

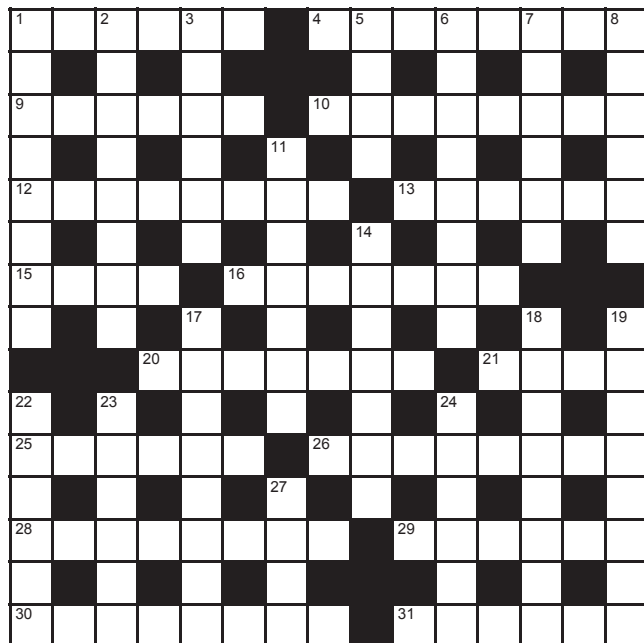
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ACROSS

- 1 Keep mum and baby terribly poor (6)
- 4 Hit-and-run careless (8)
- 9 Field cut, elk and deer all beginning to enter (6)
- 10 That woman's caging a bird? Absolutely! (4,4)
- 12 Whale to carry home (8)
- 13 In a film, deception initially involved (6)
- 15 Group call (4)
- 16 Back physically stable after vibration in bone (7)
- 20 I'm caught by very old cricketer, producing scowl (7)
- 21 Certainly scrappy with Singapore, India and Bangladesh all at the back (4)
- 25 In a book, hotel besieged (2,4)
- 26 Senseless taking two drugs (8)
- 28 Open hand (8)
- 29 Strike overwhelming a corporation (6)
- 30 Foreign Office abbreviated (3,5)
- 31 Delegate tune to fix (6)

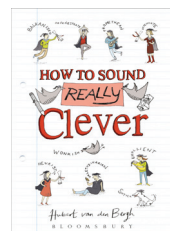
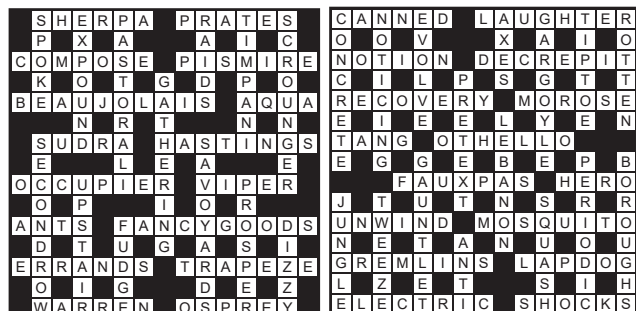
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- 1 Edible plant with a measure of speed gobbled by father (8)
- 2 Marginal changes causing consternation (8)
- 3 Vaguely messed up criminal finally arrested by rozzer (6)
- 5 Song deliberately wasn't accurate (4)
- 6 Gush about a male lover (8)
- 7 After this, PM begins changes (6)
- 8 Wife having left, he wrote contrary to this (6)
- 11 Tasty dishes ultimately lousy (7)
- 14 Copper in jolly metallic element (7)
- 17 Unattractive bottom pinched by swimmer (8)
- 18 Himalayan animal unfortunately paraded around Nepalese capital (3,5)
- 19 Politician, Tory leader and mother hen, perhaps? (8)
- 22 Service providing range (6)
- 23 Generous type, she right to welcome a Republican? (6)
- 24 Acetone almost mistaken for a hydrocarbon (6)
- 27 Blunted spike for god (4)



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