

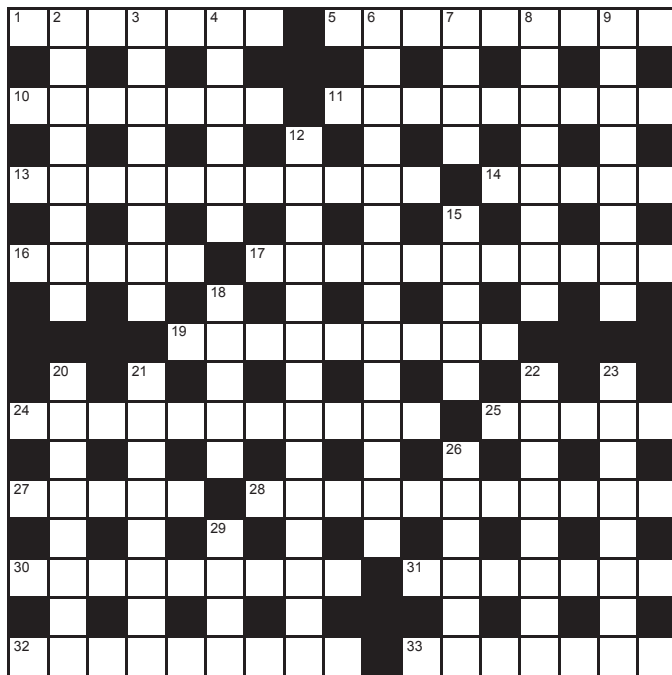
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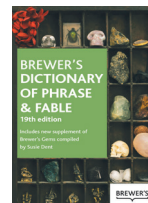
- 1 Curtly, West Indian fast bowler who took 405 Test wickets (7)
- 5 In *Gulliver's Travels*, the Lilliputian party who cracked their eggs one way; they represent the Catholics in Swift's eyes (3-6)
- 10 Wattled fish-traps used in rivers or estuaries (7)
- 11 ----- of Halicarnassus, Greek historian and rhetorician, the author of a history of Rome (9)
- 13 The scientific description of individual human societies (11)
- 14 Composer of the opera *La Vida Breve* and the ballet *The Three-Cornered Hat* (5)
- 16 Russian author of *Dead Souls* and the comedy *The Government Inspector* (5)
- 17 Sharp U-shaped corner, often on steep hills (7,4)
- 19 Out of one's comfort zone (3,2,4)
- 24 Leader writers, columnists, reporters, newshounds (11)
- 25 Musical instrument consisting of a tube with a strip of catgut that makes a buzzing sound when hummed into (5)
- 27 Espresso coffee with frothed hot milk (5)
- 28 Surrealist cult BBC TV comedy series (5,6)
- 30 Tobacco plant (9)
- 31 Member of the bunting family, regarded as a delicacy (7)
- 32 Bets in which a punter has to place two horses in the correct order, first and second (9)
- 33 French political economist (1694-1774) who championed the physiocrats in his *Tableau economique* (7)

DOWN

- 2 What the Snickers chocolate bar was called until 1990 (8)
- 3 The Celtic horse goddess who rides a white mare (8)
- 4 To bait a batsman at the wicket so as to disturb his concentration (6)
- 6 Eire, as from 1922 to 1937 (5,4,5)
- 7 A medieval household slave (4)
- 8 Capital of Tajikstan (8)
- 9 Having the hooked shape of an eagle's beak (8)
- 12 An arid mountainous peninsula in north-west Mexico, or the Mexican state, capital Mexicali (4,10)
- 15 ----- cake; a trifle made of a sponge cake soaked in white wine and decorated with almonds (5)
- 18 Forearm bones (5)
- 20 Sal -----, ammonium carbonate (8)
- 21 Cancel a bad debt (5,3)
- 22 Relating to races with yellowish hair and a light complexion (8)
- 23 Japanese seaport and ship-building centre, capital of Kanagawa prefecture (8)
- 26 Distracted, in French (6)
- 29 Bluish-white metallic element with the atomic number 30 (4)



Solution Polymath 1,016



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