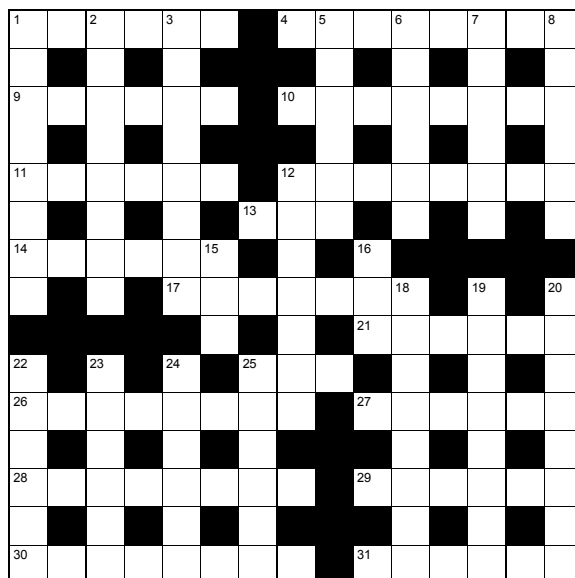


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ACROSS

- 1 Backing horse and making a killing (6)
- 4 I'm trapped by racist waving a sword (8)
- 9 Pirate lives out by river (6)
- 10 Violate home by border (8)
- 11 About to ring to cancel (6)
- 12 Fresh local pie is a source of inspiration (8)
- 13 Criminal swindle (3)
- 14 Opt for mixture of steel containing carbon (6)
- 17 It's close enough to catch sound of gunfire, as Cockney says? (7)
- 21 Trouble experienced over plant (6)
- 25 Animal starts to play in garden (3)
- 26 Royal commander twice turned to jelly (4-4)
- 27 Monk craftily conceals one old Japanese garment (6)
- 28 Article on Spain confused actor (8)
- 29 Saudi unusually takes time to make financial checks (6)
- 30 Beat side struggling with illness (8)
- 31 Make tough woman a corporal finally (6)

DOWN

- 1 I'm upset by tension with lover (8)
- 2 Fatty pudding (4-4)
- 3 Angel represented in English church shows refinement (8)
- 5 Half of Canada is able to dance (6)
- 6 Yours truly gets to bank – just (6)
- 7 Noted problem with new tissue (6)
- 8 Joint from freezer cooked without zeal initially (6)
- 12 Pirate from Cairo's drunk, right? (7)
- 15 Bill is not entirely suitable (3)
- 16 Upstanding professor has to show agreement (3)
- 18 Quiet diplomacy involving one on vessel (8)
- 19 Element in fuel or explosive (8)
- 20 Have great fun with student in musical (8)
- 22 Was profligate and very drunk (6)
- 23 Woman harassed male in Pennsylvania (6)
- 24 Bird of prey's first to appear in new image (6)
- 25 Mate has excellent, luxurious house (6)

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SOLUTION

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ACROSS

1 murder. 4 scimitar. 9 silver. 10 infringe. 11 repeal. 12 Calliope. 13 con. 14 select. 17 ear-shot. 21 dahlia. 25 pig. 26 agar-agar. 27 kimono. 28 thespian. 29 audits. 30 diabetes. 31 anneal.

DOWN

1 mistress. 2 roly-poly. 3 elegance. 5 cancan. 6 merely. 7 tendon. 8 reefer. 12 corsair. 15 tab. 16 nod. 18 taciturn. 19 fluorine. 20 carousel. 22 wasted. 23 Pamela. 24 magpie. 25 palace.