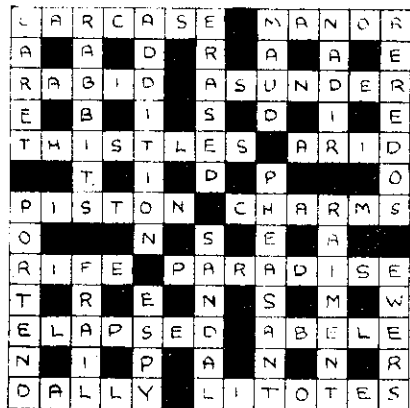


"THE LISTENER" CROSSWORD

(Solution to No. 703)



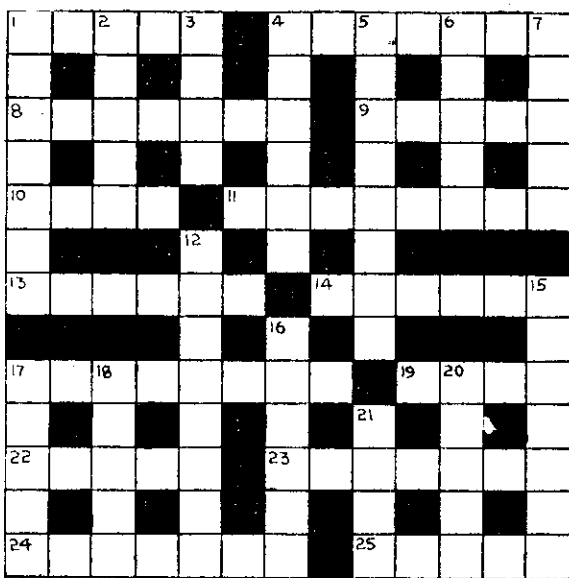
Clues Across

1. Prickle from the north.
4. Our case for drunken revelry.
8. Almost unnecessary sewing implements.
9. Usually made from straw, but also found in finest silk.
10. Neat mountain?
11. Treated without due respect.
13. The half sister makes a proposition.
14. Counsel from a bad vice-president.
17. Chic name for a skilled workman.
19. What Oliver Twist asked for.
22. Confused tales.
23. This task follows the washing.
24. Leave nothing to be desired.
25. General drift.

Clues Down

1. Unburned gentleman, in short?

No. 704 (Constructed by R.W.H.)



COMING ROUND THE BEND

with Denis Glover

HE collected willow pattern. He pursued it as relentlessly as the irate papa on the plate pursued the fleeing lovers. The one he prized most he found a cat drinking out of, before he got it. It was hard to get. It was a very favoured and fastidious cat.

THOSE with least to say usually take longest to say it.

WE all want spiritual props; but they take a lot of cutting, and a lot of propping.

I SAID to him, never be a prophet, only a profiteer. Or if you write (he replied), Never a Buchan, but rather a buccaneer.

A WOMAN with long nails and a short temper is greatly to be feared.

IT is foolish to confuse being busy with being alive.

WE were disputing hotly about music and musicians, and what music teachers (after a picture that often lends some sort of prestige to their studios) refer to as "the seven immortals." On my questioning the selection of the sacred seven, this woman shrieked, "All right! When was the last immortal dead?"

SURROUNDED by them, I wished stupid women wouldn't concentrate so hard on looking interesting.

A SERIOUS danger in solid books like Churchill's *The Second World War* is that they are too heavy to read in bed. A heavy book falling on an upturned face could easily fracture the nose.

ADVERTISEMENT writers take themselves seriously. You might almost think it was somehow a laudable sort of business. It was therefore a joy to read something so equivocal as "Watch father smile when you hand him a gift from —'s."

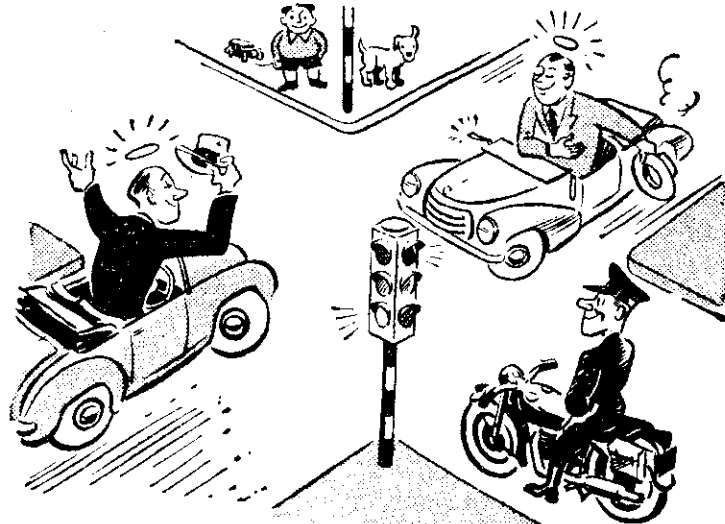
IN 18th Century portraits the wigs are careful, but the eyes bemused and the expressions vacuous. Yet we know that many of the sitters were not as half-witted as they look, not by half. I have a theory that they were simply bored by sittings, and taking so much snuff that they were always but not quite about to sneeze.

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