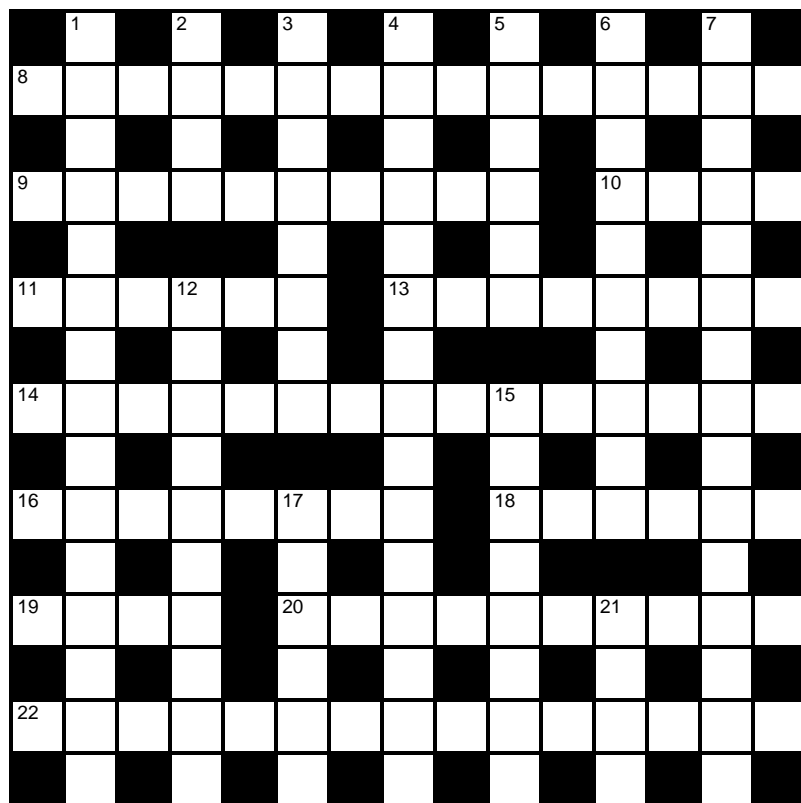


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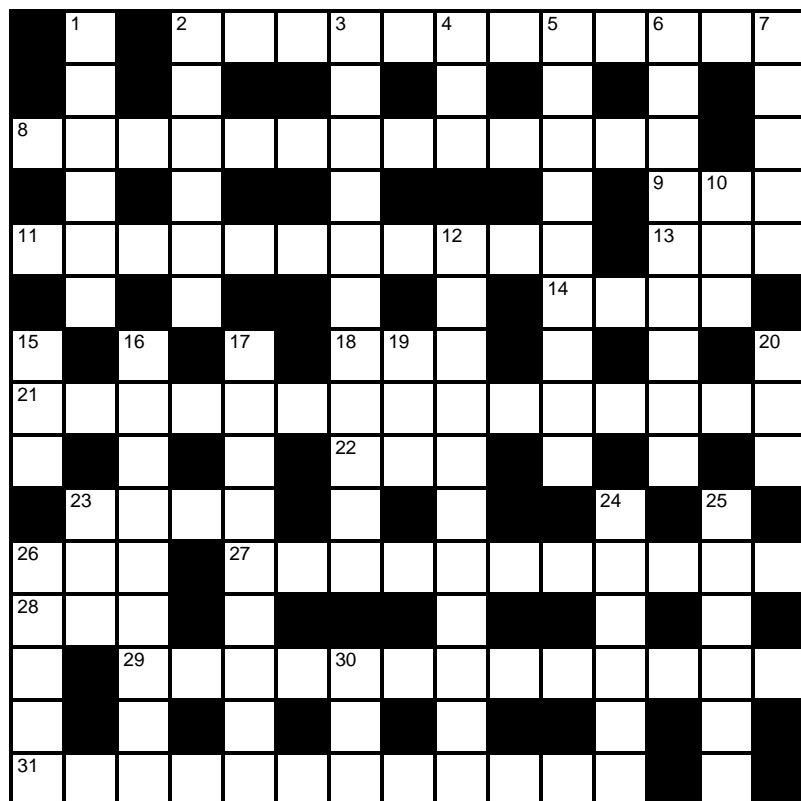
Across

- 8** Part of a minute baby bonnet disguising old age (6,9)
9 Could one make a split in this ship? (6,4)
10 Father's time is long gone (4)
11 Take to court over rubbish figure (6)
13 I'd love to hear about Tinseltown worship (8)
14 The Drag Olympics involved study of fingerprints (15)
16 Recreate dances with tango for raw beginner among others (2,6)
18 Engineer is able to descend (6)
19 16 aspects of metallurgy (2,2)
20 Occupation: I croon (10)
22 Team leader managed additional National Trust loch's clarity (15)

