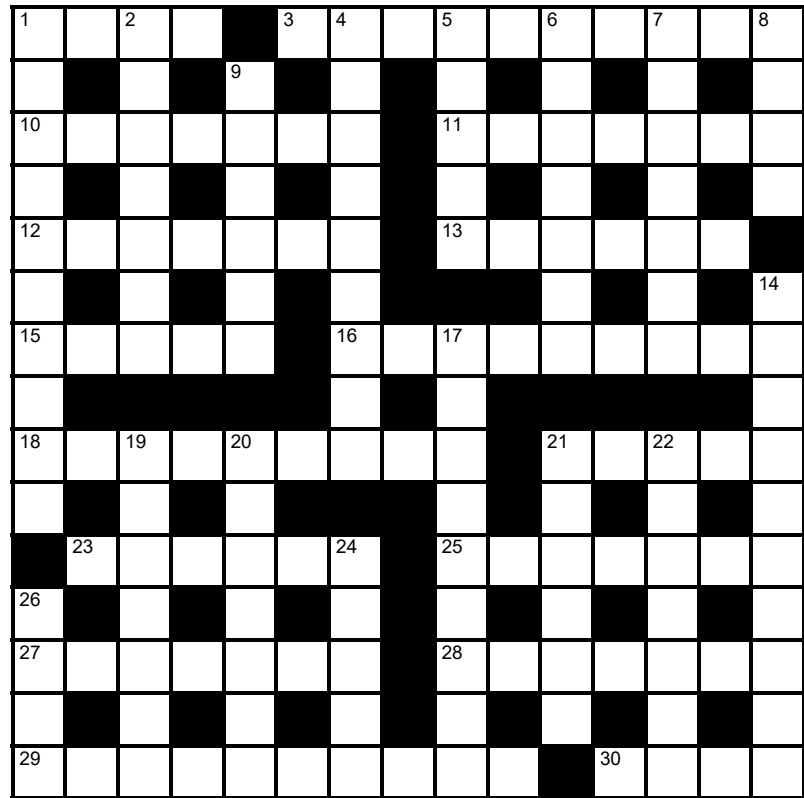


Rookie Corner 621

by Maitresse

Across

- 1 I ask about writer (4)
- 3 One imploring tailless cat to come back deployed catnip around lake (10)
- 10 Nothing wrong with unit's lightsource (3,4)
- 11 Painter of herald almost caught in trap (7)
- 12 Japanese martial art that's blocking magic power (7)
- 13 Impressionist in US gambling hub I run (6)
- 15 PM cut off queen? Perhaps (5)
- 16 Second present behind the scenes (9)
- 18 I'm bored silly by Eastern king's ornament (9)
- 21 With half missing, reauthorises historical artefact (5)
- 23 Returning calls again but lacking a volume control? (6)
- 25 Not changing gear (7)
- 27 Taking tips from *Inception* and *Vertigo* and Tarantino's *Kill Bill* (7)
- 28 Announcer holding adze at intervals becoming more deranged (7)
- 29 Banks possibly in awful endless *Telegraph* jokes (10)
- 30 Wise man cycling for years (4)



Down

- 1 Hack facing penalties for making contact with fence? (10)
- 2 Put an end to woman's misery (7)
- 4 A French fruit patch not fully explored (9)
- 5 Blackberry or crushed grape (5)
- 6 Animals using AA, bizarrely (7)
- 7 Graduate conserving last of cacti found in rocks? (7)
- 8 Taste fish (4)
- 9 Keep location of livestock principally secret for a time (6)
- 14 Settle on pre-Euro notes as points of reference (10)
- 17 Boil pasta, say, with relative's support (9)
- 19 Bottle out finally after I throw over country (7)
- 20 The devil's scar? (3,4)
- 21 Now and then archaic article turns up with line that's on the nose? (6)
- 22 Freeing lions, go mad (7)
- 24 Note first female magistrate (5)
- 26 Side arm (4)