

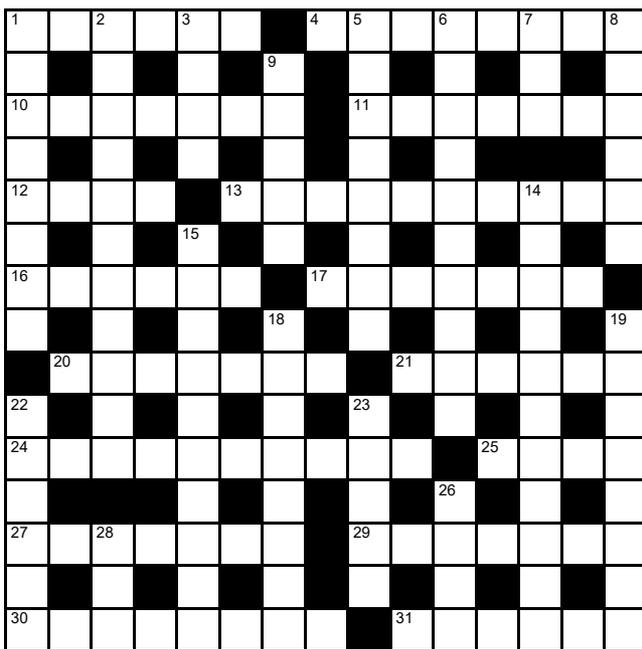
Crossword 17,518 Set by ROSA KLEBB

ACROSS

- 1** Time to probe messy, corrupt organisation (6)
4 Sparkling silver sedan (8)
10 Female love is the ultimate in calm courage (7)
11 England footballer, one with pride (7)
12 Possesses topsless frocks (4)
13 Ex-minister seething on the way out (2,8)
16 Wit, psychic powers and sex appeal ensnaring Romeo (6)
17 Heat Irkutsk regularly after toes lost (7)
20 Spread charitable donations over table? (7)
21 Human muscle memory returns (6)
24 Tactless, tubby monarch (10)
25 Plonk seconds of every dish on counter (4)
27 Paint I'm stirring in drums (7)
29 Great earl, born sexless (7)
30 Ancient savant full of character (5-3)
31 Rubbish finally swamped the British Isles (6)

DOWN

- 1** Ship wrecked on shore round cape (8)
2 Potent beer crushing last of maestro's talent (6,5)
3 European team close to defeat and departure (4)
5 Party leader in China heartlessly exploits stars (8)
6 Emergency food supply helping to keep up strength (4,6)
7 Articulate SE Asian couple (3)
8 Some theatre sisters do not comply (6)
9 The last word on Democratic reform (5)
14 "I out-earn men!" explodes Hillary, for one (11)
15 Journey of sanctimonious old girl, oddly repressed figure (10)
18 Sweetheart transfixed by first of kisses in the night (8)
19 Bread and Roses? (8)
22 Isolated hills rear over outskirts of Eccles (6)
23 Skinless sausages provoke fury (5)
26 Fund one's nursing home (4)
28 Low spirits after loss of diamonds (3)



Solution 17,518



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