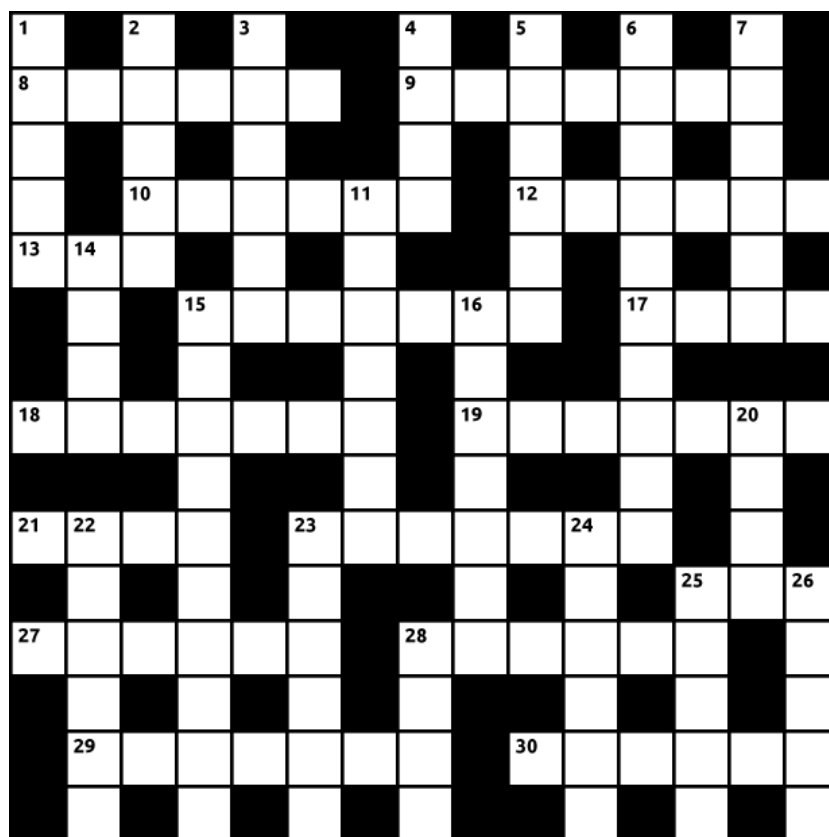


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Cryptic crossword #17

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ACROSS

- 8 Baseless ageism is fixed with old friends (6)
- 9 See 30-across
- 10 See 1-down
- 12 Food business' weak leader quit after English... (6)
- 13 ...partner's appeal for help (3)
- 15 Lowered form of bad seed (7)
- 17 American fragrance produced in blood orange (4)
- 18 Successful deconstructivist's true end? (7)
- 19 Tributes for some fiery sorcerers (7)
- 21 Born to trouble security (4)
- 23 A record in some correspondence (7)
- 25 Snake recoiled from knapsack (3)
- 27 Cave to filth initially (6)
- 28 Some are straight fishes (6)
- 29 Surgeon can cut both brain and eyeball (1,1,5)
- 30/9/6 Expanded latter part of tabooed book (6,7,10)

DOWN

- 1/10 Editor's problem is Spanish rum – fixed with a bit of sunshine (5,6)
- 2 Discontinued last three of flimsily produced movies (5)
- 3 Talked of common subjects (6)
- 4 Gathering take place before victory party's conclusion (4)
- 5 A longing to have worked well together (6)
- 6 See 30-across
- 7 Fried treat initially cooked hot until rice residue overflows (6)
- 11 Give up on a group taking the lead? (7)
- 14 Instrument to stink up empty office? (4)
- 15 Mint cryptically provides a good rate? (6,4)
- 16 He mostly cloned without care for hierarchal rank (7)
- 20 Looks over said letters (4)
- 22 Some keys are cut with strips (6)
- 23 A rise in total (6)
- 24 Stars are lively when crossing their airport (6)
- 25 Location for fancy sport coats being worn (5)
- 26 Quiet trip of satisfaction (5)
- 28 Starts a fiction, Rasselas of...of Abissinia perhaps? (4)