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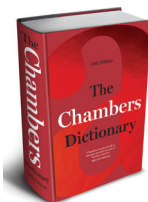
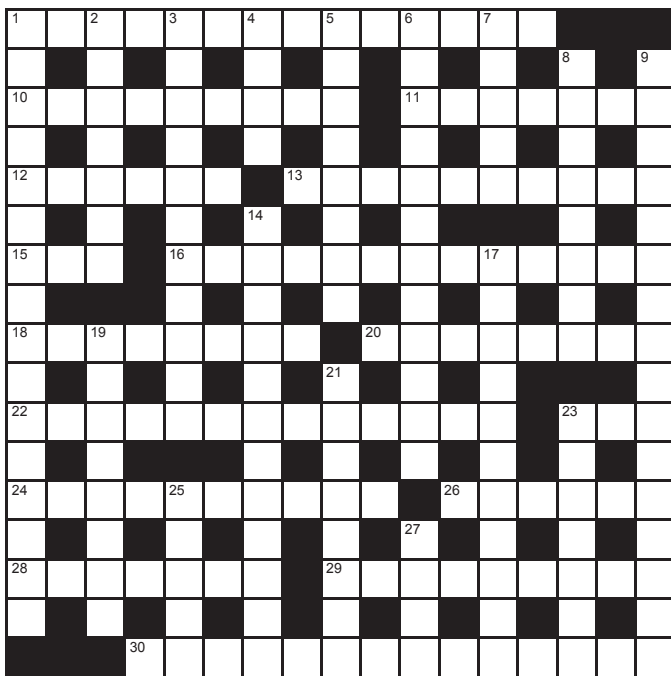
- 1 French novelist who wrote the short stories *Colomba*, *Carmen* and *La Venus d'Ille* (7,7)
- 10 Annual plant, also known as euphrasy (9)
- 11 Canadian term for the bulrush (7)
- 12 Oratorio first performed at the Birmingham Festival, in 1846 (6)
- 13 Ann Cleeves' Shetland detective (5,5)
- 15 Ynys ---, Anglesey, in Welsh (3)
- 16 Grammatical term for "will" in "He will go" (9,4)
- 18 Works such as Brahms' *German*, Tavener's *Celtic* and Penderecki's *Polish* (8)
- 20 Performer of an Argentinian dance with long steps and pauses (8)
- 22 The trademark stammering sign-off at the end of *Looney Tunes* cartoons (5,3,5)
- 23 The cat in Judith Kerr's children's books (3)
- 24 Longest-serving post-war Italian prime minister (10)
- 26 Robert, author of the Cicero trilogy *Imperium*, *Lustrum* and *Dictator* (6)
- 28 French verse form of ten lines with only two rhymes throughout (7)
- 29 Richly decorated Japanese porcelain (5,4)
- 30 Sovereign body of the Dutch republic during the 16th to 18th centuries (7,7)

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- 1 Capital of the former province of Natal from 1843 to 1994 (16)
- 2 Area of the skull where the sagittal suture meets the parietal foramina (7)
- 3 Trademark name for easily transported buildings used at outdoor exhibitions (11)
- 4 Port on the mouth of the Daugava river, member of the Hanseatic League from 1282 (4)
- 5 The largest town in the Rheingau and birthplace of the countertenor Andreas Scholl (8)
- 6 Matchless (12)
- 7 In law, to hinder (5)
- 8 Italian composer of *Sacrae symphoniae*, which includes *Hodie Christus Natus Est* (8)
- 9 Victorian novelist who wrote *North and South*, *Mary Barton* and *Wives and Daughters* (9,7)
- 14 For example (7,5)
- 17 Tito's nationality (11)
- 19 Instrument with an arc of 90 degrees for taking altitudes (8)
- 21 Pre-euro German coins – one hundred in a Deutschmark (8)
- 23 High-ranking steward (7)
- 25 Drug-addicts (5)
- 27 Imperial Chinese dynasty from 618 to 907 AD (4)



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