

ACROSS

- 1 Man and lady confused about Republican state (8)
- 5 Knowing Unionist state is confused (6)
- 9 When to make fiscal in USA try working? (8)
- 10 Defender of the Faith almost swallowing lecturer's scam (6)
- 11 Poles may be seen in earth ten metres out (8)
- 13 Ropes twisted by youth leader protected predator (6)
- 14 Pole proverbially not to be spared (3)
- 16 Tap the Spanish ball around? That's the Spanish game (6)
- 19 Ladders fixed for leather-worker (7)
- 20 Jacket for a smoke (6)
- 21 Pin for tuning string for piano for instance ... (3)
- 26 ... square one in round hole made opening if it's modified (6)
- 27 Walkers or talkers (8)
- 28 Ponto's raging. Just so (4,2)
- 29 First two in stadium unfolded ladder for this high jump (8)
- 30 Nurse who soothes distress essentially (6)
- 31 Title for US corporation in newspapers (8)

DOWN

- 1 Assembly has to turn about (6)
- 2 Spin doctors are OTT (6)
- 3 Food store for emergency room south of Loch Ard (6)
- 4 Comparatively elegant number-cruncher? (6)
- 6 Miss cycle rides on terrace (8)
- 7 Where to find Directory of Opportunities for Graduates for subject (8)
- 8 This Jack excludes nobody (5,3)
- 12 Man dated is squeezed by heartless 30 (7)
- 15 Conflict that has British rule overthrown (3)
- 16 Can ape be climber? (3)

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- 17 Buildings that are bases for logicians (8)
- 18 Income for boarding houses (8)
- 19 Interval in music one times for management (8)
- 22 Leg covering loosed to get air circulating? (6)
- 23 Acquire old phone chargers and new retaining the best (6)
- 24 Official mistreated lad in working party (6)
- 25 Evaluate section in a society and others in census (6)