



ON THE TABLE

Henri Picciotto's first cryptic (1986)

Although I hope it is not too easy, this cryptic crossword is elementary. Clue answers are always longer than would appear from a count of the corresponding boxes. Periodic consultation of a certain reference may be helpful in squashing them into the diagram. Answers include four proper nouns. 8, 9, 21, and 27 are relatively uncommon.

ACROSS

1. Use crazy glue (a coat) to curdle
6. Bats lie in a heap of animals
10. Clients panic, lose heart in hospital
11. No twitching around smashed car: it dulls the senses
12. Rent rollback around state for innkeeper
13. In Zaire: noble city
15. Drive-in, most eerie...
16. Goddess lives twice
19. Atmosphere, to the French god
21. Quakes, shakes, misses
22. Almost dead, fashionable language
23. To make three-quarter length garment, put bow and ring in furry pet (*two words*)
25. Place makes sense to the ear
26. Oil can be blue
28. Heads of state, captains of navies, chief envoys: secretaries' protections
29. Yes, "Om!" is a backward way to go
30. Fever makes heathen chicken out
31. People in office sin shamefully
32. Lady of the house's hot excited letter

DOWN

2. Ruffle: you'll find it in marble
3. The whole world is writing prose about me?
4. Shoestring allowances result in tears
5. Intense, interrupted, disrupted marriage where love is not desirable (*two words*)
6. Make porter by putting a raindrop in beer
7. Record musical composition
8. It comes up: it rises with a tree
9. Spilled cola escaped true believers (in this drink, no alcohol!)
10. Important works (*sic*) in social group
14. Shells explode, LA unit sues
17. Cowards' point is point that is satisfactory
18. Used in schools lately!
20. Panda ate crab messily (*two words*)
24. Create sacrilegious icon
27. Provincial governors partially obey suggestions
29. Lodge reduction into small particle