

Listener Crossword No 93: Our Christmas Card by Doggerel

SOLUTION

1	B	O	2	L	3	D	L	4	Y	5	W	6	A	7	I	8	T	9	S
8	O	B	E	I	S	A	N	C	E	H	M								
	X	10	E	S	N	A	R	11	Y	O	12	R	E	I					
13	H	U	N	14	M	15	E	R	16	R	17	Y	A	M	S				
18	E	L	A	19	E	F	I	O	20	L	R	I	T						
	L	21	C	H	R	I	S	T	M	A	S	L							
22	L	23	A	V	I	S	H	I	24	R	I	N	E						
25	E	T	26	S	27	T	O	28	T	29	Y	O	U	S	T				
	B	O	30	E	31	V	E	R	32	Y	33	O	N	E	O				
34	O	L	35	G	O	A	I	U	36	P	E	37	K	E					
	R	L	38	N	I	V	A	L	39	U	O	R	F						
	E	40	G	O	D	B	L	E	S	S	U	S							

Readers found time to find one or two amusing alternatives, especially one for 23 Down, ASCRB [in place of ATOLL] on the ground that Christmas Island is full of crabs. For one explanation of 12 Down, RARA AVIS, competitors are referred to the well-known, but anonymous, poem with that title where the squire's bird had only one leg, the other having been cut off in the kitchen. For 20 Across TIRE was accepted as an alternative to TIRL.

Quotations:

1Ac Eliza Cook;

17 *LLL* Ind. II;

40, 43 Last words of *A Christmas Carol* by Dickens.