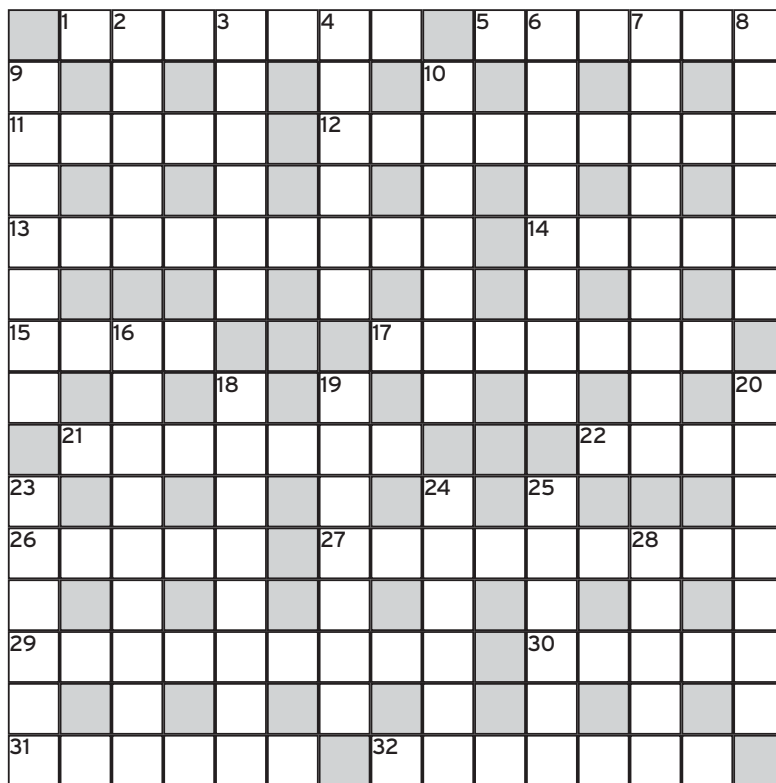


Across

- 1 In a bank it may be current, to be important (7)
- 5 Mexican location where new copper was found in prison (6)
- 11 The fibre of French friend captured by British Engineers (5)
- 12 Verb form used in times gone by, stressful (4,5)
- 13 Inferior writing – to keep the kitchen fires burning (9)
- 14 Poetry from Shanghai, Kuala Lumpur or Tokyo (5)
- 15 Slope that models like to walk? (4)
- 17 Brilliant red mark, a hindrance (7)
- 21 Never growing old, like eagles flying around top of spire (7)
- 22 Hand out two notes (4)
- 26 One who takes steps in reverse for a summing up (5)
- 27 Amusing or otherwise, he knows nothing (9)
- 29 Such a question could be put to Google perhaps (9)
- 30 Subject for a top gear conservative (5)
- 31 Bovine infuriator (3,3)
- 32 Put through the press to facilitate reading? (7)

Down

- 2 Celestial body that may arrive before end of Lent (5)
- 3 American state where no gore gets spilt (6)
- 4 Sodium on hand as a weapon (6)
- 6 Player without the traditional virtues is opposed to girl's love (8)
- 7 Creature dispatched, say, with one deep in trouble (9)
- 8 Birthmark that may trouble a Venus (6)
- 9 Curtains for a healer, imitator on track (7)



- 10 Bird that is very big, beginning to turn full of calories (7)
- 16 Stick wielded by the conjurer (5,4)
- 18 Baldness of oil exporters, 'inter alia' (8)
- 19 Pain reliever for one hoping to lose tail (7)
- 20 What a sailor cannot afford to be (7)
- 23 Tool for undoing a writer's work (6)
- 24 Variety of wild ass from the iron age recently found (6)
- 25 A shrub to study, with decay inside (6)
- 28 Tree with ample spread (5)

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