

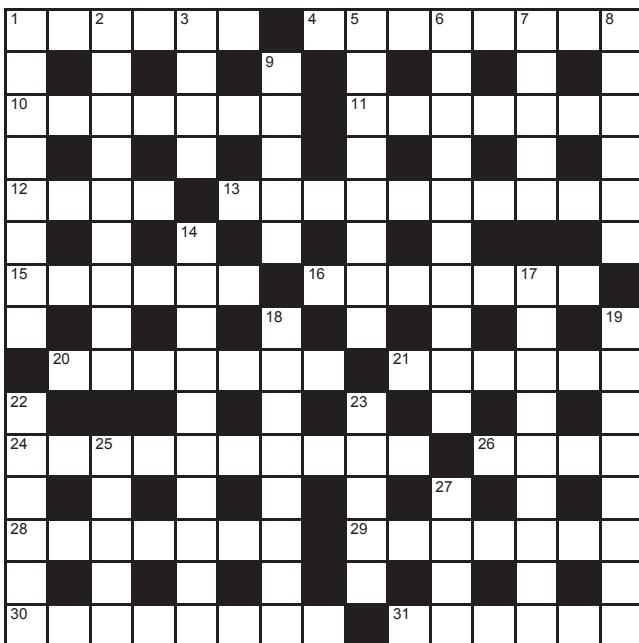
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ACROSS

- 1 Sound of animal, husky (6)
- 4 Bird near sailor inspiring Jack (8)
- 10 Conclusion of advertismnt given surprisingly genial slogan (3,4)
- 11 Scruffs bringing in good waste collectors (7)
- 12 Work drawer (4)
- 13 Prince has stud moved off the cuff (10)
- 15 Intimate close of day? (6)
- 16 A mix-up translating Belgian into Bengali? (7)
- 20 Owl on end of motionless arm (7)
- 21 Covering estate perhaps, cat or dog? (6)
- 24 Item of clothing: stunner paid to remove one before doing a twirl (10)
- 26 Youth leader in essence probing into possible age of child? (4)
- 28 Neglect to catch insect for bird (7)
- 29 Crazy idea, cooking ham and rice (7)
- 30 Awful downers about opening of enquiry compounded (8)
- 31 Lovely, exciting game (6)

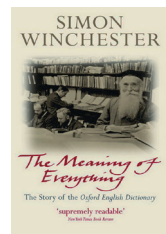
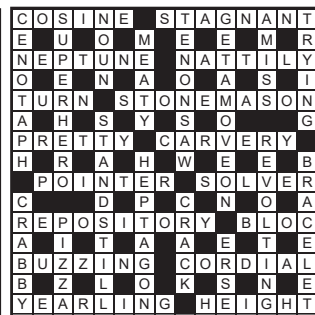
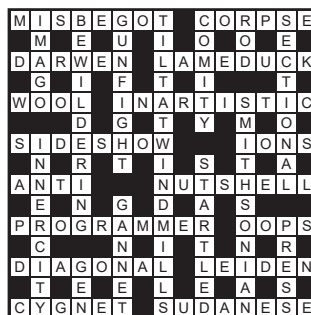
DOWN

- 1 Success! Yours truly and fop get along (3,2,3)
- 2 A fugitive initially baffling English guards – occupant of tank perhaps? (9)
- 3 Dismiss refuse collector (4)
- 5 Blameless drinking establishment taking zero money (8)
- 6 Livid as a kangaroo? (7,3)
- 7 Supporter is involved in scrap (5)
- 8 Live on the edge (6)
- 9 Reportedly indistinct, misleading action (5)
- 14 Confrontational playing any four in diamonds (10)
- 17 Currently setter taking nap, shattered (2,7)
- 18 Old general alleged to be unsure about uniform (2,6)
- 19 Old-time attitude in ancient philosopher (5-3)
- 22 Restriction applied, as surly type a handful (6)
- 23 Unexceptional merchandise (5)
- 25 US restaurant some criticised in error (5)
- 27 Border lifted on old Spanish artist (4)



Solution 16,253

Solution 16,242



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