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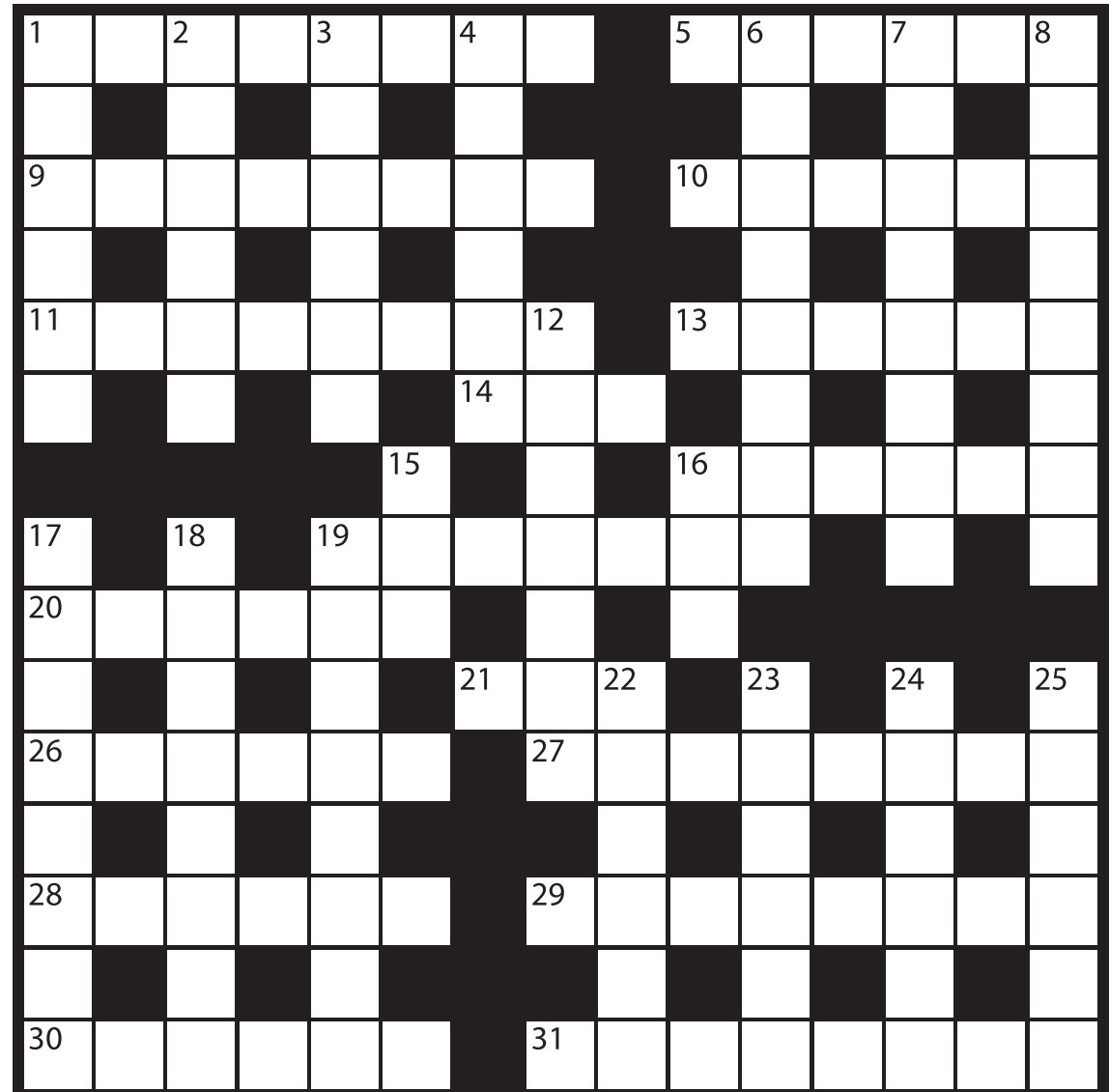
- 1 Games to copy with slim variations (8)
 5 An article gains two points for European capital (6)
 9 Fragile coupling of Alice and Ted (8)
 10 Capital author (6)
 11 Principally on top of the world (5,3)
 13 Makes a big noise about Tony and Cherie, we're told (6)
 14 Very long time only concealed (3)
 16 Cleaner smell in the Home Counties (6)
 19 Be in charge of poetry in Old English (7)
 20 Indigenous SNP supporter I have followed.... (6)
 21and vote they especially want, in part! (3)
 26 The British had one member in Irish republic (6)
 27 Best range regularly absorbing an alien (8)
 28 It holds bags for brew (6)
 29 Footwear for fielders? (8)
 30 Smoking jacket with free design for the Queen (6)
 31 She played Scully and her son without Harry's first (8)

DOWN

- 1 Alternative agreement provides stern test (6)
 2 Cowardly scream of pain! (6)
 3 Dickensian part of snooker table (6)
 4 Animal let out with others (6)
 6 Novelist might drink heavily, consuming bap (8)
 7 Lasting conclusion holds ancient city (8)
 8 Left nurse at home inside (8)
 12 Pilgrim site for Reed and assorted Reds? (7)
 15 Girl's number lacks extremes (3)
 16 Ready for some court action (3)

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- 17 No traces, potentially, of one who came before us (8)
 18 Prevent servant from causing a delay (8)
 19 Take too much deliveries for parties at end of June (8)
 22 Dictator, last in order (6)
 23 Taste sausage starter - that's enough (6)
 24 Going out and going backwards - ring off (6)
 25 A prayer for Hunter around 23, initially (6)