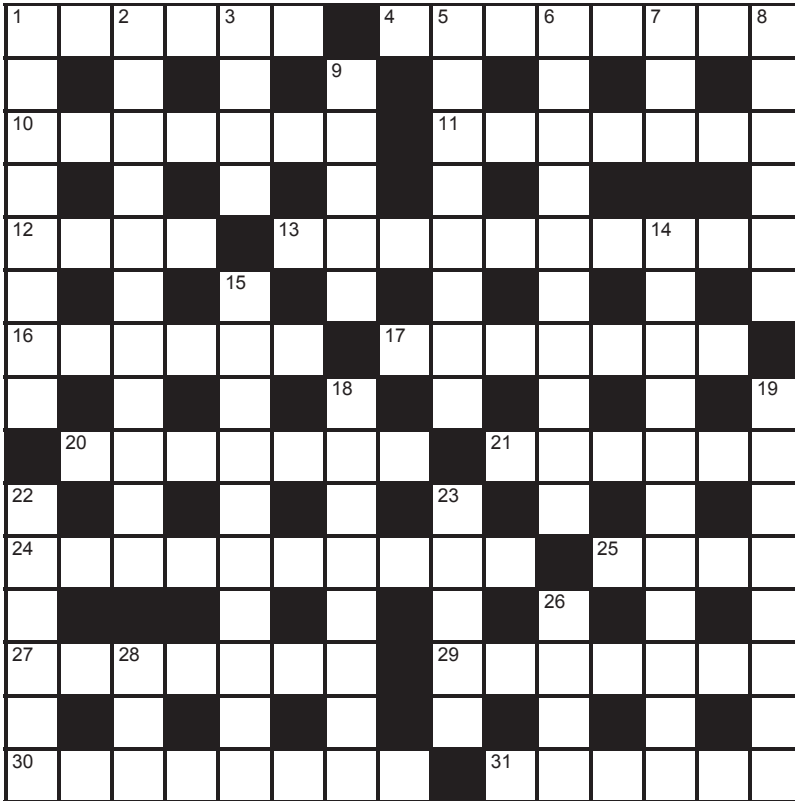


CROSSWORD

No 17,120 Set by VELIA



ACROSS

- 1 Yummy entrée containing eel skin (6)
- 4 Hustle and bustle starts in extravagant Dubai emirate (3,5)
- 10 Skill of teachers (7)
- 11 Everybody used different hints (7)
- 12 Careful backing half that's wrong (4)
- 13 Favourable belief I can reform (10)
- 16 One of five in the middle of Greece getting a horse? (6)
- 17 Like below, in separate parts (7)
- 20 One's out in this close draw (7)
- 21 Strange individual Dior design by the Financial Times (6)
- 24 Before the French returned telegram in pink and purple (10)
- 25 Seafood not right for man on board (4)
- 27 Lost ten Euro on the way (2,5)
- 29 Thanks boyfriend about love's first scene (7)
- 30 What hampers investigations into murder of inconsequential people (8)
- 31 Lively Faeroe Islands temporarily vacated (6)

DOWN

- 1 Airless apartment indeed (8)
- 2 Designer disrupted Cole Porter's finale, getting more hectic (2,9)
- 3 See 28
- 5 Relax and provoke? (2,2,4)
- 6 Extremely devious extramarital affairs (10)
- 7, 8, 19 Make things worse for a theologian to sin until corrected by group of twelve (3,6,2,6)
- 9 Clientele speaking of cowsheds (5)
- 14 Intercourse made easy by these ships (11)
- 15 See 28
- 18 Austrian in a whirl? (8)
- 19 See 7
- 22 Organ music samples essentially sounding thin (6)
- 23 Start to fiddle with one instrument or another . . . (5)
- 26 . . . and ring in gong for a third (4)
- 28, 3, 15 Double NHS wait, turn for treatment and make things worse (3,4,2,3,5)

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