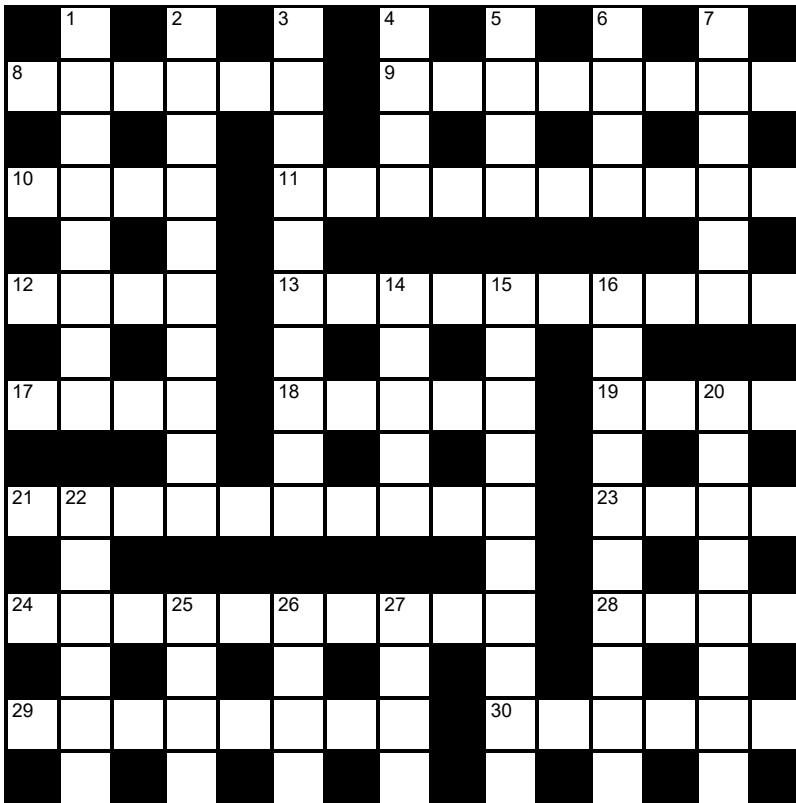


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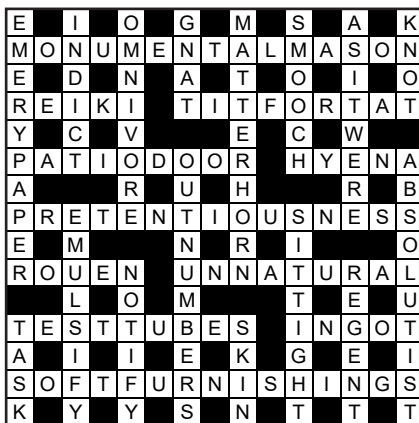
- 8 Papal ambassador, for example, entering behind schedule (6)
 9 Pie-eyed pirate provided that whistle-whetter? (8)
 10 Contest embargo which avoids shortage (4)
 11 Comfort is undemanding cryptic setter (4,6)
 12 Dry bed? I'd a week the other way (4)
 13 Dish which focuses concentration of student? (4,6)
 17 From this you get to choose gents with uniform (4)
 18 Comparatively respectable northern person finishing off cake? (5)
 19 What sets off different measure of current drizzle? (4)
 21 Those who wield influence push for a sudden uplift in load (5,5)
 23 Hives in tree beside river (4)
 24 Snacks? Pull the plug on mine second (6,4)
 28 Blue fiction is taken away (4)
 29 Readies wasted getting a grip of German squabble (8)
 30 Rum issue is on the cards (4-2)

DOWN

- 1 Do up shabby tavern, old within and close to ramshackle (8)
 2 Carry on trifling at the eleventh hour? (4-6)
 3 Resolves to discourage collieries (10)
 4 Hen is left behind (4)
 5 Where to browse farce? (4)
 6 Pioneer's rejected one wharf (4)
 7 Biblically assorted cormorants or similar (6)
 14 Suffer batting with rotter (5)
 15 Local outlet dominates dance (6,4)
 16 Relief from unconscious scrutiny (10)
 20 *Nouveau riche* with opportunity to support schmaltz (8)
 22 Showy flower that's gold and about out of sight (6)
 25 English in hearty rush (4)
 26 Pay attention and start to hear rescue vessel (4)
 27 Joy in single existence (4)

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