THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

(Solution to No. 286)



Clues Across

- They have to carry their own trunks.

 Censure in 13 down.

 South American lizards.

- Importunate.

- Importunate,
 Author.
 In front of a broken chest, I find it
 irritates.
 Type of tribute or decoration suitable for
 all?

Clues Down

- For an unaccountable whim, the headgear is put on the pudding.
 Our gate is an offence.
 Dim bore offers a trite remark.
 "--- of one broad expanse had I been teld.
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t deep-browed Homer ruled as his demesne."

- That deep-browed Homer ruled as his demesne."

 (Keats "On First Looking into Chapman's Homer.")

 5. Something to fly off at.
 6. Mountain nymphs.
 9. Kind of lace.
 13. Mary's pet leads the famous walk.
 14. Run late (anag.)
 15. A busy insect and the 24 across emblem of England combine to form a member of the governing body of a university.
 16. Kind of small hawk.
 17. This red wine is found in Benny Goodman's instrument.
 21. Be seated upside down.

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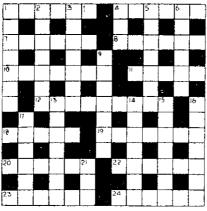
I sat beside Mrs. Grace. She resembled a slick magpie in her modish black and white. Obviously she was sorry for me. She said she realised what a trial children were, informed me that she was always glad that she hadn't any, and poured out a flood of alarming predictions on what their futures would be, with dark mention of certain children she had known and what dire calamity befell them. She then went on to tell me of her sister who had four children all under eight years and how well she managed them, and how smart she always looked when she went out.

I tugged at my gaping smock, and hoped fervently that Mack's feet were hurting him.

Tired and ready to bite pieces out of the gatepost, I arrived home to find Mack lounging comfortably on the verandah. "Ha, ha!" he chortled, "Raced you after all. Thumbed a ride and been home ten minutes."

The dinner was stone cold. The children were too tired to eat it, anyway, and asked for bread and jam. Mack said not to bother. A bit of bread and jam would do him too. I shouldn't have bothered with a hot dinner this weather. A bit of cold meat and lettuce—that was the thing.

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