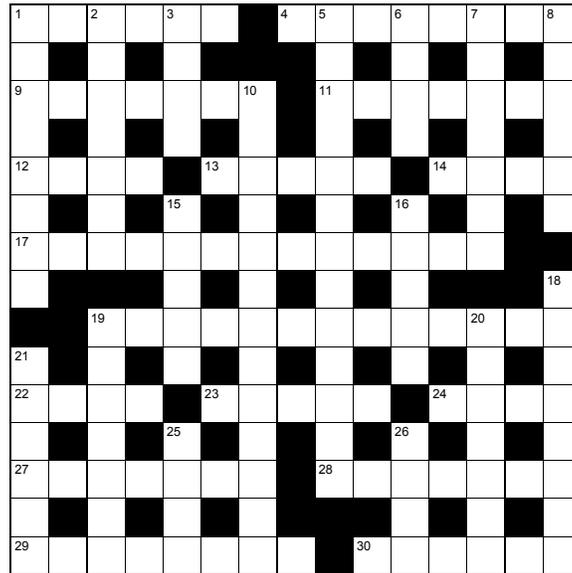


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ACROSS

- 1 Declare commitment to a fellow with company (6)
- 4 They help gamblers after onset of addiction (8)
- 9 Sort of plaster, it's used for attaching sheets of paper (7)
- 11 Quiet one extremely inclined to tremble (7)
- 12 Downfall of sovereignty, say (4)
- 13 Perfume is put in the post around start of Christmas (5)
- 14 Murderer raised by very noisy people? (4)
- 17 Guides president in London area (9,4)
- 19 Old Harry stuck out in attempt to gain sympathy (4-4,5)
- 22 Gas, one confused with nitrogen (4)
- 23 Kate's off to get meat (5)
- 24 Some jazz in concert, or metal (4)
- 27 New Orleans is a port (7)
- 28 Rank of Victoria for example (7)
- 29 Pretty girl holds skirt lower (8)
- 30 Quail or another bird engrosses student (6)

DOWN

- 1 Sailor stumped by ploy that's hard to understand (8)
- 2 Father's lithe but delicate (7)
- 3 Bank is really heartless (4)
- 5 Expensive seats on plane for those studying commerce? (8,5)
- 6 Sibling has success after short time (4)
- 7 Rubbish and burnt remains under English tree (3-4)
- 8 Maxim is speaking (6)
- 10 Run to family to find how different ethnic groups get on (4,9)
- 15 Vegetable from Devon town (5)
- 16 Wish evil on scoundrels beginning to exasperate (5)
- 18 Bucket for plant? (8)
- 19 Headgear left with hesitation for gangster (7)
- 20 View from old wing (7)
- 21 Not accustomed to being unemployed (6)
- 25 Female supporter wants new health food (4)
- 26 Ring everyone after end of epic (4)

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SOLUTION

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ACROSS

1 affirm. 4 abettors. 9 stapler. 11 shivery. 12 rain. 13 scent. 14 cain. 17 Shepherd's Bush. 19 hard-luck story. 22 neon. 23 steak. 24 zinc. 27 Salerno. 28 station. 29 diminish. 30 flinch.

DOWN

1 abstruse. 2 fragile. 3 rely. 5 business class. 6 twin. 7 eye-wash. 8 saying. 10 race relations. 15 chard. 16 curse. 18 hyacinth. 19 hoodlum. 20 opinion. 21 unused. 25 bran. 26 call.