

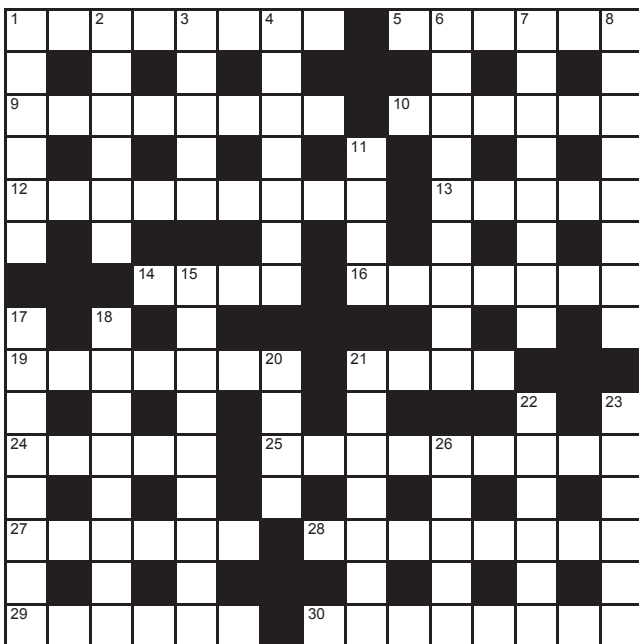
Crossword 16,248 Set by Rosa Klebb

ACROSS

- 1 Desire purely, or in a lewd way? (8)
- 5 Simulate emotion (6)
- 9 Roast meat to rear of ship shunned by sailors (8)
- 10 Requesting llama skin Gladstone bags (6)
- 12 Bondage perversely riveted us (9)
- 13 Thrash about and be sick on floor (5)
- 14 Have sex with Head of Ethics, venerable chap (4)
- 16 Learner driver perhaps not so drunk (7)
- 19 Wizard school incorporating academy for cricket? (7)
- 21 Setting sun is terrifically exciting at first (4)
- 24 Smell of unclothed body sours (5)
- 25 Observe angry lioness eating setter, backside first (9)
- 27 Husband scratching front of belly, buttock and thigh (6)
- 28 Dare to change – simply adapt again (8)
- 29 A certain poorly playwright (6)
- 30 Singular problem for punctilious person (8)

DOWN

- 1 Famous son of Poland, a country on the rise (6)
- 2 Passed on some revolting pheromones (2,4)
- 3 Arab banks pulled out of EU nation (5)
- 4 Old-fashioned Latvian regularly mulches plant (7)
- 6 Female is drunk, grabbing fellow in punch-up (9)
- 7 Journalist welcomes man who washed hands and shaved? (8)
- 8 African goose let loose (8)
- 11 Authentic case of egomania in sport (4)
- 15 Observed sanctimonious dons performing miracle (9)
- 17 Fancy hiding booze in train (4-4)
- 18 Criminally sex up second of dossiers about openness to danger (8)
- 20 Half-heartedly finishes small piece of cake (4)
- 21 What you do next, leaving former partner able to pay debts (7)
- 22 Uninitiated, curtail bizarre ceremony (6)
- 23 People serve up rhubarb for tutor (6)
- 26 Pinch bottom of Italian family doctor (5)

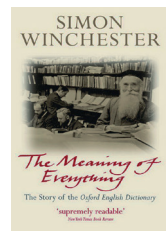


Solution 16,247

ANDALL THATJAZZ
B R E E W V I
UNUSED PACIFIST
D D W M T T A H
HOGMANAY ACCRUE
A E Y C S H Y R
BIRD WATCHER
I Y A B O R W S
S P A R R O W H A W K
K J P E T M T Y
OEUVRE VERYWELL
W N O R R S R I
TRIMARAN JETLAG
O O C S L O H
WORTH THE EFFORT

Solution 16,236

MEAGRE COMPOSER
E F E R A P O
DROSS INCURIOUS
I R O N H T R T
CHEERIO EPISTLE
A S T N S A R
TEAR MENTALLY
E I S R A R
DIOCESAN ECHO
A C L T P H T
NIGHTIE ICEDTEA
G A A M O R S T
LIMEGREEN MAMBO
E U O N I A R
DETONATE STINGY



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