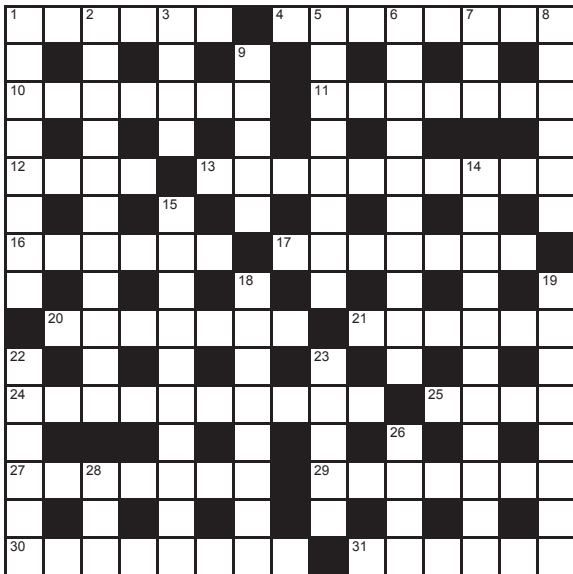


CROSSWORD

No. 13,875 Set by GURNEY



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Something that prevents quarrel where items are sold (6)
- 4 Taking lead from Sita, Stoic converted – embracing eastern philosophy (8)
- 10 Office item even more out-of-date quietly installed (7)
- 11 Agree lecturer's content to choose incumbent? (7)
- 12 Only remaining shoemaker's model (4)
- 13 Fez trainee refashioned – it's useful in winter (10)
- 16 Finally changing sides, US president establishing trade body (6)
- 17 Worker less productive after cold (7)
- 20 Like Venus de Milo, with no warlike threat? (7)
- 21 Landlord's means of communication (6)
- 24 After drink and kiss, joiner recalling song in Mediterranean port (10)
- 25 Gentle sort (4)
- 27 Motivate at home with religious feature (7)
- 29 Lacking time, take land out of production creating leisure area (7)
- 30 Search for fun the don is misrepresenting? Not entirely (8)

- 31 Doctor gin in filthy room? That's mean (6)

DOWN

- 1 Herb vicar's uncovered in church (8)
- 2 After resistance, change census area – that allays doubts (11)
- 3 City in Laos, look! (4)
- 5 There's assistance here to welcome rerouted flier? (8)
- 6 Shattered bike racer swallowing tablet – it relieves tension (10)
- 7 Tiger starts with it of course (3)
- 8 Reduction in size permitted in meat (6)
- 9 Mischievous act in Portugal, giving off bad smell (5)
- 14 Unusually nice article, *he* might shed light? (11)
- 15 Play has racier tone unfortunately (10)
- 18 Annoys with criticism, singular, that's avoidable (8)
- 19 Urged to reform internally, gone off alcohol, very hard work! (8)
- 22 French city hotel in area known to clergyman (6)
- 23 Most important tree on street (5)
- 26 Actors discarded (4)
- 28 Unhappy as island regularly ignored (3)

Solution to Saturday's prize puzzle on Saturday December 24
Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Tuesday December 27
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