

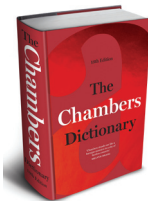
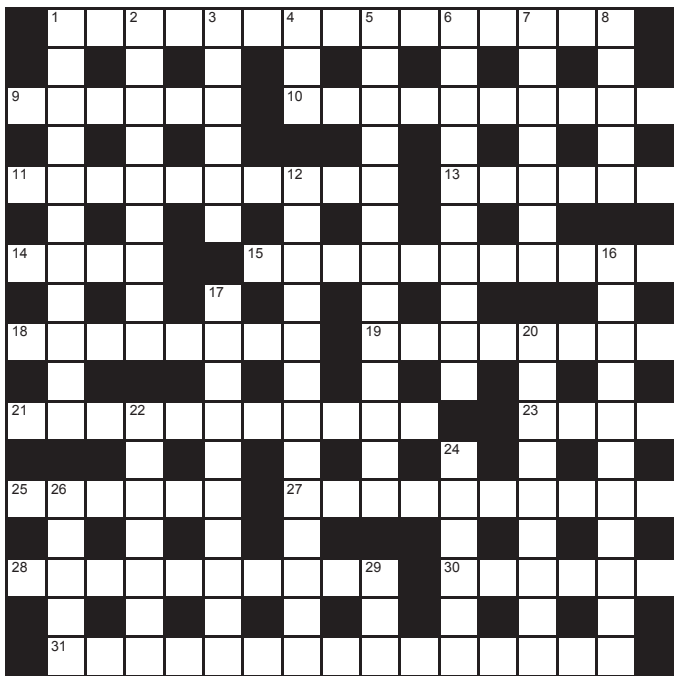
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ACROSS

- 1** Novel by H.C. McNeile, under the pen name Sapper (7,8)
9 American plant of the daisy family (6)
10 1864 Epsom Derby winner; distillery in Pitlochry (5,5)
11 Songbird, also called reedling (7,3)
13 Seán, author of the play *Juno and the Paycock* (6)
14 Large wading bird (4)
15 Novel by Ngaio Marsh (1,3,3,4)
18 A line, stanza or piece of poetic writing that contains eight feet (8)
19 Children's TV programme starring Wendy van der Plank (8)
21 London cemetery opened in 1833 (6,5)
23 Agatha Christie novel featuring Tommy and Tuppence Beresford (1,2,1)
25 Elliot, villain in the James Bond film *Tomorrow Never Dies* (6)
27 English rock band formed in 1968 (4,6)
28 1972 film directed by Sidney Lumet (6,4)
30 Landlocked country in central Africa (6)
31 Novel by Edith Wharton (3,5,2,5)

DOWN

- 1** Bix, American jazz cornettist, composer and pianist (11)
2 Wallpaper having a hard embossed surface (9)
3 Henry, American astronomer who contributed to stellar classification and spectroscopy (6)
4 Egyptian god of the earth (3)
5 1985 Talking Heads single (4,2,7)
6 American tenor and film star (5,5)
7 1981 film starring Sean Connery (7)
8 Satellite of Saturn (5)
12 Character in *David Copperfield* (5,8)
16 Work by Elizabeth Barrett Browning (6,5)
17 Variety of lettuce originating in Italy (5,5)
20 Synthetic polymer with a branching treelike structure (9)
22 City in Andalusia (7)
24 In medicine, an infusion or decoction (6)
26 Large meat-plate or flat serving-dish (5)
29 Jonathan, English portraitist (3)



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