



Across

- 1 Gets hospital soap, mostly to strip nurses (7)
- 5 Manages to reach settlement after reporter... (5,2)
- 9 ...handles statement by John Clayton III (2,6,3,4)
- 10 Credit card security feature covering cost of sending one (4,3,3)
- 11 Line in blood where firing takes place (4)
- 13 Start to watch a good comedian (3)
- 14 Perhaps rough, wrinkly paper to wrap whisky in (4,7)
- 15 Cooler 70s group has done new thing with old records? (11)
- 17 Sound made by entrance buzzer (3)
- 18 Cut into metal, glass and all that's hard (4)
- 19 "Mine's a large one", admits company investor (10)
- 22 Brand's demonised for abusing tolerance (5-10)
- 23 Brakes can restrict acceleration, making you stop (7)
- 24 Sinner's bent and mercenary's bent - there's no place for me (7)

- 4 Second wallop, sadly not avoiding raised hand? (8,7)
- 5 Nursery rhyme that man and boy finally do as double act? (3,6,6)
- 6 Vintage *Times* puzzle (4)
- 7 Tongue was damaged with hot food (not cold) (7)
- 8 Nervously greet a new child (9)
- 12 Lead removed from mud under pipe, one on home soil? (10)
- 13 In which boobs are mostly raised immediately skyward? (9)
- 16 Chanel's bottles available as containers, naturally (7)
- 17 One road heading north from tube with no separate car park? (5-2)
- 20 Nice stone in river (5)
- 21 Clue that is hampering start of Down answer (4)

Down

- 1 Useless detectives turned up to arrest them (5)
- 2 There's too much in society that's corrupt (7)
- 3 Poetry describing a grotty royal palace (10)