Down

- 1** Shop's massage treatments drop price finally (10,5)
2 End up in one and you're out (4)
3 Touching a tuxedo and a penny (8)
4 Photography museum at the funfair? (8,7)
5 Drunk bachelor not drinking in bathroom (6)
6 Injures with stylish ties (10)
7 Artist's erection is tumescent at last (15)
12 Put out about admitting German capital's tree limit (10)
15 Try ultimately gaining desire (8)
17 Get out of Kent's reversible cloak (6)
21 Dynasty theme tune (4)

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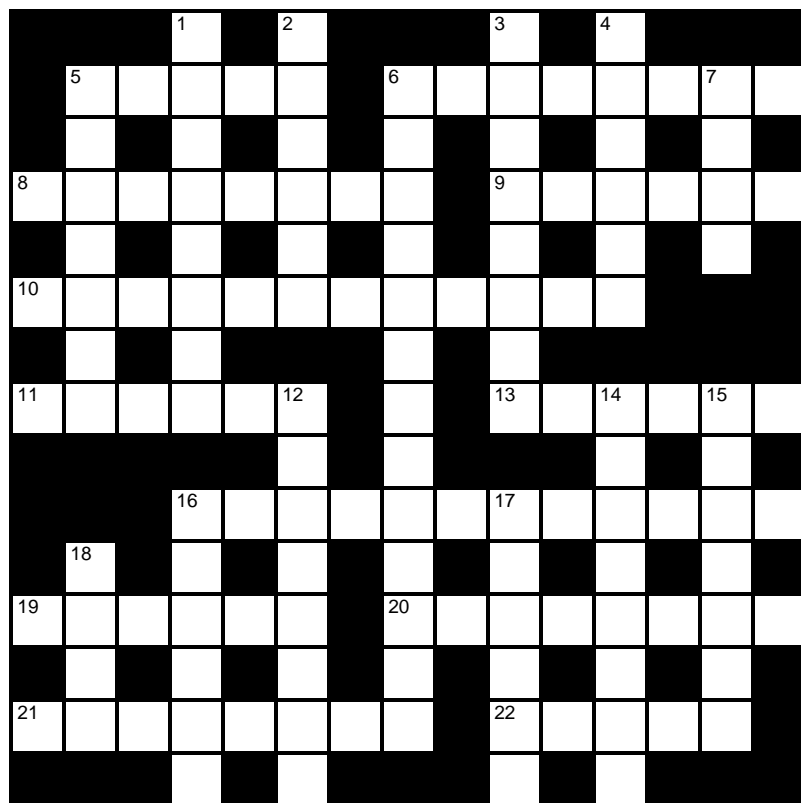
Across

- 2 Pork cut garnished with artichoke for frequent flyer (12)
- 8 Do they sell what's made in a revolutionary manner? (13)
- 9 Draw cord (3)
- 11 Time went slowly at first for me then day changed (11)
- 13 Do a scan (3)
- 14 Inscribed all but the first letter by heart (4)
- 18 Last character's half-amazed (3)
- 21 Rampant stardom's so awful! Et tu, Brute? (6,4,5)
- 22 Annoy one king and another king (3)
- 23 And so Shrek returns (4)
- 26 Slide is reverse engineered with potassium core (3)
- 27 Cancer job advertisement (11)
- 28 You and I think head's swimming (3)
- 29 Gremlins ultimately hit Russian moneyspinners (13)
- 31 What came before artificially reprocessed salt crust? (12)

Down

- 1 Stick to the Latin present (6)
- 2 Meagre ensemble contains cabbage (6)
- 3 Blast student taken in by drunkenness deception (11)
- 4 Weight is not going down (3)
- 5 Balls pulled in debt (9)
- 6 Will writers make Hardy's girl take to Algerian terrorists or rebel leaders? (9)
- 7 Some drive towards centre (5)
- 10 Policeman's midriff's cool (3)
- 12 Mires with fish and more fish (11)
- 15 Turned away (3)
- 16 Suck the life out of poor Mr Let-It-Be (9)
- 17 Arouse strangely accommodating officer's instrument for the listener (9)
- 19 17 looks into it (3)
- 20 When soft it can be deadly (3)
- 23 Magnify mouse cry audibly (3)
- 24 Shares posts (6)
- 25 Coat rambutan or a kiwi slice (6)
- 26 Initially sharp cry is clear (5)
- 30 Worker's unending complaint (3)

