

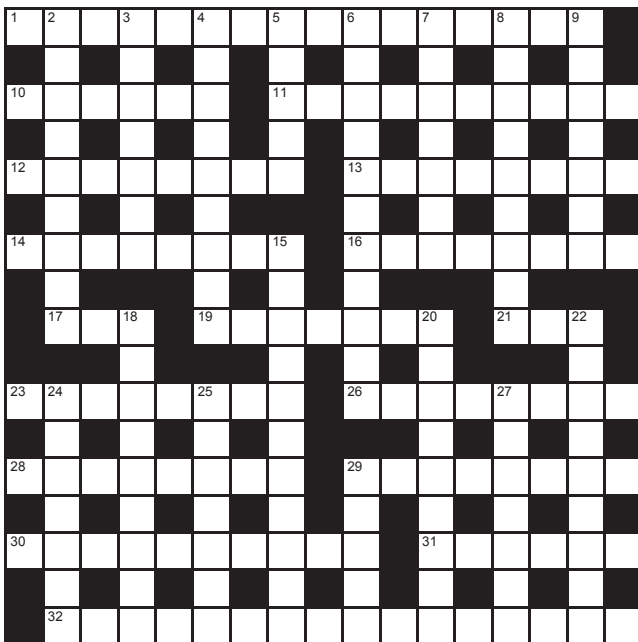
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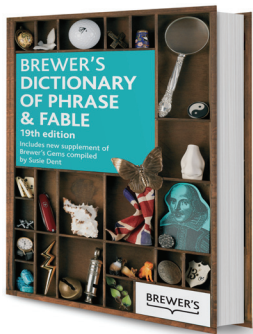
- 1 It grew according to legend when Joseph of Arimathaea thrust his staff in the ground (11,5)
- 10 A gas or oil lamp admitting air to the inside and outside of the flame (6)
- 11 Belgian cyclist nicknamed "The Cannibal" who won the Tour de France five times (4,6)
- 12 African frog used in research (8)
- 13 Breathing organ in scorpions and spiders (4-4)
- 14 Robert, US defense secretary between 1961-68, later becoming World Bank president (8)
- 16 The force or energy which sustains the essential nature of a person or object according to Gerard Manley Hopkins (8)
- 17 Oxford college in which the Reverend Spooner was Warden (3)
- 19 Spanish nobleman of the lowest class (7)
- 21 A brother or sister (3)
- 23 A frame, stand or stool for keeping things off the floor (8)
- 26 A powerful aviation fuel (8)
- 28 Bornean tree (8)
- 29 Publisher's imprint or emblem (8)
- 30 Irish actor who played Oskar Schindler in *Schindler's List* (4,6)
- 31 Variegated garment once worn by a jester (6)
- 32 The first woman to run as a vice-presidential candidate on a main party ticket in the US (9,7)

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- 2 He disappeared after the murder of Sandra Rivett, his children's nanny, in 1974 (4,5)
- 3 Holy writing in Hinduism (7)
- 4 American writer of light verse noted for pithy lines such as "Candy/Is dandy/But liquor/is quicker" (5,4)
- 5 "The Surrender of -----", a painting by Velazquez (5)
- 6 The scheme to assassinate Elizabeth I in 1570 and replace her with Mary, Queen of Scots after an invasion by the Spanish (7,4)
- 7 A sacred precinct (7)
- 8 A representation of a serpent with its tail in its mouth (9)
- 9 Actively swimming organisms in a sea, lake etc (7)
- 15 He won his first Grand Slam singles title at Wimbledon in 1992, beating Goran Ivanisevic (5,6)
- 18 Breed of large poultry with golden plumage (9)
- 20 The ancient royal standard of France (9)
- 22 A shoulder belt for carrying ammunition (9)
- 24 An operatic cycle culminating in Götterdämmerung (3,4)
- 25 Turning against the direction of gravity (7)
- 27 A person who draws alcoholic drinks (7)
- 29 A short story (5)



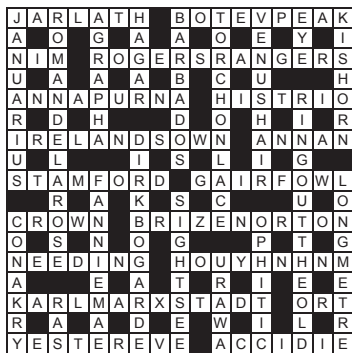
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