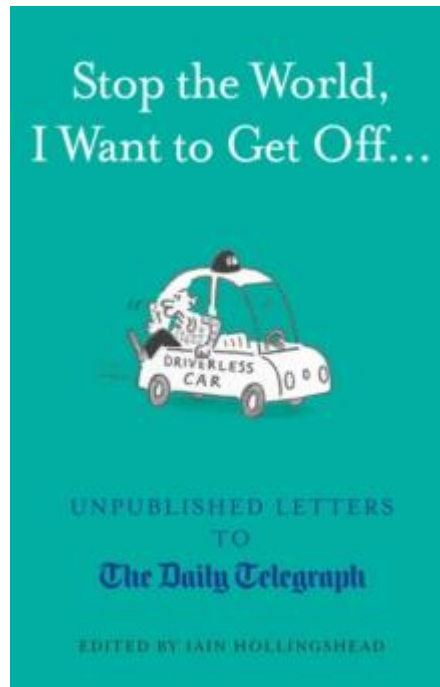


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TAKEN TO TASK

SIR – A friend of mine has received a letter from one of his employees proffering his resignation. His stated reason for leaving was that the job was “too task orientated”. Can your readers suggest what he means?

C.W.

Aughton, Lancashire

SIR – I was surprised when ringing the office from a payphone in 1985 to hear a colleague say: “I’m so busy I haven’t got time to swing a cat”. A few years later the firm’s young telephonist told me that she recognised a new male client because she had “a feeling of rendezvous”.

Gregory Moore

Bledlow, Buckinghamshire

SIR – People who mix their metaphors make my goat boil.

David Shaw

Codford St Mary, Wiltshire

SIR—An acquaintance of mine who worked for HMRC said that he had examined a tax return for a sex worker who described her occupation as a “contractor for the demolition of temporary erections”.

Vincent Shanahan

Watford, Hertfordshire