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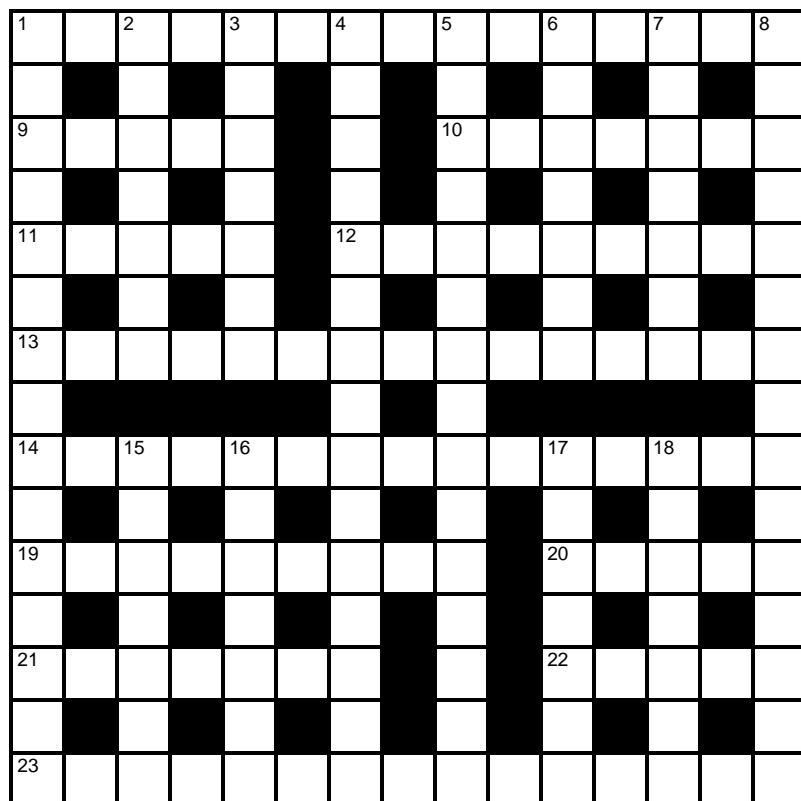
Across

- 5 Go beyond sounding kingsize (5)
- 6 Dignified but oddly mean aristocrat stands before many (8)
- 8 Cite wrong in criminally cute mixture (8)
- 9 Men ought to have plenty (6)
- 10 Hardy country welcomes men cutting points for licences (12)
- 11 Uncover old carriage (6)
- 13 Side regularly feels anything but odd (6)
- 16 We've all got one lone desk damaged in school (12)
- 19 Detects agents from beyond the Iron Curtain (6)
- 20 The French court in Morecambe's charged (8)
- 21 Someone in Brussels is dreadfully treacherous after she stupidly leaves (8)
- 22 Mourn decapitated heron (5)

Down

- 1 Image of Christ's church house held by Common Market doctor (4,4)
- 2 Upper classes exposed in firelit escapades (6)
- 3 Expecting some difference in terminology (8)
- 4 You can virtually read them from cover to cover (1-5)
- 5 March event horse with no tail attracting beast of burden (7)
- 6 Inclusion commas sent pen crazy (13)
- 7 Ingredient of nut-free processed nuggets? (4)
- 12 Clients target addicts (3,5)
- 14 They dismiss French I grasped in another sector (8)
- 15 Bighead, for example, is in over the top surroundings (7)
- 16 Foxtrot idea held back content manager (6)
- 17 Rock broadcast: "A Hole in my Shoe?" (6)
- 18 He spotted Cockney killer (4)

