



Across

- 1 Report that plays down what happened (14)
- 9 Saved and paid the ransom (8)
- 10 Magi's concocted a letter (5)
- 12 Slid the movable covers off (4)
- 13 Trust the gait to be pompous (5)
- 14 Pointer to a puzzle (4)
- 17 Surprised, childlike and trusting (4,4)
- 18 Decisive moment at time of danger (6)
- 20 Hazel and Margaret produce the spice (6)
- 22 He continues to exist somehow in spite of all perils (8)
- 25 Annoyed at plucking the rose (4)
- 26 Put nine in the dish for fairy (5)
- 27 In a word see the swelling (4)
- 30 Willow for basket making (5)
- 31 Can say goodbyes to the choral works (8)
- 32 Cents not minted for circulation —
There's dissatisfaction (14)

- 5 go from green to red (8)
- 6 You timed the routine somehow (6)
- 7 Aggregation of indefinite shape (4)
- 8 Causes minor irritation (7)
- 9 Slowly stretch your legs? (4,1,6)
- 10 Get angry and cheat the toy-spinning contest (4,4,3)
- 11 Submit both ways for a decision (5)
- 12 Herded a number of people (5)
- 13 Turnout viewers (8)
- 14 Ends interim arrangement (7)
- 15 Desecrate a bluish purple colour, perhaps (7)
- 16 Empty one that makes the most noise (3,3)
- 17 Staple food for the boy (4)
- 18 Over and done with (4)

Solution to puzzle 7518

Down

- 2 In great fear of a deed the doctor performed (7)
- 3 Animals back in a rush (4)
- 4 It naturally takes them some time to

