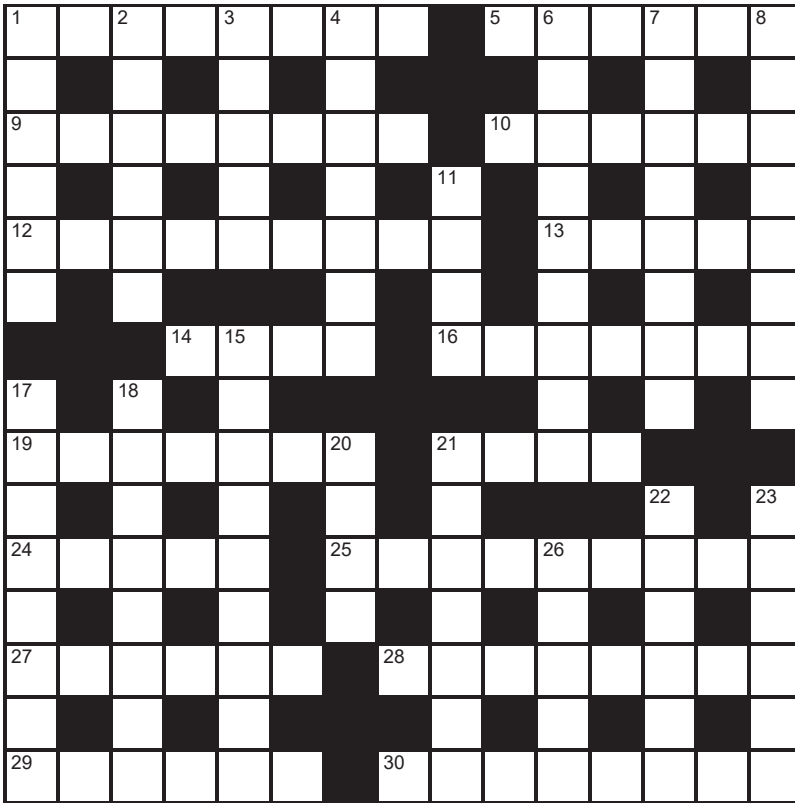


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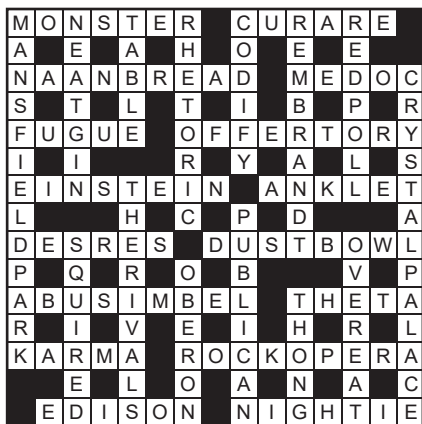
ACROSS

- 1 Animal quaffing fine bubbly (8)
- 5 One's clasped children briefly in front of church (6)
- 9 Fair friend crosses Polish river (8)
- 10 Standing in street, a long tooth filed down (6)
- 12 Alcoholic mixture is taken: be prepared! (9)
- 13 Love concealed by evil speaker (5)
- 14 Champion here again (4)
- 16 Tackle starter of coronation chicken — here? (7)
- 19 Metric measure in the race put right (7)
- 21 Kind, a little generous or thoughtful (4)
- 24 Money earned, a third gained (5)
- 25 Splash in sea, toward waves (4,5)
- 27 Rodin's initial, one etched into decorative curio (6)
- 28 Lean meat cat originally buried in other gardens (5,3)
- 29 Thingummyjig that's old and black swallowed by fish (6)
- 30 With fire, tyre and wheel ultimately exploding (8)

DOWN

- 1 Food cut by three-quarters, Christian pacifists starve (6)
- 2 Worn-out skin on largish toad, mottled (3,3)
- 3 Hack perhaps impressed by author, seemingly (5)
- 4 Egg and cream for carp (7)
- 6 Earth-breaking machine that may go up and down? (9)
- 7 Total dismissed, one side (8)
- 8 Group of losers is on vegetarian diet, by the sound of it? (3-5)
- 11 Drink part of bottle (4)
- 15 Shade of white, as one browning chicken? (9)
- 17 Peppered steak's surface we found covered in house wine (8)
- 18 Setting sun's first air, once hazy (8)
- 20 Ultimately where China is, point — this way (4)
- 21 Cider, as fermented for cocktail (7)
- 22 Confirm where bowler might be seen? (6)
- 23 Dirty colour primarily, red (6)
- 26 Blubber by the sound of it — that's what this has! (5)

Solution 17,655



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