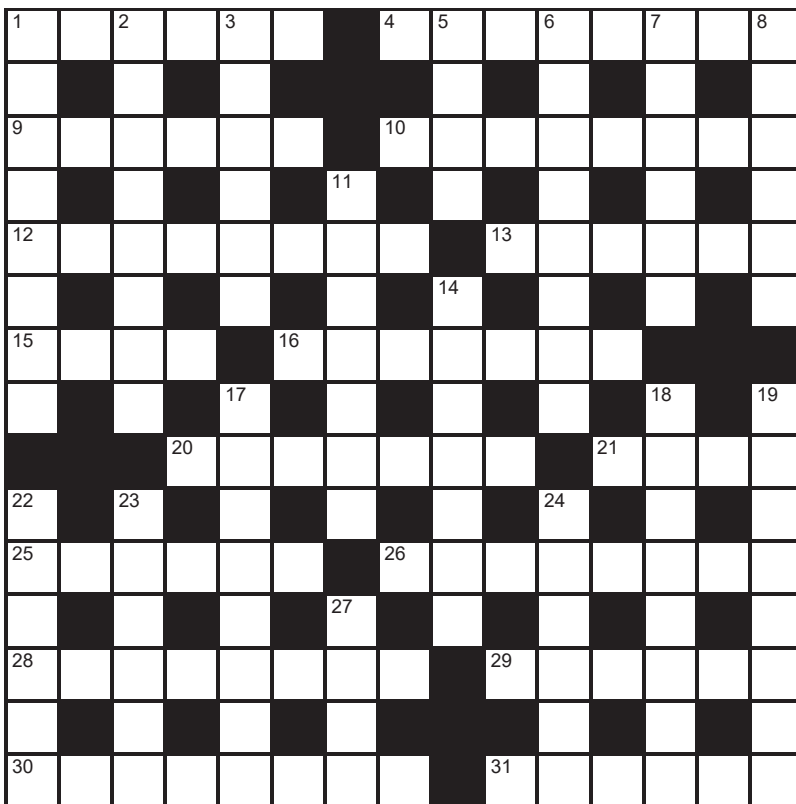


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ACROSS

- 1 Kind of wood panelling originally inside directly opposite (6)
- 4 A bit of support with money mostly to get gin (3,5)
- 9 Vows to accept damage over time on board (6)
- 10 A short time after, the king meets international gangster? Deplorable (8)
- 12 An architectural feature most unlikely to be found in bridge support (8)
- 13 Is Enid somehow positioned to obtain exclusive information? (6)
- 15 Tennis star ultimately departing with nothing (4)
- 16 Mean to get money once soldier returns to the front (7)
- 20 General pardon from Trump at the outset welcomed by worried yes-man (7)
- 21 Nothing in fool's flattery (4)
- 25 Criticise volunteers upset by change of course (6)
- 26 Scene showing plaintiff at first overwhelmed by dull discourse at court (8)
- 28 Fear missing runs with batter exhausted (4,4)
- 29 Doctor on island of a once powerful Italian family (6)
- 30 Bull's balls (8)
- 31 Somewhat racy beleaguered Phrygian goddess (6)

DOWN

- 1 Delay appointment only after pressure (8)
- 2 Make impossible claims primarily during introduction (8)
- 3 Still finding theatre staff accommodating (2,4)
- 5 Unusual attention on the rise stifling resistance (4)
- 6 The only one to assume provocative artist is Native American (8)
- 7 Highly unpleasant when leaked by police (6)
- 8 Dog perhaps taking in completely straw-filled bed (6)
- 11 Insincere FBI agent obtaining predominating influence after Hoover finally leaves (7)
- 14 Turn violently when caught about to join revolutionary uprising (7)
- 17 Stadium announcer's aid Bale smashed following a friendly! (8)
- 18 Some die tragically after hospital trotters in Bolton (4,4)
- 19 Lasting ill-will enveloping fellow Irish chap with fierce temper (8)
- 22 Indication of agreement raised in support of Chinese delegate (4,2)
- 23 Stock car eventually owned by Mark (6)
- 24 That's extremely risky near large patch of willows (6)
- 27 Permit to go through (4)

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