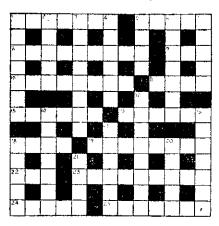
THE LISTENER CROSSWORD 23. Stole pins, which certainly are not this.

(No. 164: Constructed by R.W.C.)



Clues Across

- Rich oat for a stew.
- 5. Star in 6 down.
- 8. Describe as giant seed.
- Dandy.
- What the days do after the winter sol-10. stice.
- "None but the brave deserves the --11.
- Neat or gaudy? 13.
- No lies (anag.). 15.
- If this were this, it might be wary.
- So Tim cares to potter?
- Indispensable to both 13 and 19 across.

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they snored despite the sun, the stench, the dust, the flies. Dust? Tourists off ships must think shoe-shining is Naples's main local industry. Stench? Not even romantic moonlight can decontaminate Santa Lucia where Stada is also unofficial public convenience.

Then, between times, in the other world, we yachted over the Blue Bay thanks to a bolt-from-the-blue invitation from the Campionato Italiano di Canottagio (Patron H.R.H. the Crown Prince) or lolled in the wide balconies of their palatial clubhouse watching Sorrento and Capri and that ever-changing fire-breathing Vesuvio. H.R.H. himself was in those months using the Club to cloak a plot for overthrowing the Duce. But we never got that far. Nor did he.

HOWEVER, it was back "home" at nights that we really experienced how royalty (and stardom) live. We would crawl out of our 4ft. x 3ft. tentlet each morning under the bashful scrutiny of many score of half-averted eyes that had, from a mediumly respectful distance, been long awaiting the great levee. We would re-enter at evening a tent apparently just as we left it, since super-detective care had been exercised in ransacking every detail of our possessions and super-fan honesty in souveniring not so much as a match. And always we came home escorted by the original crowd much swollen by the day's hot gossip. Their urchin scouts, indeed, were out to detect our approach half a mile distant. Urchins themselves they were, these simple, unhygienic, criminally credulous Neapolitan factory-fodder, as insatiably curious, exuberant, and competitively desirous of pleasing and of showing off and sharing their poor treasures as children. Such human interest and security of belongings, and quarters right in the city, was worth a mass (as Henry IV. remarked) of the inconveniences of royalty. "Where are you staying?" asked the shipping agent. "A hotel—no?" A pension then—no, indeed? Ah, I understand—PRIVATELY!"

- If such a flower is a trap for spelling

Clues Down

- Spanish gentleman concealed above a broken prison.
- Form of reins.
- If I ponder, I get a cot.
- 4. This is a hard 9 across to crack.
- Celt in 5 across.
- In with 5 across for an Indian of sorts.
- Direction for an actor.
- Dry as dust, but ending in a caper.
- 14. Ivan ran into extinction of his individu-
- G.M. gave this film a sit-down clap.
- To the best of mine, the B.E.F. is not built round a falsehood.
- He and Ada in front.
- An actor may express some of his in an aside.
- an aside. Children's toys upside down in a par-ticular place.

(Answer to No. 163)



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