

COOKIES - SOLUTION TO LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLE

The wordplay for certain Across clues yielded extra letters (indicated in <> below), which in clue order read A IS B AND B IS A. Fifteen Down answers were to be modified thusly before being entered in the grid, changing any A to a B and vice versa (clue explanations are for the unmodified words). One diagonal in the grid spells a particularly deranged-seeming type of cookie: NUTTER BUTTERS.

Clue Notes

(* indicates an anagram; " " indicates a homophone)

Across 1. K+HALO* 2. SC(R)UFFS 3. I.E. +SIN reversed

L<A>BORER IS* 5. M+ROTS rev. 6. MOBIL(-e)* 7.

dEmOt<l>oNs 8. suSANA<'S> Avoiding 9. OASTS 10.

prACT Ice 11. T(B)ILL 12. CATHY* 13. saUSAGE-Sellers 14.

<A>RTISTE* 15. O<N>TRIAL* 16. M+EMBER 17. SIMBA*

18. O+SI<D>ES 19. DIE+T 20. BATS rev.+S 21. I+YRON*

22. aDD To 23. B<l>(OA)RD 24. <S>EAMUSE 25. QUEE(-

r)+(-o)NLY 26. "islet" 27. ANN*+KEEN 28. <A>RENAS*

Down (in clue order) (-f)ABLE; AIT= "ate"; A+LB.+A; neARBY

Shopping; BA(D OME)N; BIDE(-n); BONE=EBON*; B(-l)URB;

BMOC reversed; FE(-t)ES; GOLFER*+T; GE+YSER; HER+A;

HER NIBS = SHRINE* containing B; ISNT*+ANT; SHTICK*;

LIMBS = "large ... something" initials; MOLD= double definition; goSLINgs reversed; OBTAINS = IN BOATS*; LUTE SOT*; SAD I RUE*; RI+AS; NETS reversed; TAB = double definition

I	¹ K	A	H	L	O	² S	C	R	U	F	F	S
³ N	I	S	E	I	⁴ B	R	O	I	L	E	R	S
⁵ S	T	O	R	M	⁶ L	I	M	B	O	⁷ E	O	N
T	⁸ S	A	N	A	A	⁹ O	A	S	T	S	G	I
¹⁰ A	C	T	I	S	B	A	A	¹¹ T	B	I	L	L
N	H	¹² Y	A	C	H	T	¹³ U	S	A	G	E	S
¹⁴ T	R	I	S	T	E	B	¹⁵ R	I	A	L	T	O
¹⁶ M	E	M	B	E	R	¹⁷ I	A	M	B	S	G	U
¹⁸ O	S	S	I	E	B	N	A	B	¹⁹ D	I	E	T
L	I	²⁰ S	T	A	B	S	²¹ I	R	O	N	Y	L
²² D	D	T	²³ B	O	A	R	D	²⁴ A	M	U	S	E
²⁵ Q	U	E	E	N	L	Y	²⁶ E	Y	E	L	E	T
²⁷ N	A	N	K	E	E	N	²⁸ A	S	N	E	R	S