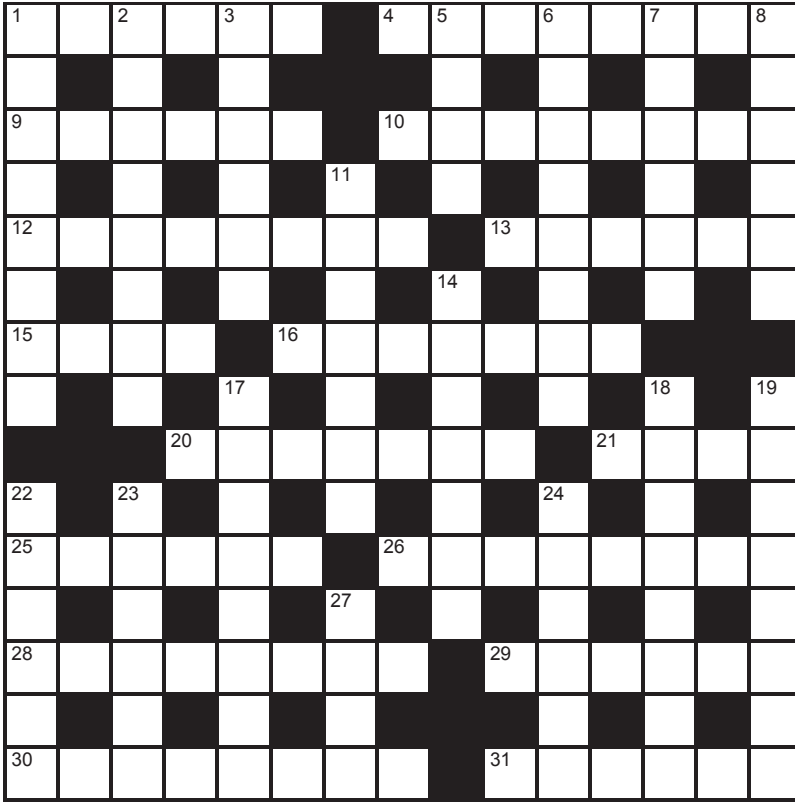


CROSSWORD

No 16,690 Set by WANDERER



ACROSS

- 1, 4** Possibly picks pioneers or innovators (14)
- 9** Bit of a walk? Exercise, that's plain (6)
- 10** Musclemán losing face, when sacked in 'Trump country' (5,3)
- 12** Put in the shade, if not in form (8)
- 13** To-do list involves data input in language computer understands (6)
- 15, 16** Group containing eg Alfred or Ethelred, together with kind of what they have in common (4,7)
- 20, 21** Shot bally treble 1, dropping a clanger? (7,4)
- 25** Start round very strongly after letter of support? (3,3)
- 26** See group struggling, having conscience in mind (8)
- 28** Source of electricity: current one that's most depended on? (8)
- 29** Wanderer's first with a clue about one deer (6)
- 30, 31** Bug state car, one with black and yellow stripes (8,6)

DOWN

- 1** Plant goes under glass periodically (8)
- 2** Noticeable but not obvious quality of public figure? (8)
- 3** Incendiary substance China used in war (6)
- 5, 14** Foul-smelling ham? A very inept chef perhaps (4,7)
- 6** Speedy movements of an old car (8)
- 7** Somewhat boundless energy for an ascetic (6)
- 8** Boat almost foundered negotiating a little current (6)
- 11, 27** Backing group cavorting topless in bed with a setter (1,6,4)
- 14** See 5
- 17** Sure I'd waver, describing very loud hairdryer attachment (8)
- 18** Pope wanting English police backup in criminal case (8)
- 19** Gas fitter's beginning in extension? (8)
- 22** Coat I'm sporting: sort of number where 9 is 19 (6)
- 23** Cut flowers? Two of them, the second after receiving a rejection (6)
- 24** Iron Man's 13, reportedly one that's unlike him (6)
- 27** See 11

JOTTER PAD

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