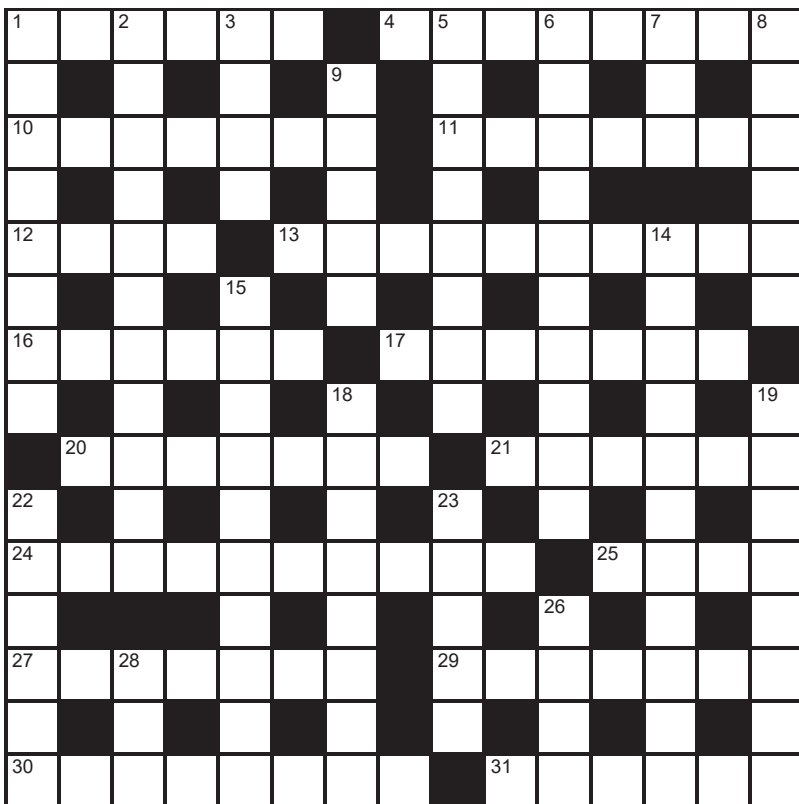


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ACROSS

- 1 Stoat essentially mesmerises quarry (6)
- 4 Unsolicited correspondence from Spooner's brother's lock-up? (4,4)
- 10 Giant barbarian besieges city bordering Italy (7)
- 11 Drug of choice for degenerate (2,2,3)
- 12 Report that chap would listen to (4)
- 13 Mendicant caught in dodgy S African quarter (10)
- 16 Life initially is good in French city (6)
- 17 One who's departing on Charlie's chopper (7)
- 20 Question popular vocalists on the radio (7)
- 21 Jellyfish from sea west of America (6)
- 24 Print media mostly filled with youthful wannabees (10)
- 25 Extract of lilac heals pain (4)
- 27 Catch nurse neglecting daughter's comfort (7)
- 29 Garden mole isn't regularly seen? Mischievous creature! (7)
- 30 Conservatives defending extremely hardline ideas (8)
- 31 Lament taking part of sinister German revolutionary (6)

DOWN

- 1 Paint porcelain food container (8)
- 2 A false name cunningly conceals cleric's latest wrongdoing (11)
- 3 Elegantly simple trap ensnares head of acquisitions (4)
- 5 Desperately posh fellow enters rally periodically (8)
- 6 Cats patrolling promenade devoid of large birds (10)
- 7 Current measure affected declining leader (3)
- 8 List shed light on an actuary's conclusion (6)
- 9 Seduce cleaning lady on Malta (5)
- 14 Dim, heartless sycophant broadcast a slur about copper (11)
- 15 Carefree island-dweller of old devoured by terrible sea turtle (5-5)
- 18 Study about breaking First Nation's trust (8)
- 19 American bully left lunatic morsel of food (8)
- 22 Raises highly topical issue (6)
- 23 Bishop ridicules vainglorious claims (5)
- 26 Setter repeated idea that's doing the rounds (4)
- 28 Times article sent up East 17 (3)

Solution 17,833

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