

February 2021 Curmudgeon

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MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 Undressed nymphomaniac tediously performed (5)	2 Checks a queen takes a break (7)	3 Tree initially haplessly enkindled, alas, producing pile of cinders (3-4)	4 Mostly evaluate donkeys (5)	5 Pursuit long ago of Chinese climbing plant (5)	6 Rook, perhaps, with new 5 28 coin (5)	7 DIY team working between dawn and dusk (7)
8 Doctor claimed there's a point in this system (7)	9 Oddly drowsy chief journalist's given some medication (which goes down OK?) (5)	10 Small and delicate line devised circling figure's top (5)	11 Florida, Oregon and Indiana originally stamped currency (7)	12 Hospital and dispensary finally conveniently close (5)	13 Frostier, more potentially hazardous but not dangerous at first (5)	14 With no trace of sugar, muesli comes to lowest part of small intestine (5)
15 Combined with this, a hole is kind golfers like (2,3)	16 Mali's troubled religion (5)	17 Give out paper hanky with temperature tumbling (5)	18 Rapid thrust forward in training ground for horses (5)	19 Foul pongs to smell, with sulphur on the go from start to finish (5)	20 Former PM is regularly indoors with leaders of the House (5)	21 Pungent aromatic plant, type of rocket (5)
22 Fresh, bracing air round region (5)	23 Bloomers see new 24 thrown in sea with 28s (7)	24 Enclose church bread (5)	25 Participate in sport on a flat, desert basin (5)	26 Puts forward small bunches of flowers, taking out first of irises (5)	27 Beat capital (5)	28  What made a dozen old coppers squeal about F1 champ (8)
29 Set down in order letters of magic formula (5)	30 Bobbin of twisted coils (5)	31 Prickly thing involving fashionable small-time gambler (7)	32 Topple leading group (5)	33 Ancient city poem: <i>The French Amphibian</i> (7)	Day 24 (5)  Drawing by Frank Paul	

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