

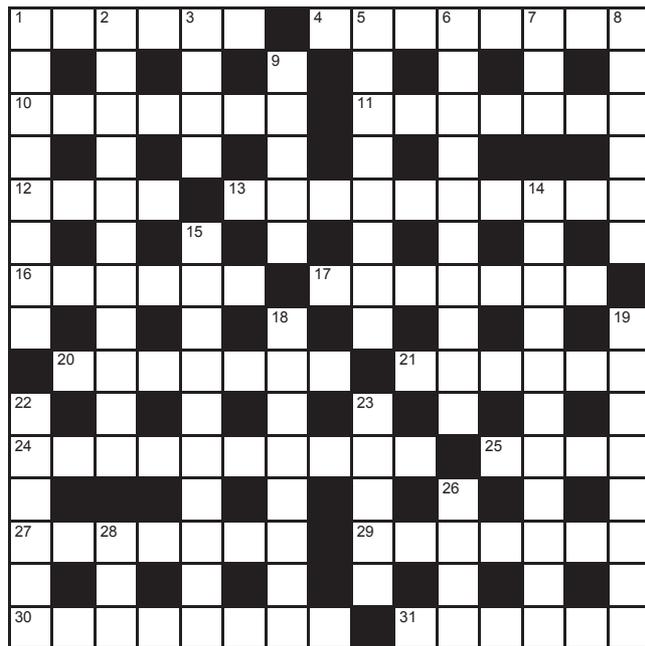
# Crossword 17,053 Set by Mudd

## ACROSS

- 1 Break fastener (6)
- 4 Roof bound to collect water in Yorkshire, ending in torrent (8)
- 10 Blade caught kangaroo, for example? (7)
- 11 Current Moor finally captivated by reworking of "Hamlet" (7)
- 12 Asian country evacuating centre of old capital (4)
- 13 China for example used to be scratched at the back on purpose, unfortunately (10)
- 16 Basic stationery item (6)
- 17 Best opening, great (3-4)
- 20 Something pierced through solid weapon (7)
- 21 Almost entirely mysterious land for naturalist (6)
- 24 Promise conventional type of acrostic (4,6)
- 25 Face team (4)
- 27 Just a boy lying back in vale (2,1,4)
- 29 Schedule rejected by rogue museum worker (7)
- 30 Fine head for philosophy (8)
- 31 Talk - as might a pig? (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Adverse reaction as composer jabbed by virologist from below (8)
- 2 Manufacturer behind bars? (11)
- 3 Capital lost in bank run (4)
- 5 Exactly 500 then, too bad (2,3,3)
- 6 One dropping off back of barge say, helped out (10)
- 7 Food processor in situ, mixing (3)
- 8 Sorry key stuck in nose (6)
- 9 Fish or shrew? (5)
- 14 Admiring call from philanderer, as crossing street (4-7)
- 15 Climbing equipment stolen, pack lost (10)
- 18 Failure besmirched name for young lady (8)
- 19 Vital model altering (8)
- 22 Flier containing gesture set up for America's poor (3-3)
- 23 Reliable chap, one on building site (5)
- 26 Country in rural areas quiet, first of all (4)
- 28 US fighter raised in Philadelphia (3)



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