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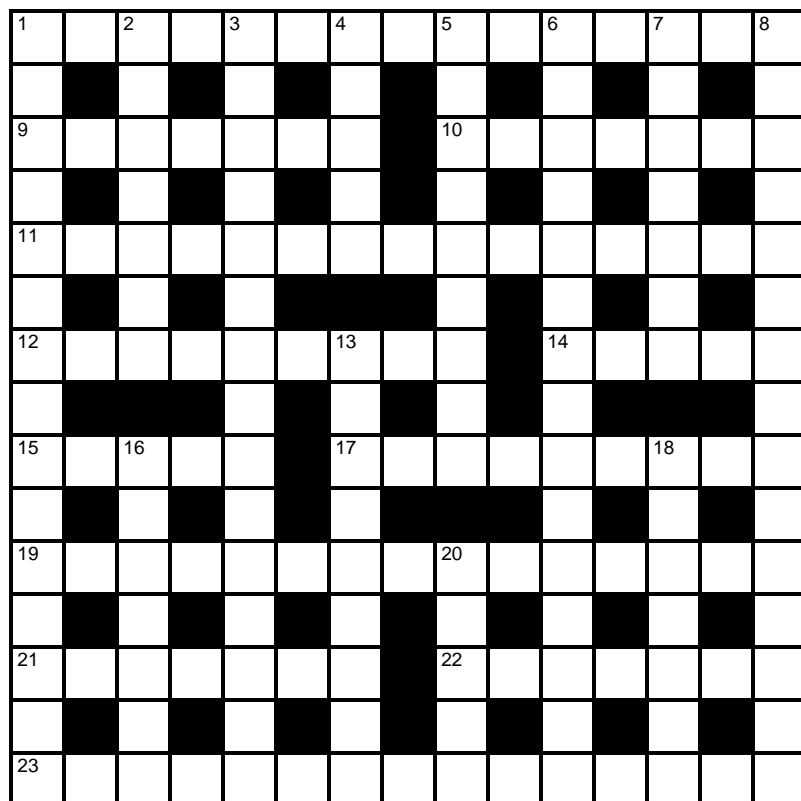
Across

- 1 Hearts transplanted by madman in middle age: life or death? (5-10)
- 9 Beast arrived at foot of hill (5)
- 10 Doctorate not to supply style (3,4)
- 11 Shed is essential to machismo ultimately (5)
- 12 Stop canoeists capsizing (9)
- 13 Being somewhat unused to bottom handling (15)
- 14 Strange memories: the rain water's warmer (9,6)
- 19 Pain relief for an African nation taking coltsfoot instead of ginger root (9)
- 20 It's brought back bloody worn out (5)
- 21 Plant nothing next to mock orange (7)
- 22 Grab the head off something trivial (5)
- 23 IT professionals say my talents possibly held in Hitler's henchmen (7,8)

Down

- 1 They ban Mexican custom or pastiche (15)
- 2 Soldiers must get back into shape (7)
- 3 Case for alcohol's terrific attributes (7)
- 4 On a trip? Charge Swedish embassies (4,11)
- 5 Party leader and worker infiltrating rendition operation (15)
- 6 Are you in France prior to a railway opening? (7)
- 7 Quote: "It takes me back!" is English (7)
- 8 Send back after quality wares came without cheer (4-11)
- 15 They won't like the new Ramones line-up! (7)
- 16 Perform a second appraisal concerning TV executive (7)
- 17 Bennett hero able to make regular sacrifices for transport (7)
- 18 Rates pitch if fabulous on the outside (7)

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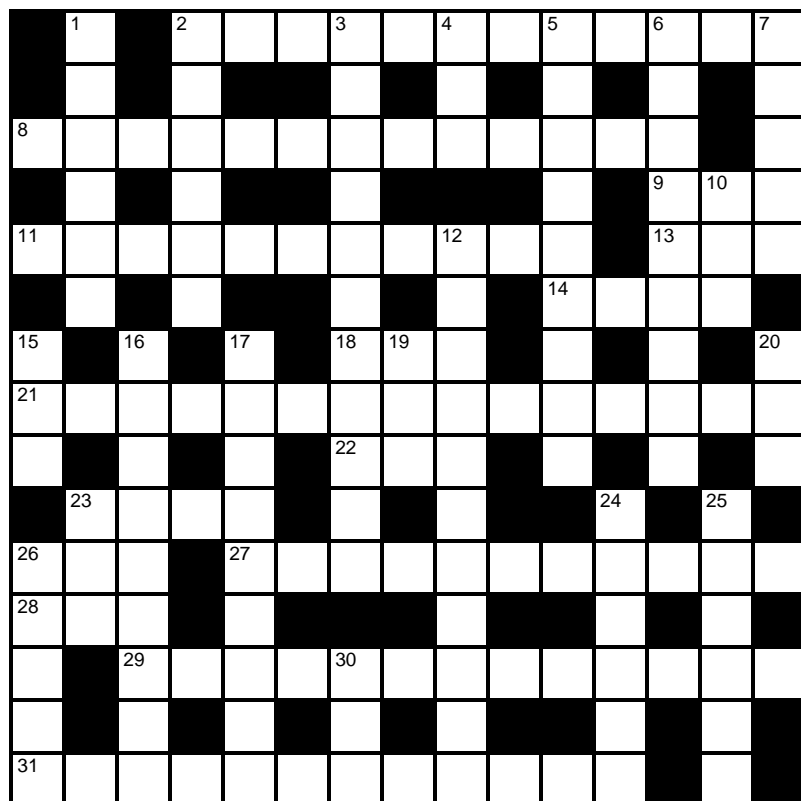
Across

