

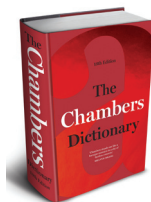
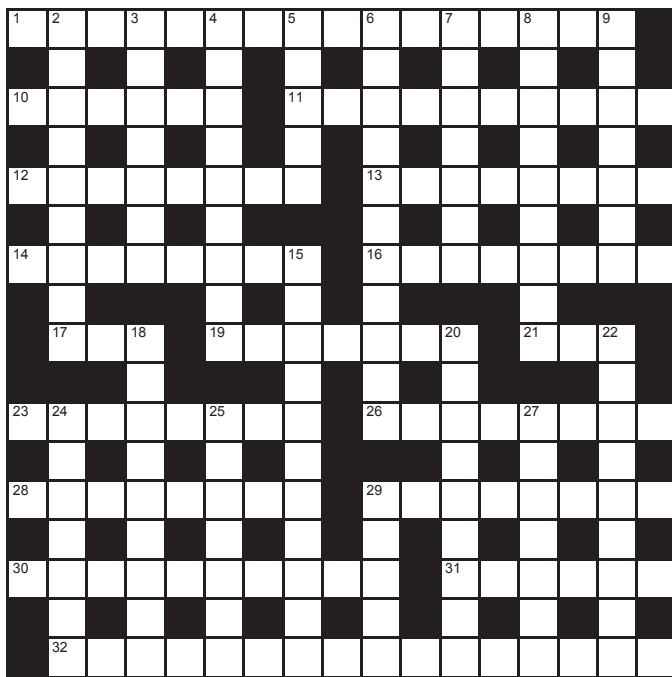
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ACROSS

- 1** A solution of ammonium acetate, a diaphoretic (10,6)
10 Film starring Ryan Reynolds that premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2010 (6)
11 Ancient Greek ship, perhaps with 30 men to each group of oars (10)
12 Volcanic island in the Atlantic, scene of Napoleon's exile and death (2,6)
13 The wentletrap genus (8)
14 Kate, author of the novel *Behind the Scenes at the Museum* (8)
16 Genus of fungi that cause black spots on maple leaves (8)
17, 19, 21 Novel by Henry James, first published as a serial in *Harper's Weekly* (3,7,3)
23 Kirsten, Norwegian operatic soprano, noted particularly for her interpretations of Wagner (8)
26 Opera by Giacomo Puccini (2,6)
28 ----- McCoy, a 1949 film starring Farley Granger and Joan Evans (8)
29 Type of folk dance (8)
30 A rare-earth element (10)
31 Light vessel of European build, but rigged like a Chinese junk (6)
32 Song written by Billie Holiday and Arthur Herzog, Jr (3,5,3,5)

DOWN

- 2** The Inuit language (9)
3 The official language of the Maldives, related to Sinhalese (7)
4 Any of a group of perennial herbs with large divided leaves and small, white panicked flowers (9)
5 Four-wheeled carriage drawn by horses or bullocks (5)
6 An American flycatcher (11)
7 Either of two species of pig-like South American animals (7)
8 A Maori leader or chief (9)
9 Novel by John Grisham (3,4)
15 The meadow saffron (5,6)
18 An Asian tree with fragrant resinous timber (9)
20 Louis, French physicist who won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1929 (2,7)
22 A hard Swiss cheese (9)
24 City in China, an important Buddhist centre in the 5th and 6th centuries (7)
25 John, caricaturist noted for his illustrations in Lewis Carroll's "Alice" books (7)
27 William, engraver noted for his *A Rake's Progress* (7)
29 Celestial body that travels around the sun (5)



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