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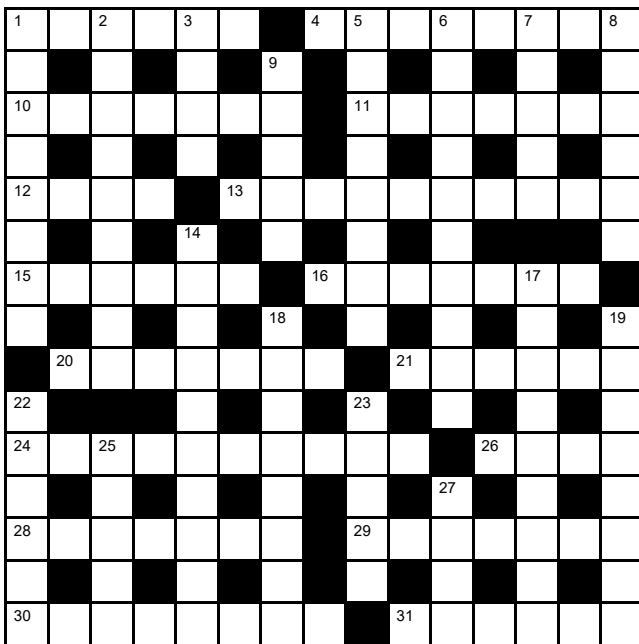
ACROSS

- 1/9** Chopper, having cut a hundred bits of wood, produces bright spark (6,5)
4 Small weight is placed on a hotel floor (8)
10 Petty model meets nemesis touring Italy (7)
11 Domed colonial dwelling? (3,4)
12 Ace musician's opening concert (4)
13 Perennial articles about space by extremely thorough American (10)
15 Idle type losing heart in endless French valley (6)
16 Cordon off abandoned site outside old city (7)
20 Direct approach of priest filling well in Rome (7)
21 Sychophantic son married cracking virgin (6)
24 Preparation of crushed roots initially placed in pan (10)
26 Well-worn uniform starts to show everyday damage (4)
28 Independent boss and retired clergyman freeze (3,4)
29 Left detailed religious portrait in covered walkway (7)
30 Barbarian ultimately overwhelmed by communists' large numbers (8)
31 Bribe Liberal with English fudge (6)

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- 1** Religious group acquiring a drum for launch (8)
2 Symbolize sex in strange poem that is captivating society (9)
3 Heroic earl woke around one (4)
5 Seafood gets Mum in mischevious mood (8)
6 Flailing boot in maul is in precarious position? (3,2,1,4)
7 Parts of speech Sir Ian penned about race (5)
8 Supremely healthy husband drinks tea, say (6)
9 See 1 Across
14 Two cardinals revel in drifting across lake? That's surprising! (4,1,5)
17 Refuse to defend hospital in middle of categoric defeat (9)
18 Acknowledged some plans were divulged (8)
19 Penniless agent has remarkably modern complaint (8)
22 Beastly turn about Sunak being short (6)
23 Slip drug in food (5)
25 Louche far oddly avoided Norway's waters (5)
27 Language from ancient city died out, essentially (4)



Solution 17,355

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