- 1 Man troubles gripping the French - they're possessed! (8,7)
- 9 Remains lie around you (7)
- 10 Explain about loud scold (4,3)
- 11 Bread and cheese for Irish lake crews going to Luxembourg steeped in booze (10,5)
- 12 Aspire to bump her off? (9)
- 14 Girl's mean at first (5)
- 15 Agency member (5)
- 17 He attacks when voyage by sea finds member of colony (9)
- 19 Listener's fragrance, I lamented, is somehow rendered sickly (15)
- 21 Go wrong and miss final missions (7)
- 22 Similar to following masculine article with macho qualities (7)
- 23 Perfect virus attacked US noses being more than enough (15)

Down

- 1 Clear expression out of time upsets percussion arrangement (15)
- 2 School master goes head over heels for fish dish (7)
- 3 Bygone era guesthouse visited by the Queen's grandma, maybe (3-3,9)
- 4 One joist is positioned at right angles (5)
- 5 Public schoolboys embrace southern Europeans (9)
- 6 Decline grips king and his leaderless country's disputed territory (8,7)
- 7 Pathologist performing heart transplant for Ol' Blue Eyes? (7)
- 8 Speaks first of the absurd and steers humanity (15)
- 13 Partly expert ravers also crossing (9)
- 16 Use this to catch spirits? (3,4)
- 18 Gold mace is an omen (7)
- 20 When in Rome, speed! (5)

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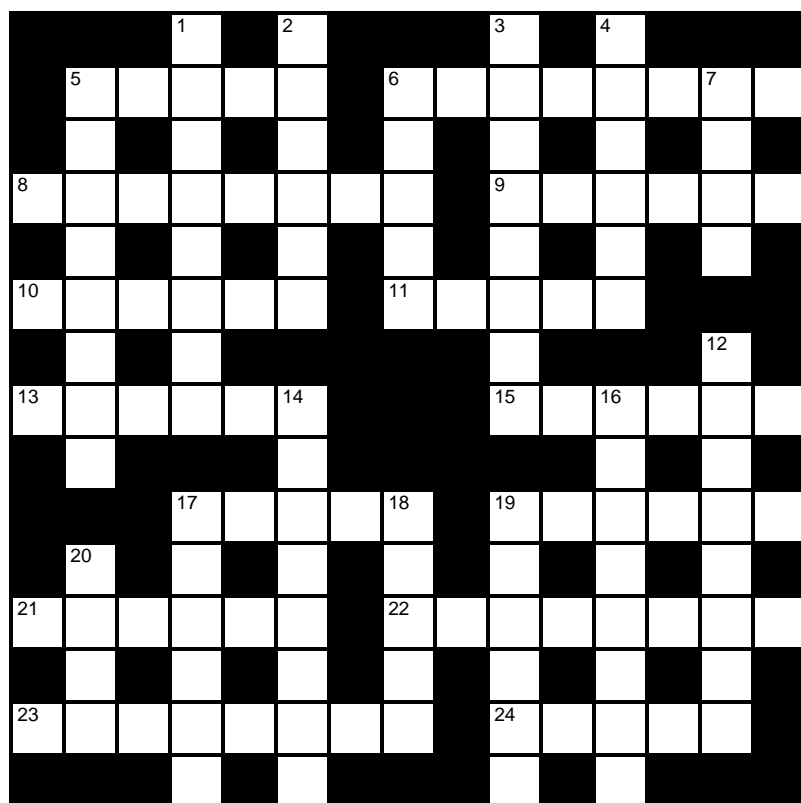
Down

Across

- 2 Settled response, we hear, for one involved in quadrille? (6,6)
- 8 Tense from now on in? No problem! (6,7)
- 9 It's shoddy whichever way you look at it (3)
- 11 Old reptile's structured chastity hour? No time for it! (11)
- 13 Utter admiration for rock (3)
- 14 American jerk (4)
- 18 Avoid work, failing to keep quiet, and rub the wrong way (3)
- 21 Bond manager also taken in by remarks following first signs of The Economist's newspaper injunctions (3,12)
- 22 Formerly Indian state bringing the end forward (3)
- 23 About to follow the man to this place (4)
- 26 Butter left stain (3)
- 27 Competition is quietly disposing of outside worker (8,3)
- 28 Bird's thigh with the skin removed (3)
- 29 Reluctance to go along with shape designed poorly (13)
- 31 Town's first in county since changing electorate (12)

