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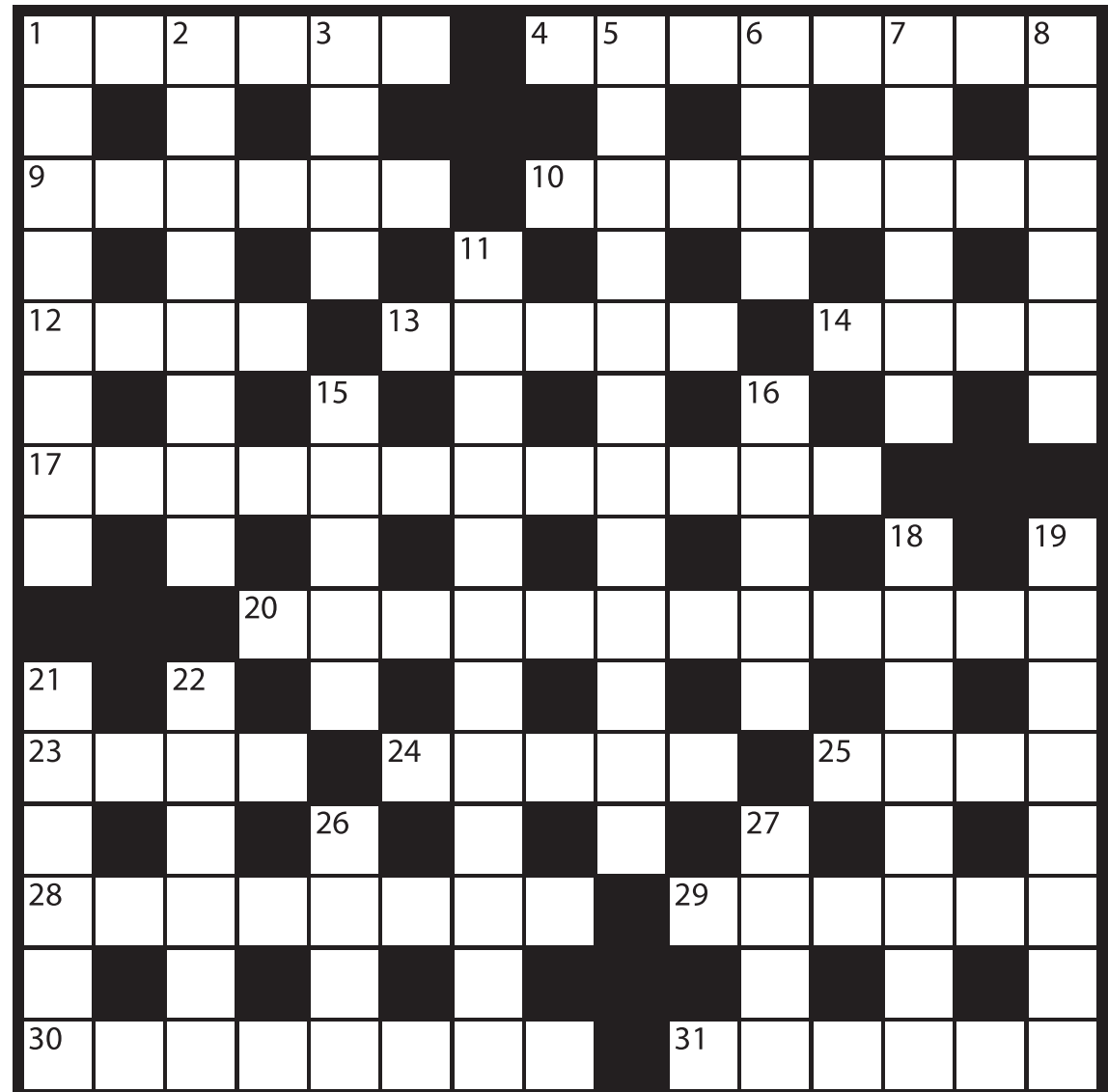
- 1 Little boy returned with half a score for glove (6)
 4 Helped an idiot planning diets (8)
 9 Pass on news of explosive sound (6)
 10 Tear delicate fabric at speed (8)
 12 Pleasant corner of market lacking hotel (4)
 13 Get a grip on the hidden problem (5)
 14 Top expert protecting Frenchman (4)
 17 Unhappy, having noticed a loss after exchange (12)
 20 Germans aren't unusual, making plans (12)
 23 The path is wide, but not initially (4)
 24 Silver corroded by quartz (5)
 25 When returning, keeps a good story (4)
 28 Distrusts factions grabbing American power (8)
 29 Sigh drunkenly, eating a good dish (6)
 30 Sort of house - not a religious institution (8)
 31 Practice for TT race? (3,3)

DOWN

- 1 Soak pumpkin finally in boiling Madeira (8)
 2 An actor might be the sort to mould (8)
 3 How to make a living from pot, we hear? (4)
 5 Reach out, pale, caught in SS beams (12)
 6 Cold one caught on head regularly (4)
 7 Spell name being kept in touch (6)
 8 Roadie seldom stocking fuel (6)
 11 Chap's show of amusement is a grave offence (12)
 15 Directors fed up, we hear (5)
 16 Confound and take a wicket (5)

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- 18 See red after objective is put at risk (8)
 19 When special forces offend hit man (8)
 21 Credit note one's accepted for snack (6)
 22 Romans negotiated redemption! (6)
 26 Vessel carrying mineral deposit? (4)
 27 Hide lover's first song (4)