

Solution to Acrostic #16 – June 2004

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When you consider how indifferent Americans are to the quality and cooking of the food they put into their insides, it cannot but strike you as peculiar that they should take such pride in the plumbing appliances they use for its excretion.

- A WH(IN)Y
- B SOUTH (*shout* anagram)
- C MACHINE(R)Y (*a chimney* anagram)
- D ULTRASUEDE (*deter usual* anagram)
- E DUTCH TREAT
- F GUILT-RIDDEN (*gilt-ridden* homophone)
- G HITHER AND YON (*Haydn in other* anagram)
- H ATHLETIC (double def)
- I M(ASTER)Y
- J ATHE+IN+AN (*hate* anagram, *in* reversal)
- K WICKED (double def)
- L REPETITION (*peer into it* anagram)
- M INIQUITY (hidden in *pain I quit yesterday*)
- N TOUCH FOOT+BALL
- O EXPERTISE (*sexier pet* anagram)
- P R(O)UÉ
- Q STITCH (double def)
- R NUD(G)E
- S OUTER SPACE (*opera's cute* anagram)
- T TOSS+POT
- U E(FF+U)SION (*noise* reversal)
- V BESPOKE (initial letters of *ball, Edgar sees Patty, offers kiss, elopes*)
- W OFF+END
- X OSTRICH (*chorist* anagram)
- Y KACHINA (hidden in *Bangkok, a China*)