- 1 Cookie crumble crisis? (6)
- 2 Tricks vacuous urchin surrounded by back-to-back streets (6)
- 3 Rough ape eating beef after a prawn starter (11)
- 4 Shelled ferry slip (3)
- 5 Balloons, article and text message covering new German railway (9)
- 6 Croats making regular sacrifices and firming up understanding (9)
- 7 Direction sounding defeat for the Americans: reason on either side of the pond (5)
- 10 Refuge for beastly couples? (3)
- 12 Recognise science behind alternating current (11)
- 15 Keep washing hands of a dump (3)
- 16 What undertakers do about one punter (5,4)
- 17 Spooner's painful struggle for vision (9)
- 19 Scrap charity for students (3)
- 20 Lassie leaving story behind (3)
- 23 Hock bottled in Champagne? (3)
- 24 Office for a military leader on Cyprus (6)
- 25 Somebody for each child (6)
- 26 Doctor! Doctor! I'm cited without it (5)
- 30 Little fish took off without starting (3)

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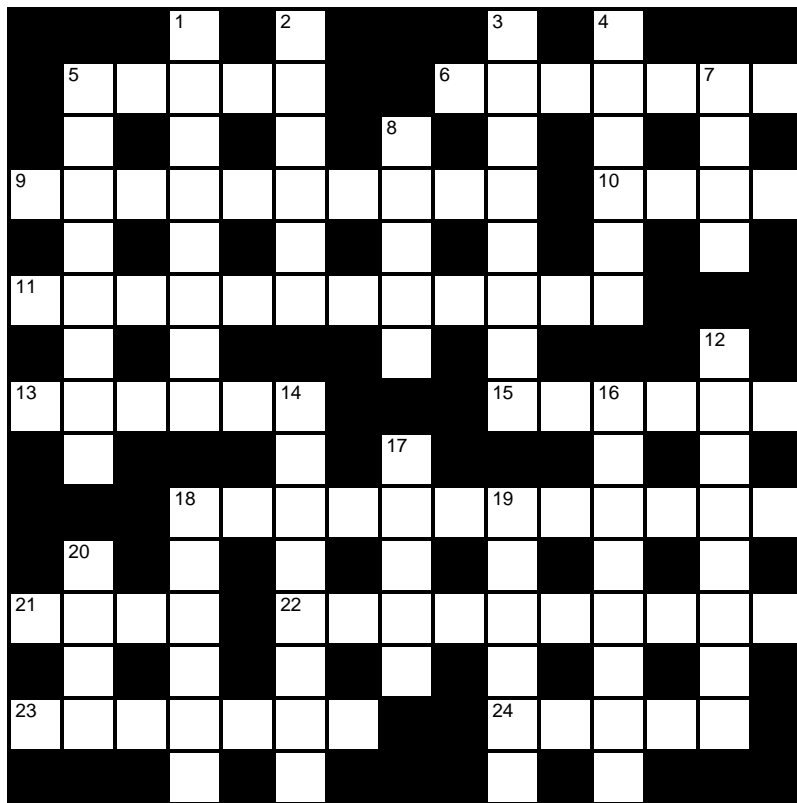
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- 5 Will campaign tour approach encourage work or strike? (5)
- 6 That's tough, being captured by dangerous extremists, but they won't give up (8)
- 8 Anything old's welcomed by the German girl (8)
- 9 Lower back carries a bedsore in part (6)
- 10 Goes off to exchange one for duck bait (6)
- 11 Queen's sex slave to go on and on! (5)
- 13 Support abolition of poor grades? (6)
- 15 Party acts for ones with bills long since passed (6)
- 17 Doctor you identify with priest (5)
- 19 Make Channel Islands and the French subservient (6)
- 21 Young lady and vacuous musos gripped by revolutionary heavy metal (6)
- 22 Witness statement (8)
- 23 Modestly put together from 100 French lolly wrappers (8)
- 24 Contests expected to get extremely ludicrous (5)

Down

- 1 Agonised over spot (8)
- 2 Ends the sad torture (6)
- 3 It floats but if it can't be dumped, it might have to be carried (4,4)
- 4 Originally disastrous collapse of Babel experiment (6)
- 5 Disorder is tuberculosis confused with another disease lacking symptoms initially (8)
- 6 Dreadfully misrepresented but not wholly challenged (5)
- 7 Lovely diner is serving hot starters (4)
- 12 Signaled new arrangements (8)
- 14 Jackets they originally embroidered in pairs (8)
- 16 Alternative creed bringing in order at the end of the year (8)
- 17 Use it to clean up rusted sculpture? (6)
- 18 Tot breaking into display case to get pop (8)
- 19 Agree the murder of The Lord? Not I! (6)
- 20 Dinosaurs originally lived off fruit (4)

