6)



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