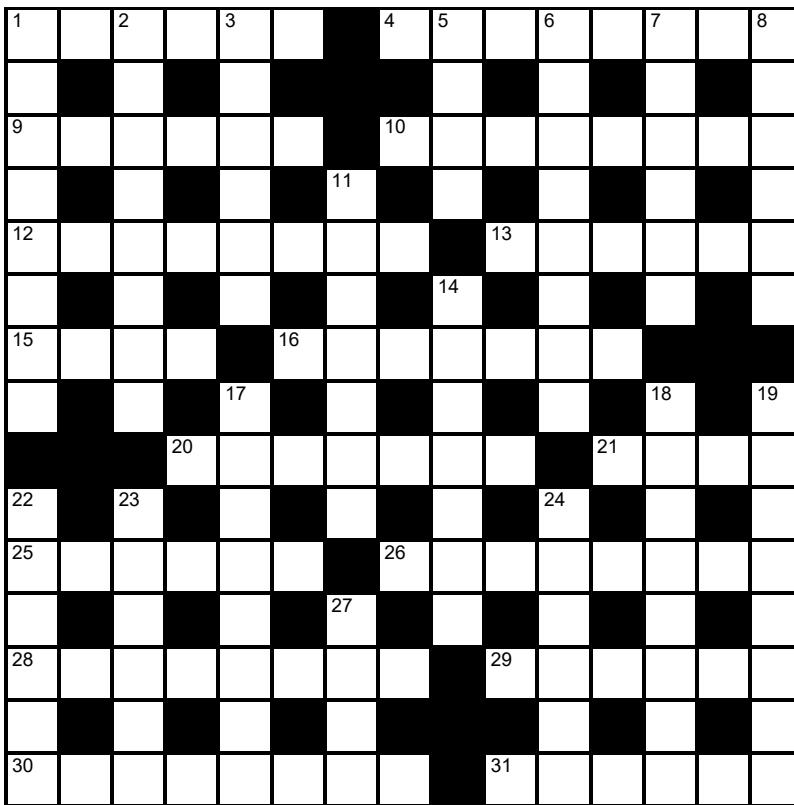
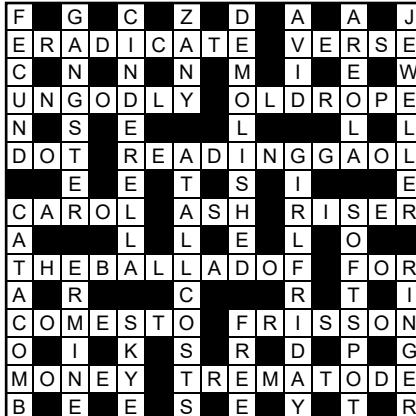


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ACROSS

- 1 Slight about railway enthusiast (6)
- 4 OK turning west, pulled along and grovelled (8)
- 9 Warning of poison, given aurally (6)
- 10 Rather embarrassed about having paid back (8)
- 12 Quick appraisal as soon as it is finished (4-4)
- 13 Songbird's piercing scream when its tail is twisted (6)
- 15 Proprietary cleaner is partly open — not right! Wrong! (4)
- 16 Primate and staff drinking most of the water (7)
- 20 Cry over case of whisky having a nicotine stain? (7)
- 21 Gent's gent! (4)
- 25 Complied with former pupil and watched (6)
- 26 Encroaching navvies I suspect (8)
- 28 Forms a line and hints heading north (6,2)
- 29 Square Italian meal adult tucked into (6)
- 30 Passing wind, single dad goes back indoors (8)
- 31 Rubble from overturned bed — something of a risk (6)

DOWN

- 1 On trial, a criminal who's not lost it (8)
- 2 Impudence from defender about cap (8)
- 3 Kidney bean providing half-day merriment, somewhat (6)
- 5 Call from middle of foyer by unknown (4)
- 6 Honest girl in time gets very nearly packed (8)
- 7 Humorist's success following current trends (4,2)
- 8 US car on motorway is a bumper car (6)
- 11 Non-payment on new flat due (7)
- 14 Bird gaining weight during beauty treatment (7)
- 17 Scheming women with Afghan musket cut in half beheaded mutineers (8)
- 18 Field-gun with zero damage (8)
- 19 Body parts, regularly skinned, play up (8)
- 22 Some Eskimo squeals where imams call to prayer (6)
- 23 Some enclave neglected up on lake (6)
- 24 Brazilian dance from cricket team in Test reversal (6)
- 27 One of five and four of fifteen in France (4)

JOTTER PAD