

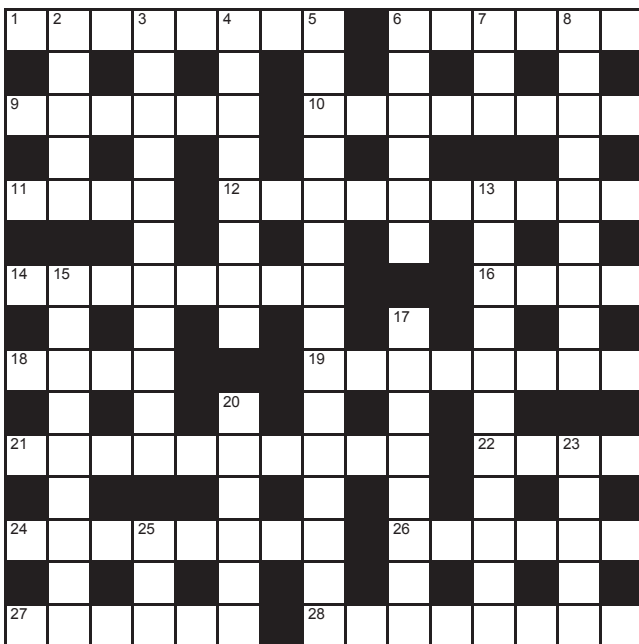
Crossword 16,272 Set by Goliath

ACROSS

- 1** Family planning on the head of the procuress (5,3)
6 Unfriendly to opposite pen (6)
9 Oath of St Naomi's daughter-in-law (6)
10 Tips off firefighter (8)
11, 23 Monocle is adjusted to see this mark (9)
12 Meeting starts to struggle and to signify trouble (10)
14 Anthony's floozy on the phone (8)
16 1 out of 2? Not quite (4)
18, 19 Ignorant gambler is after something unacceptable, they say (4,2,6)
21 In the RAF, he laboured for a degree (10)
22 Killer in Windsor Castle (4)
24 Football chant where head relegated with self-pride (4,2,2)
26 Showing no emotion and timid about "bad cholesterol" (6)
27 Previously needed to purchase fluoride-iron compound (6)
28 Right person chasing sweetheart, that's all (8)

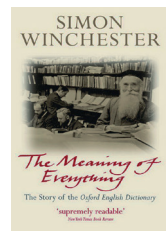
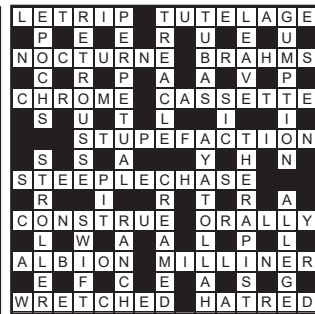
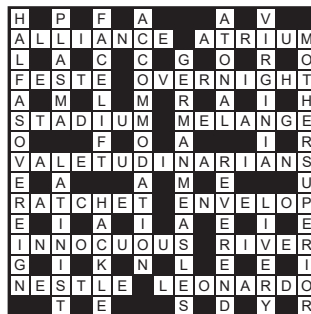
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- 2** With leader gone, the BBC is free (5)
3, 25 Complaint of boxer if a clue, silly moo, enters behind (11,3)
4 Getting together in Soho? Nice work! (8)
5 Through the letter box, postmen may innovate (4,3,8)
6 Slim and painfully so in frilly coat (6)
7, 13 What you serve is nuts (3,4,7)
8 The young rascal starts turning insane bully (9)
13 See 7
15 Call to prayer may be familiar (4,1,4)
17 Bluecoats without uniform can be a problem (8)
20 An academic or clergyman from South America (6)
23 See 11
25 See 3



Solution 16,271

Solution 16,260



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