CROSSWORD
No. 15,617 Set by JULIUS

ACROSS
1 Carlo, Charlie take over American carmaker (7)
5 Regularly solve, upload the clue for “produce an egg” (7)
9 Sledge Somerset's square short leg (5)
10 Naturally magnetic, Rock Hudson finally visited Leeds; too wild! (9)
11 Shaffer's main work decried as “a bit of fun” (9)
12 Central African resident to approve a 22/7, more or less (5)
13 Man Mountain accommodated in Queen's Hotel (5)
15 Greek petitioning Yankee to quit wrestling (9)
16 Francis Pym: a sterling host for the head of 6? (9)
17 Posted plenty of rightwing comment here . . . . (2,3,4)
18 . . . . and in Germany broadcast round about 8 (7)
20 Menzies briefly entertained head of Omani navy before lunch (7)
22 Gives way to those rumoured to be tipped for court success (5)
23 See 3
24 First daughter saved $1,000 for her mum (5)

3, 4, 5 . . . . as opposed to this, a time for sober reflection (2,3,4,5,2,3)
6 Opened a bottle, put out nuts, old Johnny's turned up! (9)
7 Welcome to be found in two consecutive light rings? (5)
8 Still elected government, at the end of the day (7)
14 See 3
16 Novel sonar invention embraced by rising, precocious female explorer (6,3)
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