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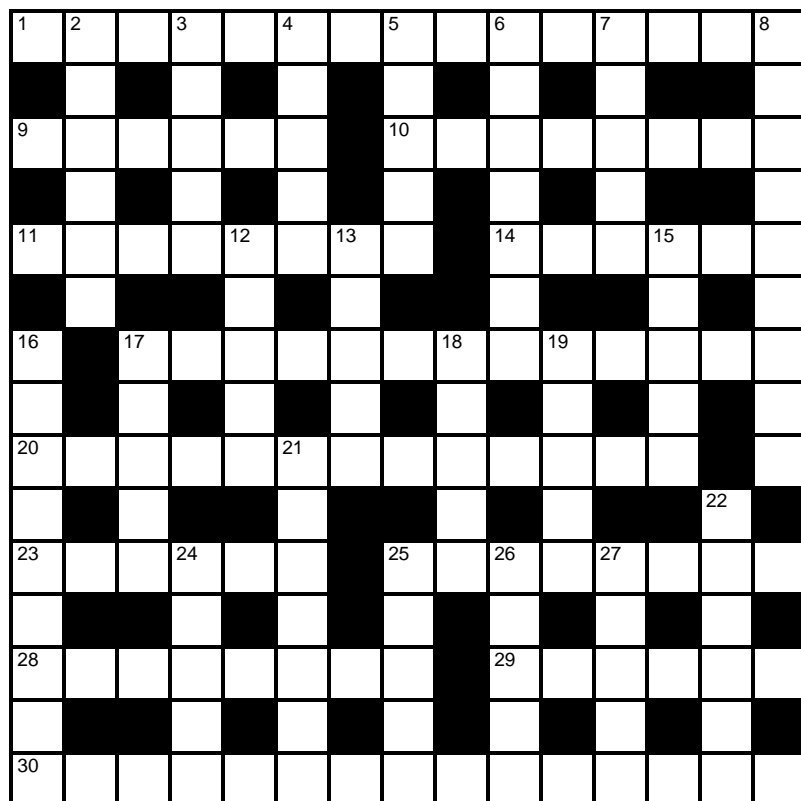
Across

- 5** Delay transport allowing time for cold start (5)
6 Finding it hard to speak about awkward rota in your old surroundings (7)
9 Clairvoyant's ethical pet treatment (10)
10 Powder found in distal creases? (4)
11 Poet knocked back by race problem... but this should clean things up (6,6)
13 Little thanks for loaned gift (6)
15 Makes critical noises about alternative educators (6)
18 Brown in the groin area, but missed a bit in the middle and off to the side (12)
21 Pipe container touches sweetheart (4)
22 They're like mandarins ridiculously serenading around Tunisian premier after democrat's given the boot (10)
23 Make a way watertight for vessel (7)
24 Mollifies Viking god's broadcast (5)

Down

- 1** Indecent to come after the original French street fanatic (4-4)
2 Some martyr antagonised Stalin, say (6)
3 Tennessee's first hillbillies bound with alien strapping (8)
4 Sound is also let out (6)
5 Bring back stuffing for duck that's dry (8)
7 Tip forerunners to tackle it like troopers (4)
8 The ending is changed for one in roughly three of them (5)
12 Goods carriers say nasty things online - yes, nasty! (8)
14 Colour can make truce problematic (8)
16 Former leading ladies sat up to inhale nerve gas (8)
17 Goes off, we hear, to find birds (5)
18 Weakest version lacking energy improves slightly (6)
19 Article on broadsheet's takings (6)
20 Swimmer's a madman to go north (4)

