

SOLUTION

DIETARY INTAKE

The “what we ended up with” clues contain two clues nested within each other. When solved, these each give a pair of inner and outer words. These can be paired up differently (while retaining respective inner and outer positions) to produce the “what could have been” words

WHAT WE ENDED UP WITH

MATE & ARCH
FLOG & LOWES
BLINE & ODIN
SON & ASHE
SING & PINES
COME & CAT
UNCLE & LIBRA
SEER & LAMA
MESA & POSIT
PANTRIES & LIEN
TIME & CRIB
ARES & ROOK
CATION & PAULI
UNSHED & CHIMED
SPITE & TRAIN
RENT & LEST
JUNE & ONES
TARN & GRIT
INDIA & OWN
REAL & SIDE
REST & URNS
PROSE & IMPS
VERSE & HEARS
SELL & PRIMA
REND & BALI
JOLT & HOVEL
SANDER & LEAS
DOS & RUMP
BIDE & LOGAN
BRING & BERLIN
MELT & FIR
CHARON & TIMON
ANY & LIES

WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN

AN(TIMON)Y
AR(CHIMED)ES
B(ROOK)LINE
BR(OWN)ING
B(URNS)IDE
CA(LIBRA)TION
CHAR(LEST)ON
COM(POSIT)E
DO(PINES)S
FLO(ODIN)G
IND(ONES)IA
JOL(LIES)T
JU(LIEN)NE
MA(GRIT)TE
M(ARCH)ESA
MEL(LOWES)T
P(LEAS)ANTRIES
PROS(CRIB)E
RE(HEARS)AL
RE(PRIMA)ND
RE(SIDE)NT
RES(TRAIN)T
SA(LAMA)NDER
SE(ASHE)LL
S(HOVEL)ING
S(IMPS)ON
S(LOGAN)EER
SPIT(FIR)E
TAR(PAULI)N
TIM(BERLIN)E
UNC(RUMP)LE
UNS(CAT)HED
VER(BALI)SE

The “could have been” words can be placed into the grid provided using the “what we ended up with” pairings to provide an chained ordering (in effect, the inner words of each such pair occur in the row below its respective outer word).

SOLUTION (cont'd)

S P I T F I R E	THRONEEE
R E S T R A I N T	FOFOURUR
B U R N S I D E	TWTTHREEO
S L O G A N E E R	ONFOURE
S A L A M A N D E R	TWOONEO
P L E A S A N T R I E S	FOTHREEUR
J U L I E N N E	FOFOURUR
I N D O N E S I A	TWFOURO
B R O W N I N G	FOTWOUR
T I M B E R L I N E	TWTWOO
P R O S C R I B E	FOTWOUR
S I M P S O N	ONONEE
S E A S H E L L	TWTWOO
R E P R I M A N D	ONFIVEE
V E R B A L I S E	ONONEE
R E H E A R S A L	TWFOURO
R E S I D E N T	FOTWOUR
C H A R L E S T O N	TWFOURO
A N T I M O N Y	ONTWOE
J O L L I E S T	FOFOURUR
S H O V E L I N G	TWOONEO
D O P I N E S S	THONEREE
U N C R U M P L E	ONTWOE
C A L I B R A T I O N	SITHREEX
T A R P A U L I N	THFOURREE
M A G R I T T E	FOTHREEUR
M A R C H E S A	FOTHREEUR
C O M P O S I T E	ONTHREEE
U N S C A T H E D	FOONEUR
A R C H I M E D E S	ONTWOE
B R O O K L I N E	ONTWOE
F L O O D I N G	TWOONEO
M E L L O W E S T	TWOONEO

Three phrases can be extracted from this completed grid; the combined words spell a phrase down the central grid column, while the enumerations to the side of the grid indicate outer and inner indexes for the respective component words:

Combined: IT'S ONE NAIL POLISH REMOVER INGREDIENT
 Outer: IT IS A TENNIS SERVE THAT IS UNREACHABLE
 Inner: FINAL ANSWER IS A BRITISH PUBLIC SCHOOL

These phrases refer to the answer of AC(ETON)E with **ETON** the final answer as indicated.