

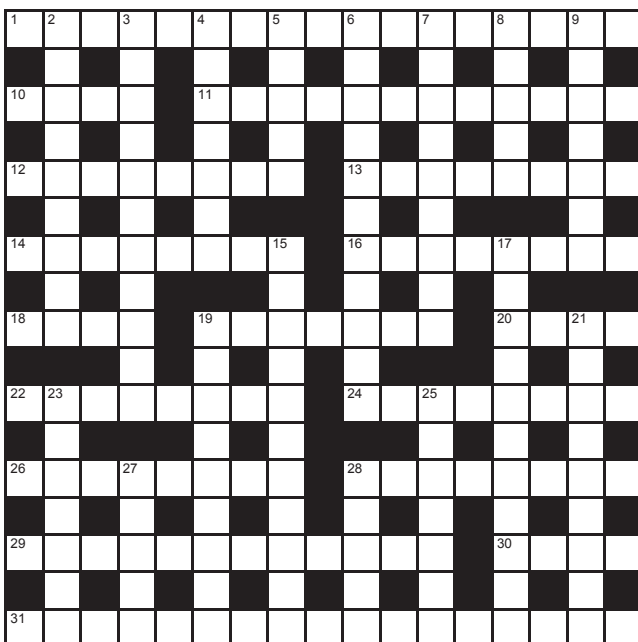
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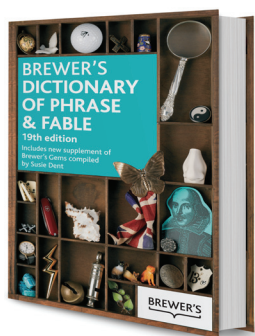
- 1 34th US president (6,1,10)
- 10 In northwest France a Calvinist stronghold in the 16th century (2-2)
- 11 33rd US president (5,1,6)
- 12 Early spinet with strings parallel to keyboard (8)
- 13 Small town north of Tenby in Pembrokeshire (8)
- 14 Glass display cabinet (8)
- 16 Romford and Hornchurch area formed into a London borough (8)
- 18 South American tree that grows isolated on the pampas (4)
- 19 Circular bass tuba (7)
- 20 Juan Bautista de ----, Spanish explorer 1735-1788 (4)
- 22 One porker out of ten paid as a tax (5-3)
- 24 German statesman 1815-1898 (8)
- 26 Date on which VAT becomes payable in the UK (3,5)
- 28 State of a body of water being over-rich in nutrients (8)
- 29 35th US president (4,1,7)
- 30 Ninth Greek letter (4)
- 31 Extensive low-lying area of desert west of Cairo (7,10)

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- 2 Suffolk village south-west of Stowmarket (9)
- 3 43rd US president (6,1,4)
- 4 Maori priest with healing powers (7)
- 5 ----- Flynn, Australian actor (5)
- 6 Informal name for a tachograph (3,2,3,3)
- 7 Third verdict available in Scottish courts (3,6)
- 8 Germ-cell in a female plant (5)
- 9 Protein, chief constituent of stretchy tissue (7)
- 15 Uplifted by knowledge or religion (11)
- 17 Political policies and practices of the 40th US president (11)
- 19 Mechanical contrivance for stripping bitter catkin-like fruit-clusters from vines (3-6)
- 21 Roman Catholic priest's small round skullcap (9)
- 23 ----- Duncan, US dancer and choreographer (7)
- 25 Work as a composer (3,4)
- 27 Variety of both black and white grape (5)
- 28 Consider sexual attractiveness of another (3,2)



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