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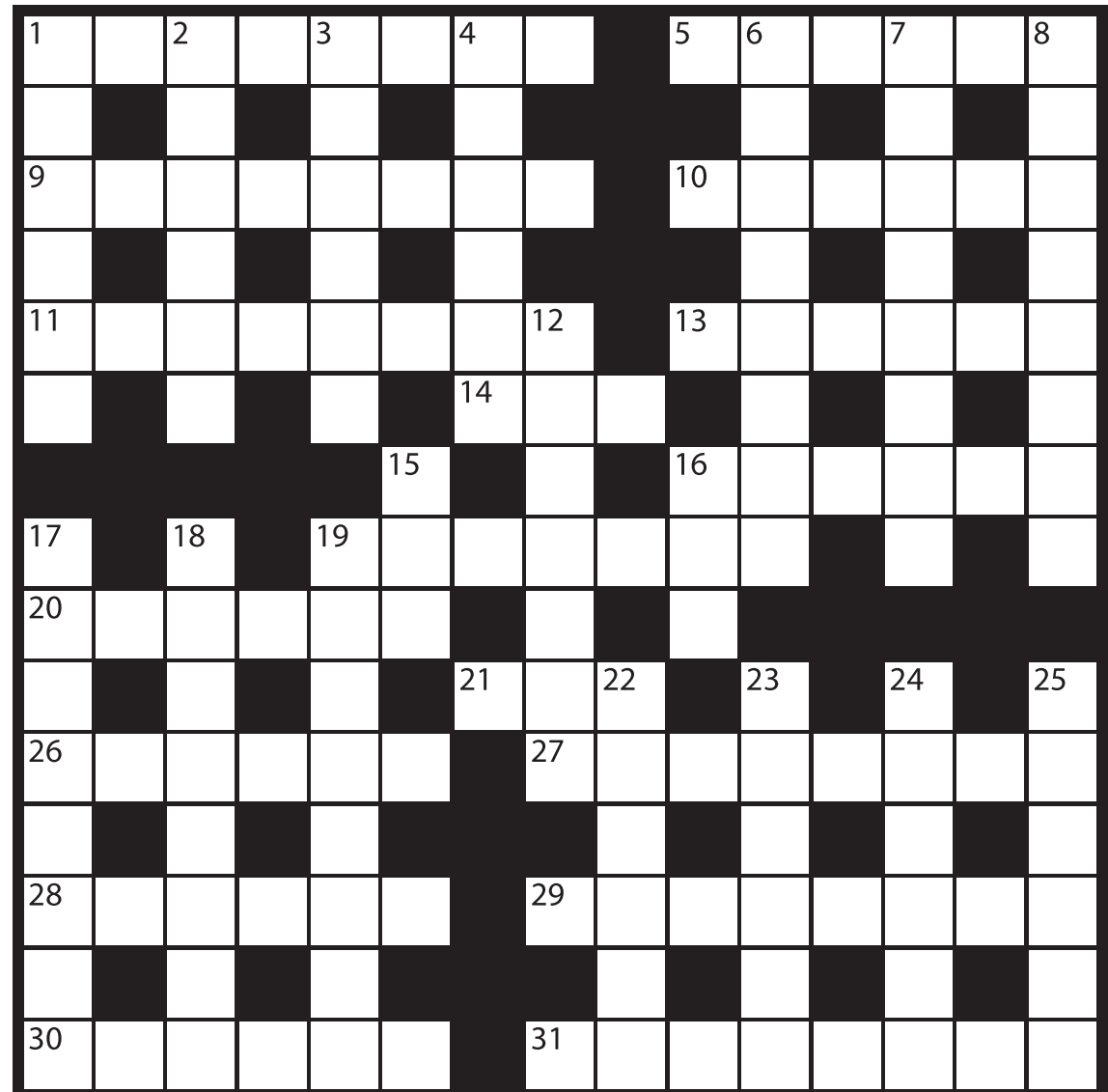
- 1 Prison gives author Anderson the force in Scotland (8)
 5 As starring Nathan Fillion's players with the French? (6)
 9 Symphony is finished with type of examination (8)
 10 It's stormy cat or dog, say, about the Left! (6)
 11 Scoundrel is crashing cars with his friend! (8)
 13 Is one involved with Ministry of Defence expressions? (6)
 14 Some schoolboys repulse a nasty character (3)
 16 About to relinquish and go back (6)
 19 Actor's fellow, pursuing sailor (7)
 20 A trial stretch gets the rope (6)
 21 Period in another aspect (3)
 26 One dig directed at bible man (6)
 27 The Lisbon Lions' method of playing the piano! (8)
 28 Expert contraction on acid (6)
 29 One taping an instrument (8)
 30 Confine to the steep retreat outside (6)
 31 Worked hard on goods train, Edinburgh-bound (8)

DOWN

- 1 Splendid hooter leaves US sporting occasion (6)
 2 Demand Top Twenty, originally popular with little relative (6)
 3 Laugh at singular 13 - send back a scrubber (6)
 4 Almost a nobleman in US city (6)
 6 A wild deer in mountain for McInnes city" (8)
 7 Mary Berry's favourite profit? (8)
 8 Called up rota in need of change (8)
 12 Deliveries for new statesmen (7)
 15 Willow bill, in reverse (3)
 16 Artist's initial margarine or butter (3)

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- 17 Offensive standard diatribe (8)
 18 Treading stupidly over an inclination (8)
 19 Type of rebellion's a bad job - I act in second year (8)
 22 Swear while watching cricket (6)
 23 I pass in state leader here.... (6)
 24 ...and we send out for nationals here (6)
 25 It's a mix of two earthy bridgebuilders, in part (6)