

CROSSWORD 18,031 by JULIUS

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DOWN

- 1

Wallop on the ear flattened rumoured evil genius (7)
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Talk informally about vacant lease property (6)
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Sport club admin — tonight: boxing (9)
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Four druids regularly pruned plant (5)
- 11

Raising agent, Smiley made Karla Circus target last of all (5)
- 12

Irritation that might make one go completely potty? (5,4)
- 13

Wave adult off after visiting one in Paris (8)
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One clocked going round the bend? (6)
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Man in white uniform parking in boggy area (6)
- 19

Authoritarian French painter tours Britain every now and again (8)
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Competitor of Cheshire Cat getting leg trapped (9)
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Finished ace source of carbs (5)
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Almost noon; leaving in good time (5)
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Rather rocky 100sqm plot contained valuable oxide (4,5)
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Tempestuous tale about maiden (6)
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Julius: boring, dull fantasist (7)

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Bowled wild, lousy bouncer — that'll do nicely! (4,4,5)

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Spinster game for a bit of fun!? (3,4)

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Order English dictionary (abridged version) (5)

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Set off roughly at one, after Ted turns up (8)

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Cover article featured in issue of newspaper (6)

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A haggard, grasping old New York columnist (5,4)

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Identify bear market stocks (7)

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Miss her chocolates terribly (13)

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Civic dignitary upset royal when stealing gold coin from Germany (4,5)

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Army officer, upper-class, embarrassed to be taken prisoner (8)

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Liquorice cake sent by favourite of Spooner (7)

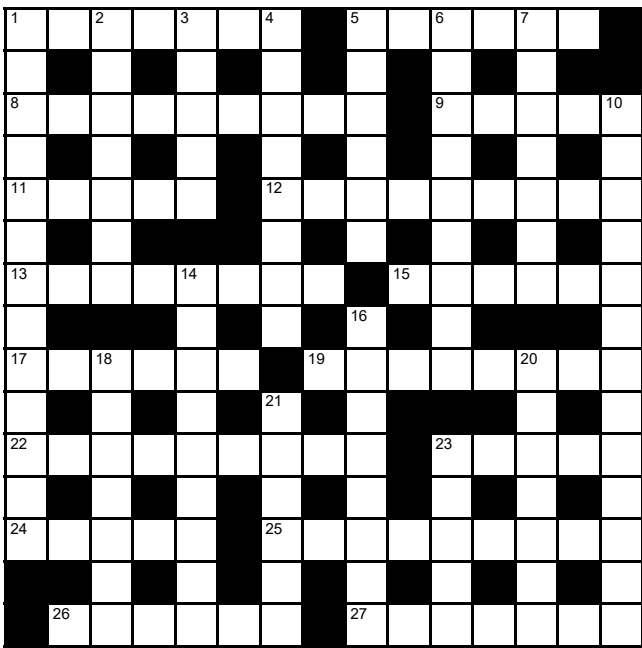
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North East German Krumm discovered patent medicine (7)

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Try, try right away to be enthusiastic (6)

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Sanctimonious English church composition (5)

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