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Fred Astaire once remarked that he had the kind of face that only a mother could love: I feel well qualified to be at least a foster-mother. If there were nothing else to *Finian's Rainbow*, it would be more than worth seeing for his performance as Finian.

Time cannot wither nor custom stale the infinite precision of his dancing, and though now over sixty he is still spellbinding when he moves and riveting when he suddenly stands as still as a stone.

Twinkling in elegant suede shoes through an Irish jig or leaping like a chamois down a pyramid of packing-cases, he is entirely entrancing; and no mean actor either.

Francis Ford Coppola directs with a great flair ... Petula Clark is fairly boring as Astaire's daughter ... Tommy Steele is Og, the Leprechaun; miscast, I felt, and more Puck than Og, but very, very competent ... Altogether a splendid way of entertaining everybody in the family.

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The Church suffers invariably as the result of careless investigation on the part of the "intelligent stranger". He does not realise that Catholic morality has penetrated through and through the chaos of the great American cities, restraining and guiding the immigrant hordes, who are liable to be carried away by their newly found freedom and wealth. He does not realise that the Church has purified the people and steadied the State.

Has he for a moment entered into the life of Catholic America?

Has he realised that this edifice was builded on sacrifice untold, that every church and cathedral was built in the tears of women and the blood and sweat of men unnumbered ... Catholic idealism has long made safe the political idealism of the American people, [and] unless the Church had taught the Sacramental equality of all before the altar, the proposition that all men are equal would long ago have led to the wildest experiments and disasters in Communism.

PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD

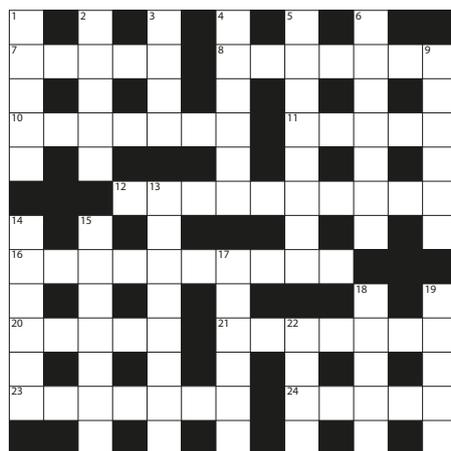
No. 629 | Enigma

Across

- 7 Concerning part of a boxing match (5)
- 8 He is in the money with his nihilistic delusion (7)
- 10 One found in 6 down intended to provide a bit of colour (7)
- 11 Dad and the uncle from Spain may be found in the garden (5)
- 12 Making it all again for fun (10)
- 16 Upwardly mobile Jewish person trying the food without starting supper (10)
- 20 Present the composer with a silver dish (5)
- 21 "The College and the Maize"; a myth (7)
- 23 The one least likely to be found in the well (7)
- 24 "In the Computer"; a poem that thousands take to heart (5)

Down

- 1 Pleased at clerical presence among farm produce (5)
- 2 It's a drum! Complaining about it is useless! (5)
- 3 Those found in two of the clues might not agree



- 4 that such accommodation all over England is an eyesore (4)
- 4 It's impossible, Your Majesty, for the horse to speed up (6)
- 5 Tea with neither milk nor sugar for the spiritual director (8)
- 6 A hairstyle that could put an end to an animal (7)
- 9 Where boats may be found one has no right to indulge in bovine behaviour (6)
- 13 One may not leave the house as it is if directions are followed (8)
- 14 A hundred romances? That adds a bit of spice (6)

- 15 The greed of that girl with the cereal! (7)
- 17 Unpleasant teasing of Eliot about his relative (6)
- 18 A spy's ties? (5)
- 19 One getting me involved with Asian currency is no friend of mine (5)
- 22 I come second in poetry (4)

Please send your answers to:

Crossword Competition 13 October

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● The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 3 November issue.

Solution to the 22 September crossword No. 626

Across: 7 Healey; 8 Diesel; 10 Mermaid; 11 Turin; 12 Klee; 13 Volta; 17 Pedal; 18 Lama; 22 Terce; 23 Uccello; 24 Police; 22 In Town.

Down: 1 Chomsky; 2 Farrier; 3 Kenaf; 4 Hittite; 5 Tsars; 6 Clint; 9 Adeodatus; 14 Rebecca; 15 Walloon; 16 Lagoons; 19 Steps; 20 Krill; 21 Scone.

Winner: Joan Stewart, of Galwally, Belfast.

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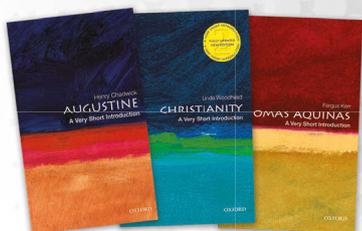
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