

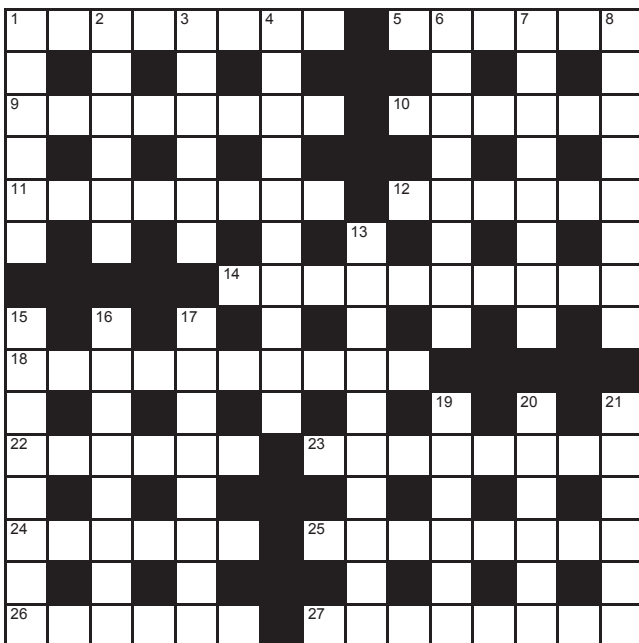
Crossword 16,152 Set by Rosa Klebb

ACROSS

- 1 Tinpot state exercises resolve (8)
- 5 Encourage hanky-panky in outskirts of Pontefract (6)
- 9 Milk producer condemning heartless financiers (8)
- 10 Things to be done and undone after time (6)
- 11 She's present when news is on, curtailing activity (8)
- 12 Shell company we raided regularly (6)
- 14 Speculation over reserve when stock prices fall (4,6)
- 18 You and Stephen changed side (10)
- 22 Let rip, exhausted after vacation (6)
- 23 Bond advanced, protecting wise men from the east (8)
- 24 Don perhaps on date in club (6)
- 25 Erotica stirred up new backlash (8)
- 26 Men on board reported dark times (6)
- 27 Stagger, since weight is heavy at first (8)

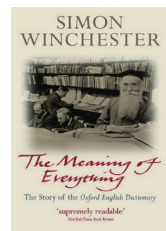
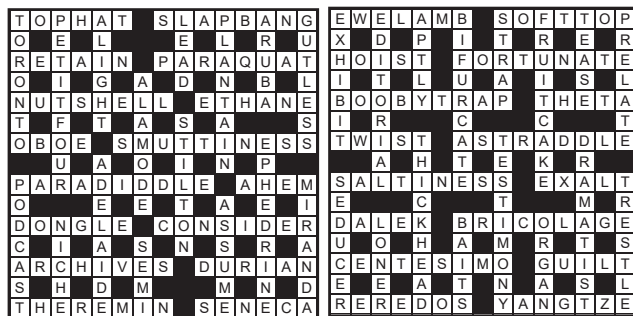
DOWN

- 1 Cobblers start to attack with roar (6)
- 2 Nice setter oddly cutting sex toy in half (6)
- 3 Lacking leader, forcing rebellion (6)
- 4 Fickle folk clean homes carelessly (10)
- 6 Bubbly galore in local (8)
- 7 Murphy's relative operated tool, we hear (8)
- 8 Sham attempt to get hold of a grant (8)
- 13 High spirits following danger (10)
- 15 Haggard heroine recalling low point for dramatist (8)
- 16 Cross relatives finally demanding punishment (8)
- 17 Most expensive cases of Sekt ease pain (8)
- 19 Finish off ungainly old cowboy (6)
- 20 Stars for example jet over island province (6)
- 21 Nasty smell nauseates ten charge nurses (6)



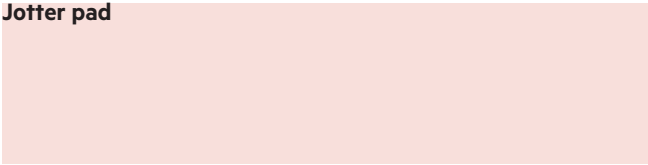
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