

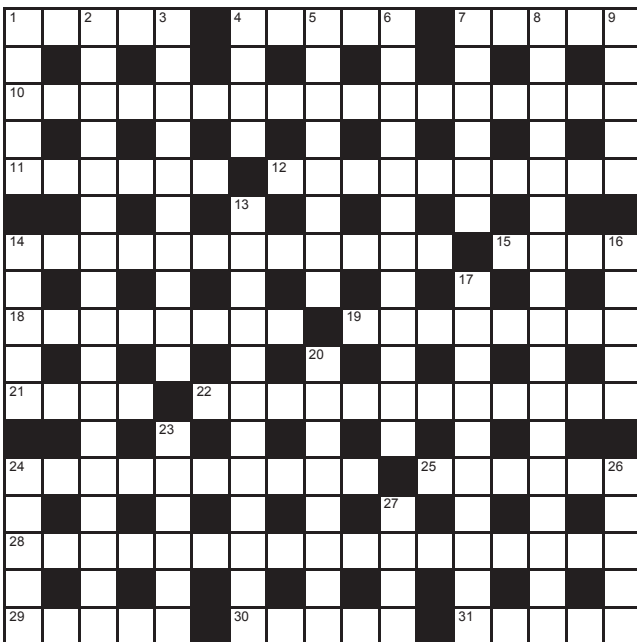
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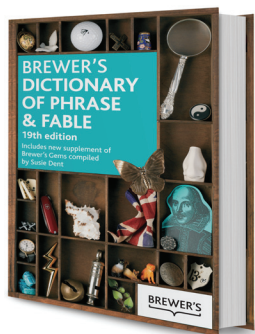
- 1 Athenian hetaira and mistress of Alexander the Great (5)
- 4 Mexican thatched wattle-and-daub hut (5)
- 7 Director of 2 (5)
- 10 Large-scale work for two vocal soloists and orchestra by Mahler (3,4,3,3,4)
- 11 Related by descent from a common male ancestor (6)
- 12 Intermittent pathological craving for alcohol (10)
- 14 Florentine artist whose marble sculpture *Pietà* is now in St. Peter's Basilica (12)
- 15 An unfledged hawk (4)
- 18 Australian plant with burr-like fruits (5-3)
- 19 Blow in boxing (8)
- 21 The chief herald of Scotland (4)
- 22 Australian tennis player who at Wimbledon in 1970 won both singles and men's doubles titles (4,8)
- 24 Australian Aboriginal musical instrument (10)
- 25 Cocktail of gin or vodka with lime juice (6)
- 28 Symphonic poem by Tchaikovsky; opera by Rachmaninov (9,2,6)
- 29 Ancient Syrian city on the site of the present-day Homs (5)
- 30 Daughter of Tantalus, turned into stone as she wept for her dead children (5)
- 31 Constellation near Pisces and Aquarius (5)

DOWN

- 1 Genus of Australasian ferns of the family *Osmundaceae* (5)
- 2 1940s film in which a drama critic (Cary Grant) learns that his maiden aunts are serial killers (7,3,3,4)
- 3 Capital of the French island of Réunion (5-5)
- 4 Hard ornamental stone of (usually) varying shades of green (4)
- 5 30th president of the US (8)
- 6 A genus of orchids (5,7)
- 7 French chef, d. 1833, considered to be the founder of the haute cuisine concept (6)
- 8 Novel by Philip Roth (8,9)
- 9 Adult leader of a pack of Cub Scouts. (5)
- 13 Ireland's first woman president (4,8)
- 14 First name of the wife of Alexander Graham Bell (5)
- 16 Composer of *Three Pieces in the Shape of a Pear* (5)
- 17 Device used for measuring the transparency of the water (6,4)
- 20 Final coat of plaster on which paint is applied in fresco painting (8)
- 23 Former kingdom once ruled by Offa (6)
- 24 Author of *A Journal of the Plague Year* (5)
- 26 Part of a man's formal evening dress (5)
- 27 American composer known for his work *4'33"* (4)

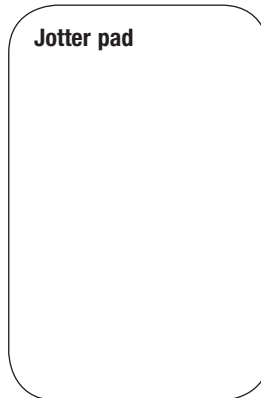


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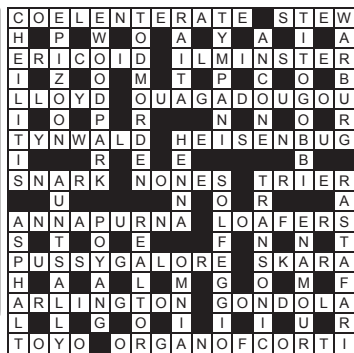


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