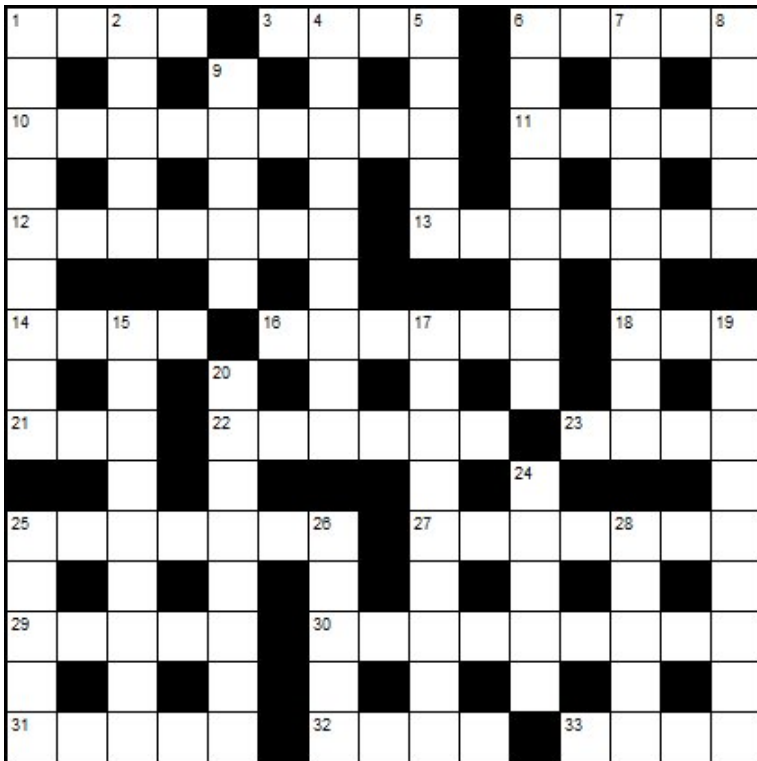


Puzzle by Baldur

Baldur's first puzzle displays some clever and intricate wordplay, making for a fun solve. I particularly liked 1 down and the neatly deceptive 18 across.



ACROSS

- 1 Call for assistance – ring is nothing special (2-2)
- 3 Look in empty bungalow for sock (4)
- 6 Devastation caused by something that gets smashed in the house (5)
- 10 Astonished by article on Europe and America's "indistinguishable mass of people" (9)
- 11 Wraps no-frills bungs in packaging from linguini (5)
- 12 Regret returning top grade boomerangs when residing in this part of the North (7)
- 13 Modern bowl showing a city with insomnia? (3,4)
- 14 Ruin peer, making head of Government king (4)
- 16 Mark taking heart from crumbs left by adults regularly (6)
- 18 With the help of 6a (3)
- 21 Result of endless Hock, perhaps (3)
- 22 Unsettled aristocrat leaves yearly for the Orient (6)
- 23 Waste content is intrinsic to pleasure activity (4)
- 25 Retrograde step following king to Northumbria, perhaps, to enforce illegal punishment (7)
- 27 Others also repelled after ten past five by abuse (7)
- 29 Hazel's disagreement with Pole, starting with a touch of bawdiness (5)
- 30 Small misdemeanour involves periodical free-for-all (9)
- 31 Macho partner for sun dance announced (5)
- 32 In addition, check Abramovich's capital being withdrawn from Chelsea (4)
- 33 Like that tolbooth on vacation to America? (4)

DOWN

- 1 Wear Crocs out as a way of putting off the birds (9)
- 2 Shoot weapon (5)
- 4 Pronounced way of opening toilet by Ms Farrow leads to complaint (9)
- 5 Come to M's successor following vigil (5)
- 6 One in two comedians aren't the brightest (4-4)
- 7 Parvenu ultimately gets into vehicle insurance in City (9)
- 8 Sound beginnings to campaign liberating island near Kabul (5)
- 9 Secretly store son's facial hair (5)
- 15 Duke to potentially go under, the last character working being drunk (6,3)
- 17 Ruin vista building defence against worms, say (9)
- 19 Appreciation of products found in a lake (9)
- 20 Lily, say hello to Cynthia (8)
- 24 Teaching master to follow trail (5)

- 25** Part of motorbike babysitter used as dish (5)
- 26** Old-fashioned way to someone's heart (5)
- 28** A sponge is very wet (5)