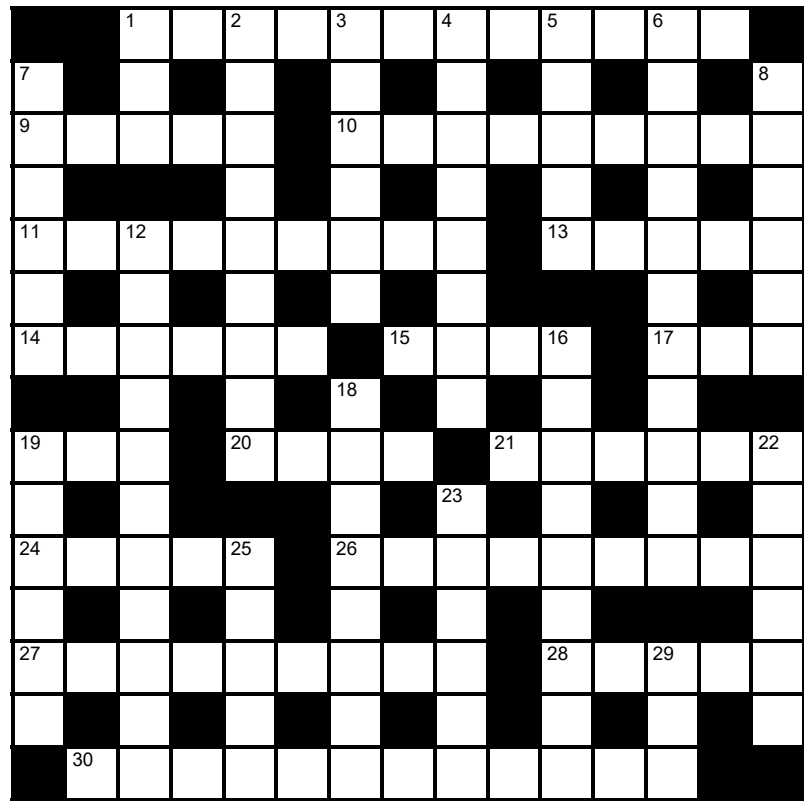


Across

- 1 21, 20 (16 from 12) he orchestrated havoc abroad with hot kiss (12)
- 9 The first Frenchman and woman (5)
- 10 It sharpens feeble-sounding soprano sound quality (9)
- 11 Sails on board ship chasing crank smuggling illegal fur (9)
- 13 Lying about parent, blotted out pest in bed (5)
- 14 Half-pint pub cut stocks (6)
- 15 Burlesque garment dispels element of restraint (4)
- 17/19 Royal name for trainee to shade from exposure (6)
- 20 Run from left to right (4)
- 21 Is it about holding a strike? (6)
- 24 9 wanting lead with overhaul (5)
- 26 Mostly costly mess, not the first to follow Tory minister (9)
- 27 Put under bar when ex avoided ambush (9)
- 28 Complete set covering a time for reflection (5)
- 30 Male driver questions turning on stereo (12)

Down

- 1/29 This light to get it to simmer (6)
- 2 Go too far, get lost in plain (9)



- 3 Death, war and terror together bears witness to defeat (6)
- 4 Reminder to look up fermented drink (8)
- 5 Victor from Spain: this striker (5)
- 6 Transform loneliest hotel clubs into somewhere to hang out (11)
- 7 Rug, wife and mother lifted round home (6)
- 8 Joining band put on to bolster perfect rating? (6)
- 12 Musical clown, ultimately on, performing a web recital (2,2,7)
- 16 Charge divided by inverse of prime number (3,3,3)
- 18 My sentimentality ends in trouble closer to chaos (8)
- 19 Stifling temperature unpleasant, but not hot (6)
- 22 Without help? Here's one of Santa's helpers (6)
- 23 Keep the peace we're told (6)
- 25 Best women, immoral sort (5)
- 29 See 1