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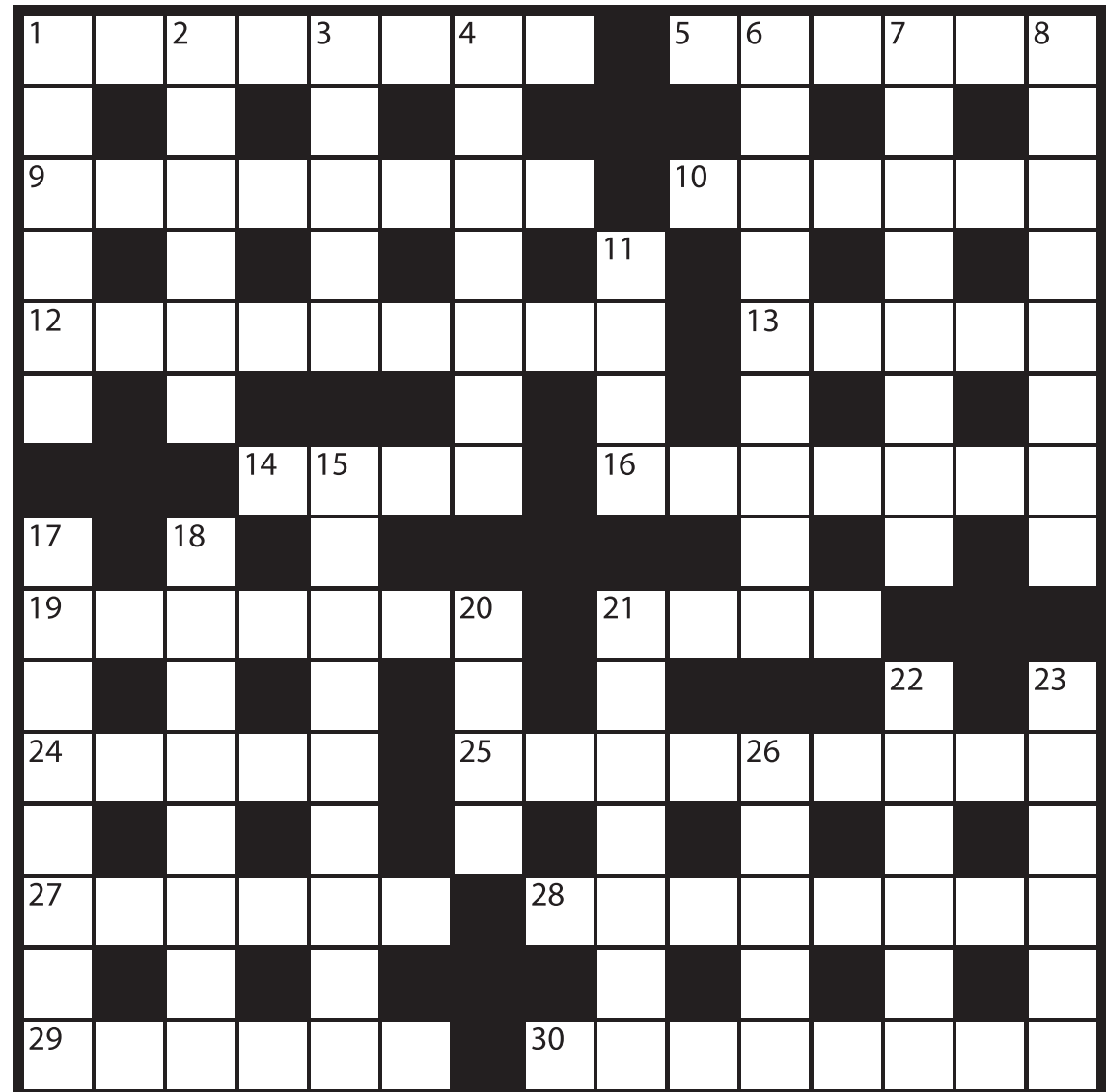
- 1 Obtain mobile to occupy graduate in province (8)
 5 Modernise High Court (6)
 9 Restraint shown by Spain in battles at sea (4,4)
 10 Heartlessly burn institute (6)
 12 A new task - to swallow a good port (9)
 13 Vessel seen in Riga or Tallin (5)
 14 Dry run held in bar (4)
 16 Peculiar fool embraces southern journalist (7)
 19 Certain cops caught in the act (7)
 21 Some imagine a trajectory is straight (4)
 24 Defence from one after jumping bail (5)
 25 Distinctive firm retaining one six-footer (9)
 27 In gambling den, good-for-nothing gets jacket (6)
 28 Time to stop cricketer using small boats (8)
 29 Cruelty shown by American uncle holding man back (6)
 30 Shot spy on his suggestion (8)

DOWN

- 1 Lose track of Frenchman on island (6)
 2 Religious woman grasping a church's subtlety (6)
 3 Ban also includes Jack (5)
 4 Nothing odd in call to stop explosion - it maintains stability (7)
 6 Appreciate almost turning a head (3,6)
 7 Enthusiasm in the style of metropolis welcoming monarch (8)
 8 Dodgy dealers carrying 1000 rocks (8)
 11 Change in Europe's extremely concise books (4)
 15 Stars in danger? It's unusual (3,6)
 17 Subs like to keep ball, securing victory (8)

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- 18 Cast a shadow over docks in rising river (8)
 20 Before Sabbath, work hard for money (4)
 21 Close the latch yourself for starters each evening (7)
 22 Promotes part of NYC (6)
 23 Sheepish characters regularly ignored one's medical problem (6)
 26 Afghan missing every second at home once more (5)