## ACROSS

1 The patron of the pompous and obsequious clergyman, Mr Collins ( $9,2,6$ )
10 An athletic track event (8)
11 Bits of pork stewed with cornmeal and formed into a loaf (8)
12 Another name for naseberry (9)

13 Person in overall authority (7)

15 Hindu god of love (4)
17 An acanthus, also known as bear's-breech (11)
19 An informal term for the Strategic Defence Initiative (4,4)
20 Musical term meaning "with an immediate reduction of speed" (8)
22 A style of furniture derived from French empire style common in Germany in the 19th century (11)
24 US composer of the musical, Showboat (4)
26 Musical term meaning "played with emphasis" (7)
27 A hardy breed of longwoolled sheep (9)
30 Florentine painter, the first to apply Brunelleschi's laws of perspective to art (8)
31 A heavy, sweet fortified dessert wine from South Africa (8)
32 Liberal Party leader who became UK prime minister in 1905 (8-9)

## DOWN

2 Capital of Nigeria (5)
3 A duck-billed dinosaur (9)
4 A dried grape (6)
5 British railway engineer famous for designing express steam locomotives such as Mallard (5,7)
6 Italian actress best known for her tragic roles, d. 1924 (4)

7 Alonso, the first great Spanish Renaissance artist, he produced works for Toledo and Avila Cathedrals (10)

8 Those chosen to supervise a game of cricket (7)
9 A large venomous lizard of the deserts of Mexico $(4,7)$
14 Polish film director whose war trilogy ended with Ashes and Diamonds $(7,5)$
16 Town in Madagascar formerly known as DiégoSuarez (11)
18 A flat bag slung from a cavalry officer's sword-belt (10)

21 The ----------, a 1953 western starring James Stewart and Janet Leigh ( 5,4 )
23 French-born US artist known for Nude Descending a Staircase, No.2, d. 1968 (7)
25 The second person to set foot on the moon (6)
28 Sayings attributed to Christ (5)

29 Chancellor of Germany 199098 (4)
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