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Letter to the Editor:
Dear Sir, I must protest strongly against the coinage "unputdownable" as used by your reviewer Rivers Scott last week. It would seem D.W. [Douglas Woodruff] has but to close the office door behind him, and we are subjected to abuses of language the like of which have seldom been seen outside the civil service or pontifical universities. Liberalism in theology I approve, but it needs to be balanced by conservatism in usage.

A Catholic journal may even

have special obligations in this respect. Since it is apparent that many of those who construct our vernacular liturgy have never read a book, it would seem they must rely on the press, and probably the religious press at that, for their instruction. A coinage favoured by *The Tablet*, therefore, has a fair chance of finishing up in the Apostles' Creed some day. It is a prospect to make mere men quail. If there were women priests, there would no doubt be less of this sort of thing. Sincerely. Bruce Stewart.

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Letter to the Editor:
Sir, What I would like to propose is the formation of a Society for the Suppression of Gender in Foreign Languages. Ancient Latin and ancient Greek we might leave alone "for the sake of the Fathers." But if peace ever returns to the world, we might make a beginning with German. The object to be attained is not apparently denominational or religious. But could not our Catholic Women's Suffrage Society take it up and make a start? Their leading luminaries

are so quick at seeing the religious bearings of things that I feel sure they would see, at first sight, the heretical trend of Gender. Christ died for both sexes of living human creatures, and for no other beings. So is it not heretical, or at least idiotic, to do as the Germans do, and give no sex to water and fire, and make a pen a lady? And can anything good come from a people that make the sun a woman and the moon a man? *O tempora! O mores!*

Yours truly, G. N.

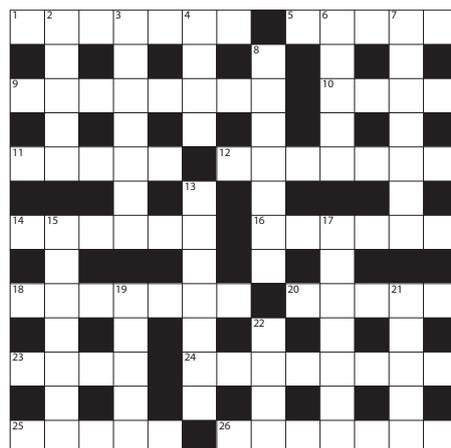
PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 559 | Axe

Across

- 1 Fictitious narrative used to convey a spiritual or moral lesson (7)
- 5 Persian faith established in 1863, emphasising the value of all religions and the spiritual unity of mankind (5)
- 9 Benefice or residence of a (particularly C of E) priest (8)
- 10 Galilean town, the home of Joseph and Mary (4)
- 11 St ----- of Glendalough, County Wicklow, d. 618? (5)
- 12 See 16 Across
- 14 Place in Gilead east of the River Jordan, referred to in 1 Kings with probable connections to Elijah (6)
- 16 & 12 Acr: Canonised Archbishop of Armagh (1625-81), executed for treason through the Titus Oates plot (alternative spelling) (6,7)
- 18 Prolific composer of all types of work (1678-1741), many sacred, including the oratorio *Juditha Triumphans* (1716) (7)
- 20 East Jordanian state in the Bible whose capital was Rabbah (5)



- 23 Godly man in Genesis who reached 950 years (4)
- 24 Bible people from southern 13 Down area (8)
- 25 City from where men helped Solomon and Hiram prepare materials for building the Temple (5)
- 26 Woman from Joppa noted for her good works (7)

Down

- 2 Square of white linen worn about the neck and shoulders by priests while saying Mass (5)

- 3 KJV alternative name for Uzziah (7)
- 4 Judah's mother (4)
- 6 David's eldest son killed by Absalom (5)
- 7 Region NW of Damascus, in Luke governed by Lysanias (7)
- 8 Early Romantic, mainly orchestral, composer of the *Grande Messe des Morts* and the oratorio *L'Enfance du Christ* (7)
- 13 Body of water south of the rift valley of Arabah (4,3)
- 15 Two saints of the same name; the lesser-known an ascetic of Pelusium (7)
- 17 Shi'ite Muslim sect which has the Aga Khan as its spiritual head (7)
- 19 Roman province of Greece, governed by Corinth (5)
- 21 Witchcraft and sorcery of the southern West Indies (5)
- 22 Scottish island associated with Macbeth's death and British Christianity's birth (4)

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Crossword Competition 20 May

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● The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 10 June issue.

Solution to the 29 April crossword No. 556

Across: 5 Philipians; 7 Anna; 8 Abinadab; 9 Mission; 11 Terah; 13 Sinai; 14 Steeple; 16 Canticle; 17 Seth; 18 Song of Songs.

Down: 1 Ziba; 2 Ajjalon; 3 Ophir; 4 Nazarene; 5 Pontificals; 6 St Anacletus; 10 St Antony; 12 Atheism; 15 Achor; 17 Sins.

Winner: David Mallen, London.

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