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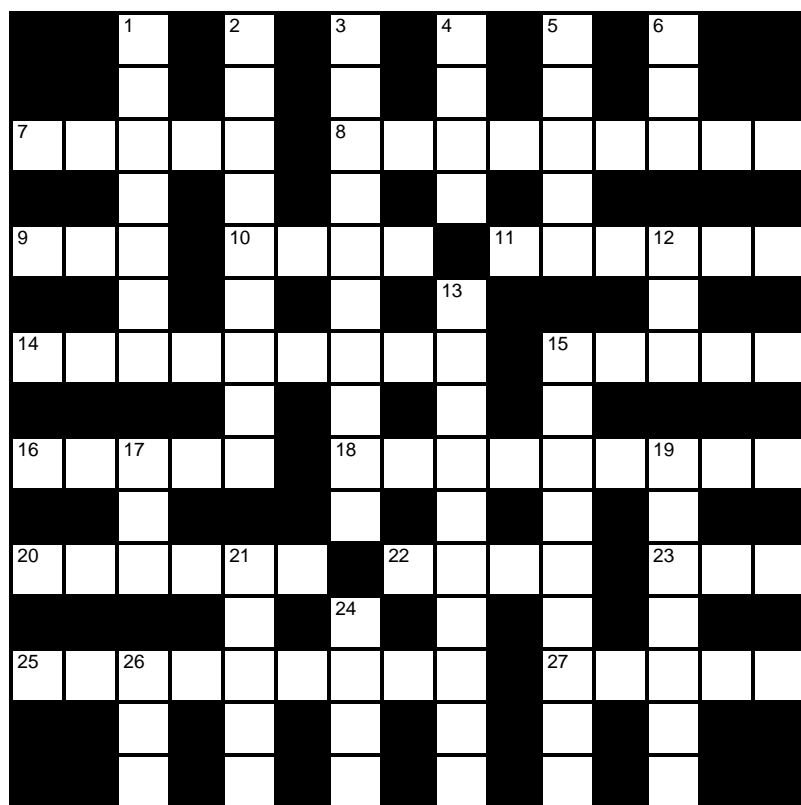
Across

- 1 The talk's of a gang jostling maybe
Fernando's singer (7,8)
- 9 Cupboard's shut prior to thief's entrance (6)
- 10 Barely able to stand lesion on bottom (8)
- 11 Is Henry taking free copy back for matching
shape? (8)
- 14 Maniac attacked alligator (6)
- 17 Belter's strapping frame mentioned by
Spooner (7,6)
- 20 Vocalist put nothing American in
UK-Romanian composition (4,9)
- 23 Gang member that's on three feet (6)
- 25 Mysterious English drunk man (8)
- 28 Break dancer on arms (8)
- 29 Ophthalmic guru pronounced cooling-off
period (3,3)
- 30 Lawyers support good man in regard to lives
with diva (6,9)

Down

- 2 Rainwear wound around heartless lothario (6)
- 3 Partly keep someone's course (5)
- 4 Misanthrope's broken heart (5)
- 5 Aperitif if theatre has interval? (5)
- 6 Little Leo's binoculars designed without argon or sulfuric lead
(4,3)
- 7 Sharks primarily welcome eating you and me for food (5)
- 8 Envious spy overwhelmed by gender confusion (5-4)
- 12 Drug for short medical procedure I underwent with hesitation (5)
- 13 Turn lip up at the French rice dish (5)
- 15 Mother's excellent warrior (5)
- 16 Make tunnels, sweetheart, and hunt (9)
- 17 It detects its echo on substrata or foundations (5)
- 18 Yellows? I hear they work best when worn around the neck (5)
- 19 Developed from warhead ultimately (5)
- 21 Indian, say, going to Iowa's continent (7)
- 22 Heartlessly dipping into rubbish jargon (6)
- 24 Star's rising for Benedict without any need for computers (5)
- 25 Raise standing (5)
- 26 Up in the air on the skating rink? (2,3)
- 27 Start's put back for seven planes (5)

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- 7 Vehicle carrying one tonne weight (5)
- 8 Protection for outspoken man pursuing conglomerate (5,4)
- 9 Humble origins of celebrities on Youtube (3)
- 10 Some Hogmanay celebrators came back blue (4)
- 11 Crab claws starter with herb stuffing overshadowing party in South Africa (6)
- 14 Caretaker repaired cornice and gable ends (9)
- 15 Peptic ulcers primarily associated with 9 rodents (5)
- 16 It goes around buried in bouncy cleavages (5)
- 18 I've heard Arab state dramatizes falls (9)
- 20 Jokers put bug in the lettuce (6)
- 22 Family rejected non-alcoholic extract (4)
- 23 Tempt without recourse to Adam's first apple? (3)
- 25 Chicken met death at sea - on Nelson's head be it? (6,3)
- 27 Seal suffocating near tight finish (5)

Down

- 1 Film hand luggage shenanigans and don't stop! (5,2)
- 2 Instruct Tom and his sweetheart about the Common Market (9)
- 3 Engage a second monster (10)
- 4 Italian greeting spies with nothing (4)
- 5 Dance competition organisers never grade absolute beginners (5)
- 6 Tea dance abandoned a third of the way through (3)
- 12 Call clinic for hairy bottoms (3)
- 13 Unit I illuminated in the middle (10)
- 15 Continuing the French story (9)
- 17 English flower became free of pollinator (3)
- 19 16 mostly works for monster (7)
- 21 Original country pile's going for a song (5)
- 24 Talk about Panama? (4)
- 26 Could loudly or regularly chew it, perhaps (3)