

The Naked Truth, Solution and Explanations

1	S	O	L	A	S	G	A	S	T	A	N	K	10
11	T	H	E	C	H	A	N	C	E	S	A	R	E
12	A	N	I	M	A	L	T	R	M	A	V	I	S
15	T	O	P	E	R	A	E	A	R	N	E	N	P
17	E	P	O	S	P	I	M	P	C	A	L	V	E
	O	O	A	C	E	R	P	P	O	S	C	A	R
25	F	O	S	S	S	E	E	I	N	S	I	D	A
29	E	G	R	E	T	P	R	N	E	O	N	E	T
32	V	Y	I	N	G	M	O	G	S	S	E	R	E
	E	E	D	G	A	I	R	S	H	T	R	O	N
39	N	E	L	I	S	D	A	L	O	A	T	H	E
42	T	H	E	R	M	O	M	E	T	R	I	E	S
	S	O	R	D	I	N	E	E	S	T	A	S	S

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11	T	H	E	C	H	A	N	C	E	S	A	R	E
12	A	N	I	M	A				M	A	V	I	S
15	T	O	P	E	R		E		R	N	E	N	P
17	E	P	O	S	P		M		C	A	L	V	E
	O	O	A	C	E		P		O	S	C	A	R
25	F	O	S	S	S		E		N	S	I	D	A
29	E	G	R	E	T		R		E	O	N	E	T
32	V	Y	I	N	G		O		S	S	E	R	E
	E	E	D	G	A		R		H	T	R	O	N
39	N	E	L	I	S	D	A	L	O	A	T	H	E
42	T	H	E	R	M	O	M	E	T	R	I	E	S
	S	O	R	D	I	N	E	E	S	T	A	S	S

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(uttred) 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.