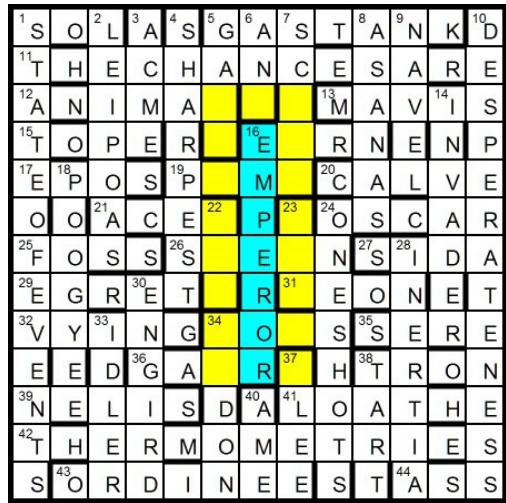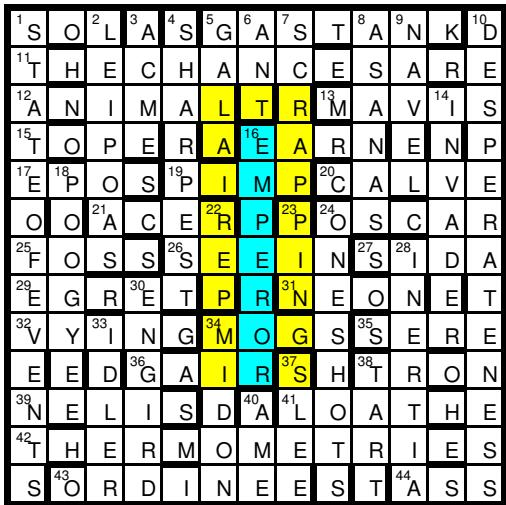# The Naked Truth, Solution and Explanations

The first letters of items of clothing that were removed from across clues spelled TAKE OFF THE IMAGINARY CLOTHING (as in the Hans Christian Anderson story where a small child unveiled the swindlers' ruse and the hypocrisy of the adult world). IMPERIAL TRAPPINGS had to be removed from around EMPEROR in the grid.

Across: 1 TIE: LOS<, **5** ACCOUTREMENTS: G(utted) A(nd) STANK, **11** KIT: TEACHERS HE CAN*, **12** EQUIPMENT: LAMINA<, **13** OUTFIT: V in SIAM<, **15** FATIGUES: POET*, **16** FOOTWEAR: (b)E(g)A(n)R(u)N, **17** THINGS: P(R)OSE*, **19** HABIT: P(ortraying) IMP, **20** ENSEMBLE: Hidden, **21** INVERNESS: (R)ACER, **24** MAIL: SAC* in OR, **25** ATTIRE: FS around OS, **26** GAUCHOS: S(c)E(n)E IN, **27** INTERLINING: First letters, **29** NIGHTINGALE: (r)EGRET , **31** ACCESSORY: NE ON, **32** RIG: (do)V(er) (ba)Y(so)I(le)N(er)G(y), **34** YOKE: (far)M (t)O G(ile)S, **35** COVER: SEE around R(ain), **36** LINEN: RAG< around I(magination), **38** OXFORD: (s)NORT<, **39** TOP: LINES*, **41** HAT: (c)LOA(K) THE, **42** INNERWEAR: SEE TRIMMER HOT*, **43** NECKBAND: IRONED* E(vensong), **44** GEAR: A S (mes)S.

Down: 1 Double definition, **2** LEAS around I PO, **3** CAME with A 'promoted', **4** PHRASES* T, **5** Hidden rev., **6** A NT, **7** CRAPS (S to front), **8** NASA< AS, **9** NAVE (pil)L(ars), **10** SEES SNARED PET*, **14** A DRIVEN*, **16** ROME< around PER, **18** GOOP< YE E, **22** R before EP, **23** NIP<, **24** LOATHSOMENESS* less MEALS*, **28** IN E R(emote) AIT<, **30** EN GRID*, **33** RILED*, **34** MI DON, **37** EELS<, **38** Double definition, **40** AE around M.