

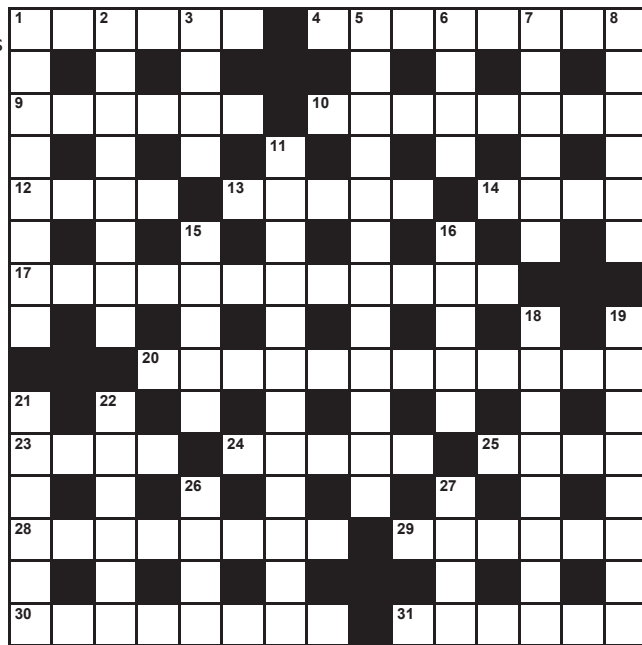
Crossword 16,888 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Hiss in interdiction for primate (6)
- 4 Naked energy released by wild streakers (8)
- 9 Author sick -- ----: is that the choice? (6)
- 10 Sweet message written about one group (8)
- 12 European first in racing (4)
- 13 By the sound of it, sharp cut (5)
- 14 River inspection (4)
- 17 Chocolate-box, quite alluring (6-6)
- 20 Carpeting not using fine threads? (8,4)
- 23 Bird man (4)
- 24 Nothing working for US president (5)
- 25 Leave out jump (4)
- 28 Approaching South American capital, the majority of the majority fly (8)
- 29 Tack that's slightly painful (6)
- 30 One in capital of Spain or Italy, lost! (8)
- 31 Outlandish solver in temple (3-3)

DOWN

- 1 Disaster to decorate cake as poisoner? (8)
- 2 Appear more reckless in daze (8)
- 3 European city in Liverpool soaked up (4)
- 5 Patently prolific chap astonished, failing to maintain order (6,6)
- 6 Grass in wild vegetation, topped (4)
- 7 The rest almost entirely rewritten for book (6)
- 8 Horribly wet, say? (6)
- 11 Changeling having ruffled his feathers, parent initially crushed (5-7)
- 15 Tough back on warship, for example (5)
- 16 Captured by artist, a gentleman's leg (5)
- 18 Male also protecting a bird (8)
- 19 A picture - or two? (8)
- 21 Proper American cooker (6)
- 22 Literary solver ending in phenomenal scrap (6)
- 26 Artwork in pieces (4)
- 27 Italian hothead lent an ear, though odd parts ignored (4)



Solution 16,887

Solution 16,876

