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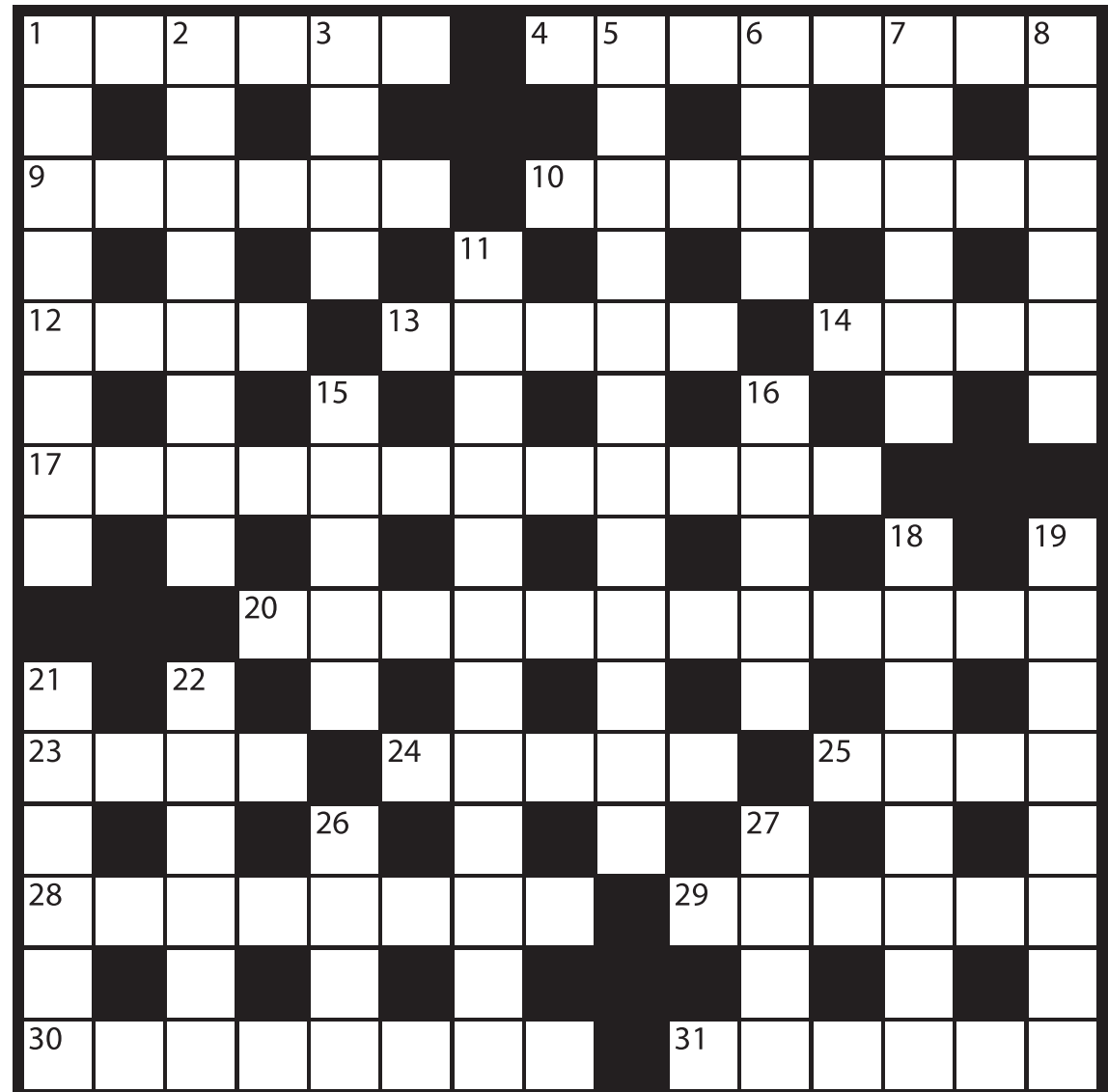
- 1 Proposes stories about the origin of babies (6)
- 4 Rough quotation for energy at times produced (8)
- 9 Popular etiquette for grass (6)
- 10 Fixed rate with certain value (8)
- 12 Nothing outside area to pin down (4)
- 13 Right part of Arabia for an Italian (5)
- 14 Exhausted, but finding answer in gamble (4)
- 17 Calculation required for extended partition? (4,8)
- 20 Illness making troubled saver reflect? (7,5)
- 23 Lose weight holding farm animals back (4)
- 24 Tight son goes without food (5)
- 25 Help to protect rebel leader if parched (4)
- 28 Speaker has one old piece set to music (8)
- 29 To eat around six is heavenly (6)
- 30 Infectious and getting closer (8)
- 31 Draw profit on short periodical (6)

DOWN

- 1 Large tin converted into percussion instrument (8)
- 2 Pal up with bishop - terribly refined! (8)
- 3 Peer almost before his time? (4)
- 5 Programs for planning banquet on paper? (12)
- 6 State Italy administered (4)
- 7 Charm of new soul mate? Not so! (6)
- 8 Uses leading authorities with no power (6)
- 11 Metamorphosis may include a time for exchange of words (12)
- 15 Proclamation coming from editor in charge on time (5)
- 16 Become rotten and explode (2,3)
- 18 A rendering that is anathema (8)

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- 19 Bank putting energy into reckless trading (8)
- 21 Epic brioche cooked with no source of butter (6)
- 22 Canvas with an occupant paying rent (6)
- 26 Turn quiet - My word! (4)
- 27 Singer using most of seat? (4)