Set by Māyā


NOTE TO SOLVER: the source of all quotations is The 4

Across
8 Slight gin sling with mineral (6)
9 Female spacewalk? (3)
11 Enter backwards for a "natural measure of respectability" (6)
12 Grace left out infection (4)
13 I go live over to Gordon, author of The Riddle of Richard Pearse (7)
14 Just above organisation bridging river (4)

15 Allocate task to "this noble vertebrate" at half 8 (6)
17 A bed of fire? (4)
18 "Proponent of a new misrule" found amongst the harebells (5)

Down
1 All you've got is type displaying "low taste, more interested in himself than me" (7)

2 Smith holds fine rig "used in pointing out two malefactors" (10)
3 Lady's love for a British Grenadier, perhaps? (4)
4 I discordantly 33, almost 25 , for the wit and wisdom of a 10 , perhaps $(6,10)$ 5 "Organ to be bilious with" being? (5) 6 A small volume - employ "to affirm another's guilt [often] as a justification for having wronged him" (6)
7 Cry of pain amidst glowing coal journalist put in leafy shelter (9)

| 20 Rodent's mechanical mind taking in "the rheumatism of a rich patient" (6) <br> 21 Excited to drill the 18s (8) <br> 24 Annoyed cup got chip? (3) <br> 25 Queen perhaps holds Yogi to be weird (8) <br> 26 A tense negotiation for a "body charged with high duties and misdemeanours" (6) <br> 28 Took the scarf (5) <br> 30 Audibly restrained Norse god? (4) <br> 31 Go back inside mobile home to get curdled milk (6) <br> 33 Picture struggle to the west (4) <br> 34 Note unruly mob pursuing <br> Margaret, a writer (7) <br> 36 Thanks to Ned Kelly's beginnings, "so distinguished a criminal should have been ducked in a _ _ of rosewater" (4) <br> 37 Urchin to see about a horse $(3,3)$ <br> 37/26 Player of King Beryl to run NY? (Joke!) $(3,7)$ <br> 39 Instrument given to alien might be shrinking (6) | 10 I throw help back - liqueur (without a 'U') set before former Catholic church official $(9,7)$ <br> 16 Nervous announcing new mineral? (Not mine) (6) <br> 19 Apply heat to yard - "only a 3 will venture to drink it" (6) <br> 22 Cat getting injection: I tag it over "a machine which you go into a pig and come out a sausage" (10) <br> 23 Rating marker for "one who yields to the temptation of denying himself pleasure" (9) <br> 27 See 37 Across <br> 29 Wife wearing coat is "one skilled in circumvention" (6) <br> 32 Era of the commercial supplies "boned wisdom for weak teeth" (5) <br> 35 English navy, without a sort of lashing, gives "emulation adapted to the meanest capacity" (4) |
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