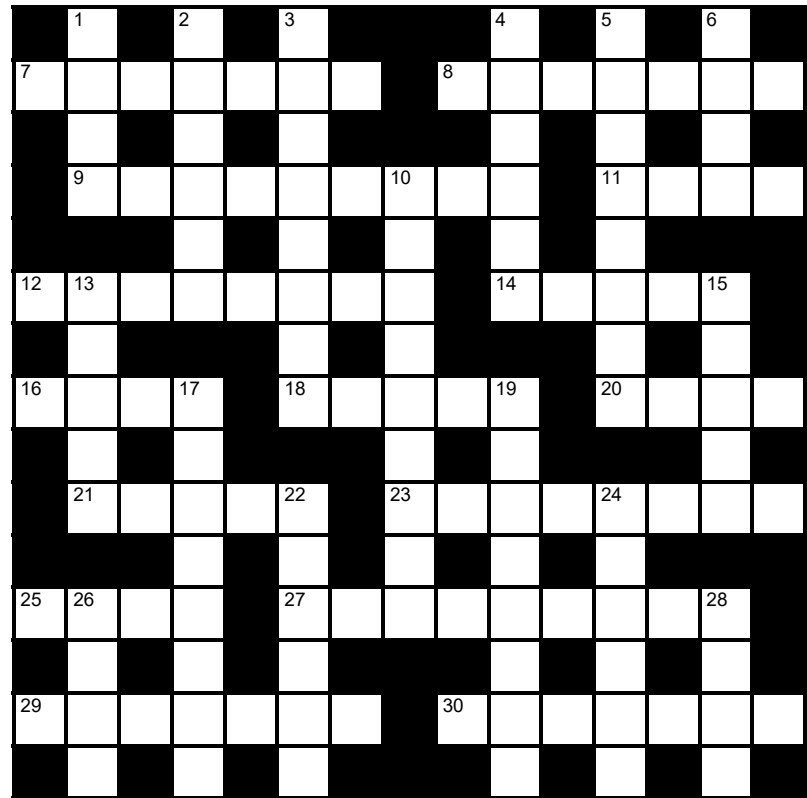


**Across**

- 7 University alumnus spends month working to produce novel (7)
- 8 Ejection from cricket ground after period of sleep (7)
- 9 Passed out at the start, which is careless (9)
- 11 Lodge resident, heartless and bitter? (4)
- 12 Ridiculous muscle an embodiment of America (5,3)
- 14 Those living nearby half ignored the sound of a nag (5)
- 16 Breaks down metal tools (4)
- 18 Cancel reserve holding credit (5)
- 20 Boast about getting gear (4)
- 21 Poet's book becoming unknown outside areas of New York? (5)
- 23 Accepted partner taking drug, a "plant extract" (4,4)
- 25 Decline prompt to exchange pennies (4)
- 27 Prince set off, knowing what will happen (9)
- 29 New driver agreement has stop signal with multiple levels (7)
- 30 Go and drive around, sharing new vegetables (7)



**Down**

- 1 Open from sundown (4)
- 2 Push benefits rule in central locations as advantageous (6)
- 3 A movement's adherents put up notice by platform leading to empty trains (8)
- 4 Reduce intensity of contract situation which can't progress (6)
- 5 Trying to sway but throwing up over front of yacht (8)
- 6 Search for old Playboy (4)
- 10 Set limits - fruit without whipped cream (9)
- 13 Loud in movie, shy in every other place (5)
- 15 One employing hairdresser wanting a shift? (5)
- 17 Her plans unexpectedly change (8)
- 19 They regularly discuss Reading's reserve team (4,4)
- 22 Great, additional pressure for meal (6)
- 24 Naive perhaps to assume end of corruption in City (6)
- 26 Legitimate right not left behind (4)
- 28 Takes out and beats (4)