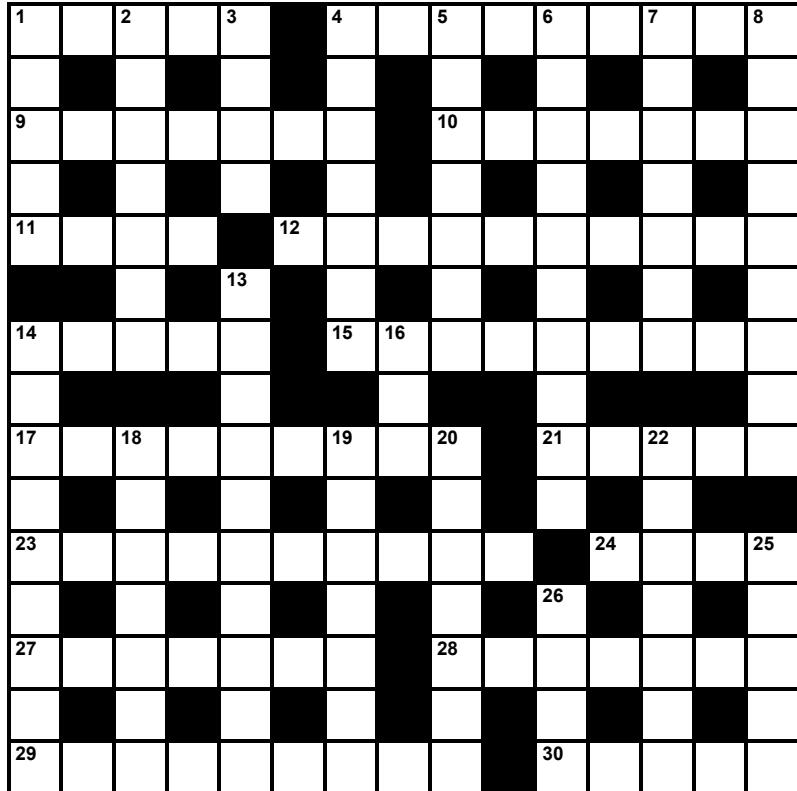


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Across

- 1** South African player finding non-Eastern theism confusing (5)
- 4** Reminds oneself how British pair keeps quiet about getting rid of leader (7,2)
- 9** Racecourse one entire disaster (7)
- 10** Chaplin to blacken falsehood (7)
- 11** Steyn unfortunately loses his head in disagreement in Moscow (4)
- 12** Dine out with one's intended despite disapproval (2,8)
- 14** Auction cut short by South African dance (5)
- 15** Badly torn serge, as Edith Piaf had? (2,7)
- 17** South African player to play away? (9)
- 21** Maybe John will return message about lamps having no current (5)
- 23** Cannabis befuddled mailman dropping off note for South African player (6,4)
- 23/25** Fat elf mischievously consumed fifty locust heads but failed to impress (4,4)
- 27** South African player's career ending with criminal hold-up (7)



28 Type of tan is finished (3,4)

29 "Wayward Animals" presented by artsy cast (5,4)

30 Up-to-the-second registers (5)

Down

1 England player's son pale on completing run (5)

2 England player's number liable to change (3,4)

3 Coming in eighth or ninth will sound the alarm (4)

4 Banners wave for England player (7)

5 Hazy relative to nearby centre (7)

6 Direction to take the French to unknown ground (10)

7 License disturbs the peace (7)

8 Awful tripe seen from England player (9)

13 I play at all games in hugely impressive fashion (10)

14 Jewels downloadable in the counties (9)

16 Be indebted to hearing surprised exclamation (3)

18 One of the cabal selected with initial reservations (7)

19 Weird ad with charm of old money (7)

20 Succeeded after terrible ordeal and gets in new magazine (7)

22 Ground where love and hate almost combine (3,4)

25 Look right at disastrous empty ground (5)

26 See 23 Across