

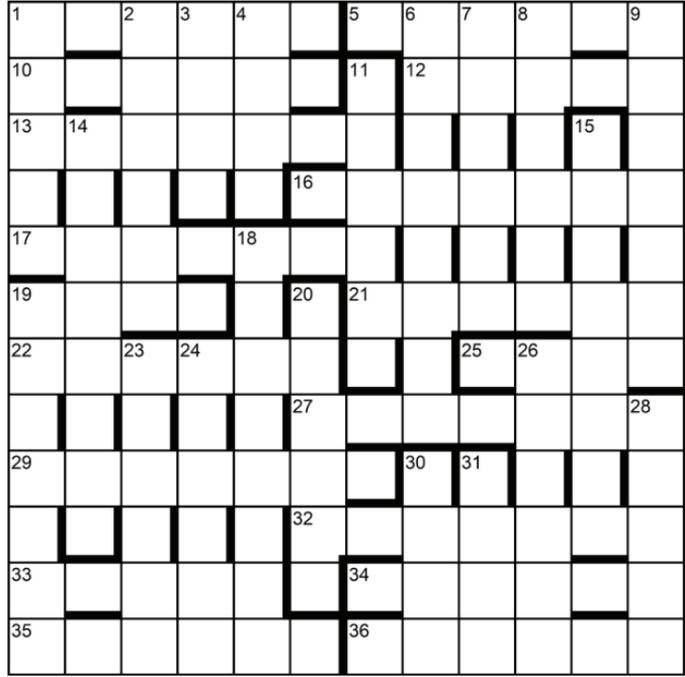
ENIGMATIC VARIATIONS

NO. 1519: SATISFACTION 2 by proXimal

The answers to 30 clues must be entered with a single-letter misprint, always occurring in a cell checked by a crossing entry; correct letters spell out a proverb about SATISFACTION. In every other clue, a string of consecutive letters must be removed from one word before solving; these removals hint at an alternative version of the proverb. Finally, one appropriate entry should be replaced with the final word of the alternative version. *Chambers Dictionary (2016)* is recommended; the grid contains all real words and phrases at each stage.

ACROSS

- 1** Freelance for good, wisely and without risk (6)
5 Open up bass before carp (6)
10 Having changed hands, fastening that tin for Nigerian (6)
12 Rarely pleasant males in discontented audience (5)
13 Distract mob with ridable buggy (7)
16 Belly for all to see, mostly fat like mound (7)
17 Person on fryers turned fish (7)
19 Old refuse close to station harmful (4)
21 Feet fixed beside high mountain to the west (6)
22 Dodgy Sue with fags fortunate to dodge customs (6)
25 Member of Spice Girls about to starve (4)
27 Boars, perhaps, American's bagged in exotic treks (7)
29 When whaling, scares group of friends (7)
32 Historically, manipulate price of case of ribeye, wonderful to hear (7)
33 Brown fur insole not terrible (5)
34 Dell covered in gleaming snares (6)
35 Notice colour like blood around fish about to spawn (6)
36 Will's to dry up space right beside margarine (6)
- DOWN**
- 1** Elgin's surfeits of marble carried by ship (5)
2 Tell lie, content of drink provides protein (6)
3 Really concerning to upset deity (4)
4 Muscles hold out with tonnes to lift (4)



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- 6** Seabirds both lag flying south (8)
7 Spectre back to scare politician on purpose (6)
8 Heron had habitat reduced in small island (6)
9 That charwoman's sound swimmer (7)
11 Marshy squalid neighbourhood, pity dismissing it (6)
14 Rum main cost for religious man (8)
15 Tilted vehicle on earth climbing valley (8)
18 Nosy people nabbing unprotected memo for chiefs (8)

- 19** Doctor presides, interrupting disciple (7)
20 Old Turkish bread by feeding equine (6)
23 Once dedicated old boy out of office (6)
24 No longer treacherous, earl accepted by corporation (6)
26 Ferociously attack keep in brief period (6)
28 Unique person against revelry regularly ignored (5)
30 Immediately rule after ousting leader (4)
31 Turnpike's unopened repositories (4)

EV No. 1517 Solution and Winner

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KCIT

Removed letters give CATCHFIRE and DENNIS HOPPER, indicating ALAN SMITHEE as the false pseudonym; segments of this pseudonym are replaced with KILO, COLT, ISLE, TONS representing KCIT.

Winner

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