

**ACROSS**

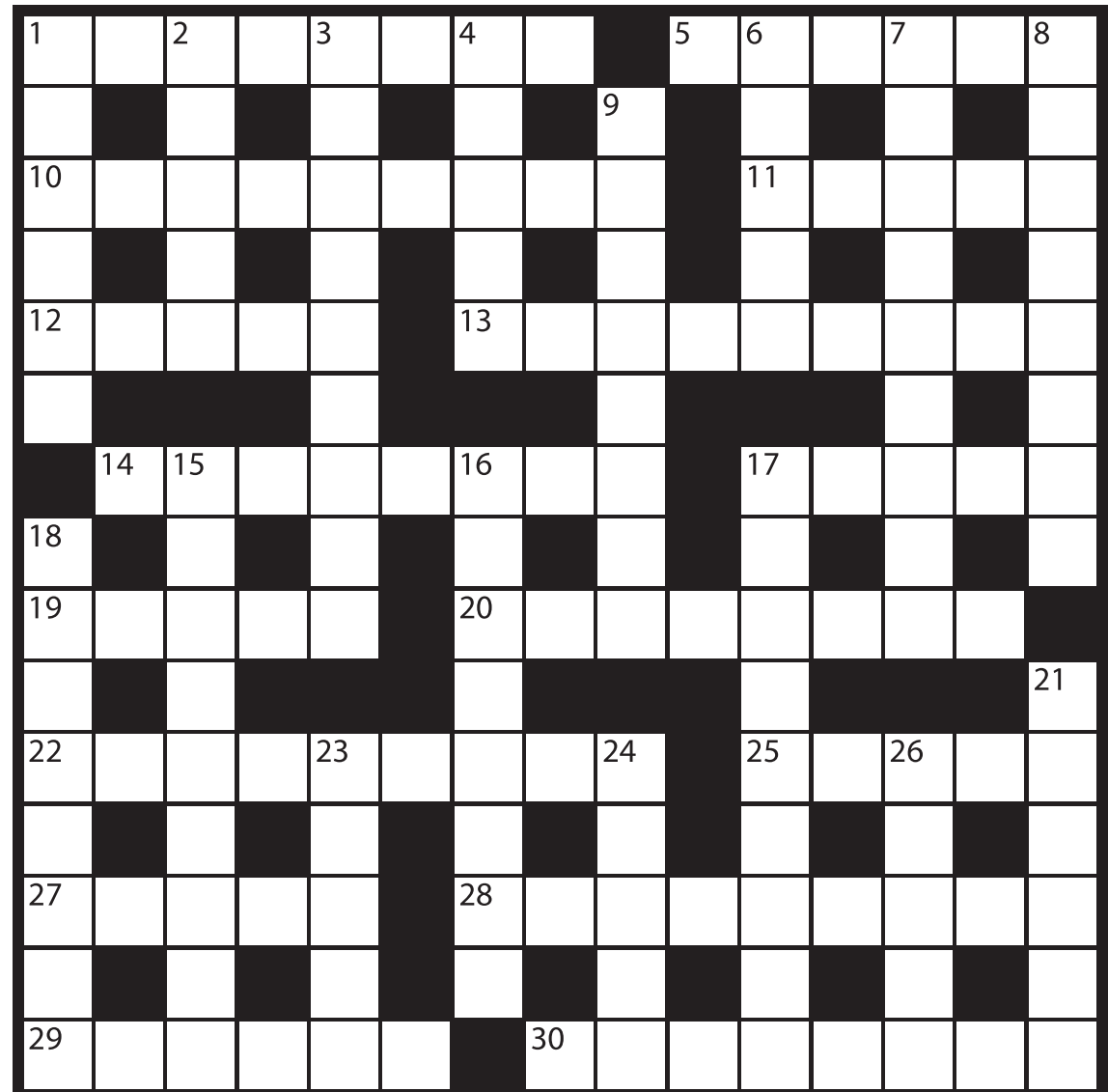
- 1 Soak spice at speed (8)  
 5 A cult a lunatic found genuine (6)  
 10 Without rotten clue that's very small (9)  
 11 Cad is vandalising the echo-sounder (5)  
 12 An advantage when fixed (5)  
 13 Get girder modified and set off (9)  
 14 Peddling gripping page, read out letter by letter (8)  
 17 Inclination when one is not on the level (5)  
 19 Friend Edward lost colour (5)  
 20 Rule out hundred appearing in introduction (8)  
 22 Got up and leapt about, bit of a bloomer (4-5)  
 25 Gamble after it returned to Himalayan region (5)  
 27 Shakespearean instrument? (5)  
 28 Chivalrous to get four in to gad about (9)  
 29 Fibbed about newspaper picked up (6)  
 30 Funeral heap observed, on reflection, in mountains (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Man, for example, married in the morning on elevated deck (6)  
 2 Reportedly detects coins (5)  
 3 Emigrated as a result of stirring Ed's letter (9)  
 4 Bound, it is said, to show faith (5)  
 6 Tribe with force produce a loud resounding noise (5)  
 7 Secretly dishonest junior worker (9)  
 8 I'd take it in to Lucy for clarity (8)  
 9 Gum Irene used to make dessert ingredient (8)  
 15 Finish quickly when shiny finish has been removed (6,3)  
 16 I go after pixie gets alien skin condition (8)

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- 17 Tories ail badly – patience needed (9)  
 18 Poplar replanting involving state consent (8)  
 21 Position rubbish in South America (6)  
 23 Tranquillity – just a bit, say (5)  
 24 Money for a juicy frozen treat (5)  
 26 Heroically face a dose of cobra venom (5)