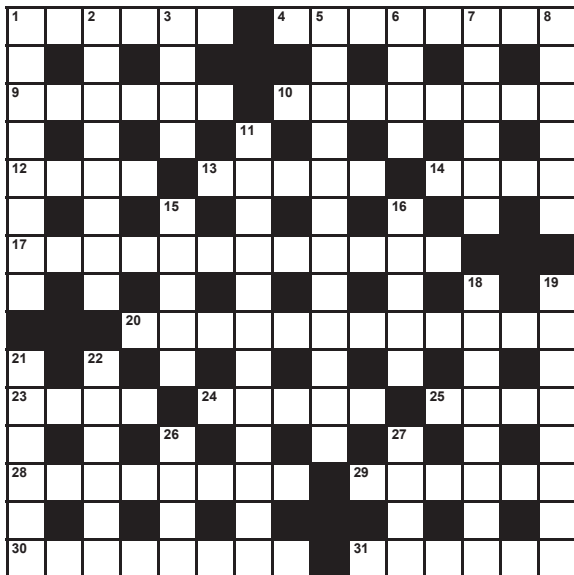


CROSSWORD

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JOTTER PAD

Each across solution and 18 down are thematic and all lack thematic definition

ACROSS

- 1 Australian university returns bags (6)
- 4 In the slips, say, but competitors playing golf (8)
- 9 Like one film that is forgotten (6)
- 10 From Northern Algiers (8)
- 12 Boss of a fashion company! (4)
- 13, 14 Way round lake with boy returning holding hands, at first (5,4)
- 17 Injure Scot, holding professional American (6,6)
- 20 Key in ravine or shaft (6,6)
- 23 Old tanner? (4)
- 24 Buried in Stoke, at Shelton (5)
- 25, 31 Near – bent on trouble (4,6)
- 28 Girl with hood entering Brock's place (8)
- 29 Sounds alright by the waters (6)
- 30 In France, you never go wild about German (8)
- 31 See 25

DOWN

- 1 Alto in choral work – a thing one can't stand (8)
- 2 Choristers, including tenor – they can be painful (8)
- 3 Collection of poems composed without metre (4)
- 5 Then I'll say "No!" for a change, without a word of a lie (2,3,7)
- 6 Set down face up (4)

- 7 Dressed and ready to move (2,4)
- 8 Good length in drive making drain sound (6)
- 11 Constable with heated singer found in Victorian kitchen (6,6)
- 15 One composer cut another (5)
- 16 Leaders take some advice. Reduce staff, initially (5)
- 18 Announcing play at Roland Garros (8)
- 19 He worked with deadly chemical (8)
- 21 County Down's top store bombed (6)
- 22 Stiffness affected Igor – game's upset (6)
- 26 Depressed? Spend, spend, spend! (4)
- 27 Mark from outside edges of scimitar (4)

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