

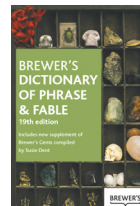
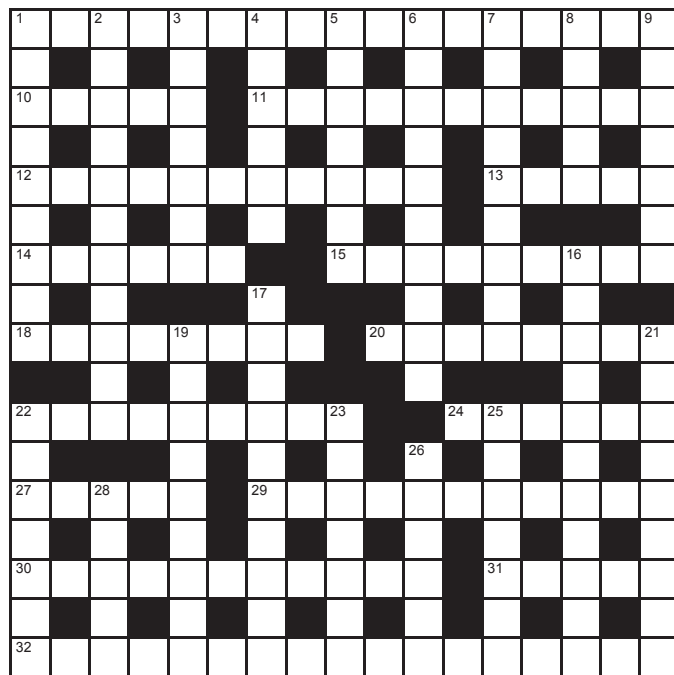
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ACROSS

- 1 Portuguese explorer, the first to circumnavigate the earth (9,8)
- 10 Musical piece designed to test technical skill (5)
- 11 Lincolnshire seaside town, frequented by Lord Tennyson (11)
- 12 Literary term for Ireland (7,4)
- 13 Norwegian artist who painted *The Scream* (5)
- 14 Robert, director of the 1970 film *M*A*S*H* (6)
- 15 Soft, silvery metallic element, atomic number 70 (9)
- 18 TV series starring Raymond Burr as a wheelchair-bound detective (8)
- 20 Yellow, medium-hard, holey Swiss cheese (8)
- 22 Genus of trailing tropical succulents including purslane (9)
- 24 Hit single by The Merseys, covered by David Bowie in 1973 (6)
- 27 Curve of material at the foot of a square sail (5)
- 29 US pioneering frontiersman and legendary hero, 1734-1820 (6,5)
- 30 1977 docudrama about the world of professional bodybuilding (7,4)
- 31 A dusky brownish-grey colour (5)
- 32 Writer of the 1947 play *A Streetcar Named Desire* (9,8)

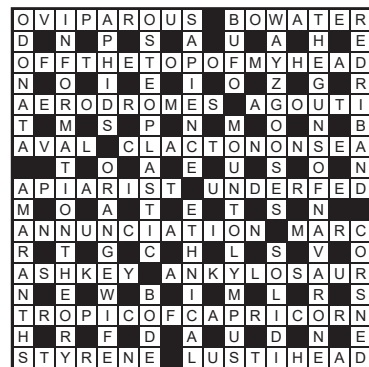
DOWN

- 1 Allies of Rome who provided auxiliary soldiers (9)
- 2 Gambling card game, also called trente-et-quarante (5-2-4)
- 3 Japanese art of flower arranging (7)
- 4 Fleet of Spanish warships that fought England in 1588 (6)
- 5 French composer, 1862-1918, especially of Impressionist music (7)
- 6 Surgical removal of a gland (10)
- 7 Insects of the mayfly genus whose adult life is very short (9)
- 8 A long-range radio-navigation system (5)
- 9 ----- Market, Suffolk town, birthplace of actress June Brown (7)
- 16 Latin term meaning "in the course of drinking" (5,6)
- 17 French artist who painted "The Bellelli Family" (5,5)
- 19 In slang, unsolicited manuscripts received by publishers (5,4)
- 21 Female legal professional (9)
- 22 Bank or wall to protect soldiers from enemy fire (7)
- 23 Racecourse which hosts the annual Grand National (7)
- 25 Type of road which circles a town or city (7)
- 26 Art of painting bodily designs with henna (6)
- 28 Capital city of Jordan (5)



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