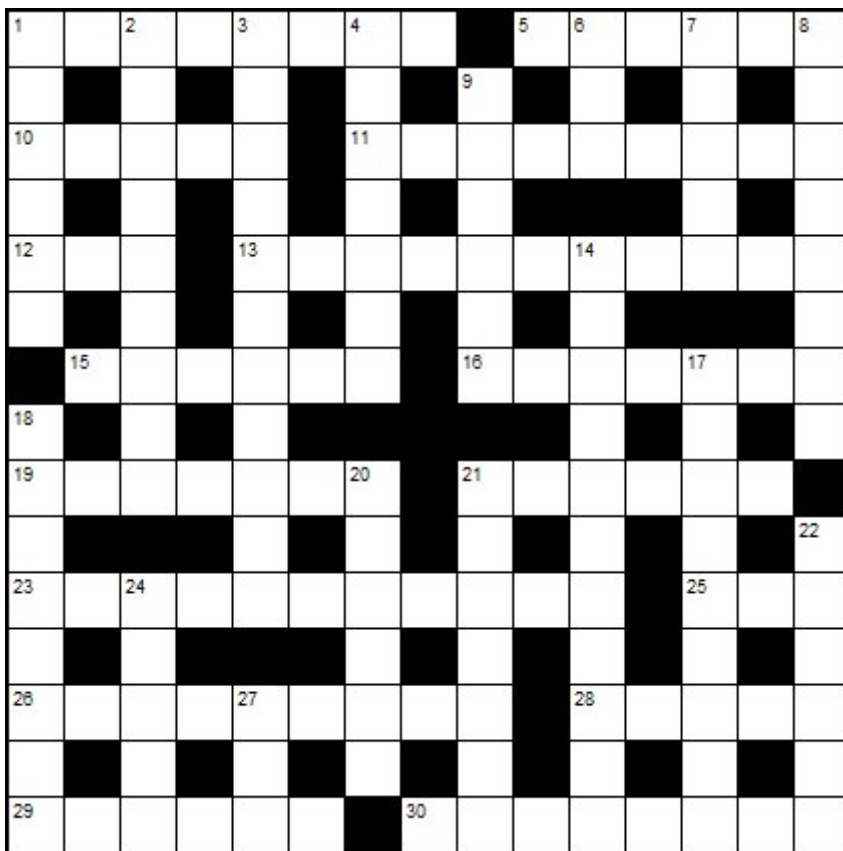


Puzzle 2 by Hoskins

Hoskins's second puzzle is a delight. Every clue has a beautifully smooth surface reading, without any sacrifice of fairness or accuracy, and that is a very laudable achievement. There are some ingenious misdirections to add to the fun. I especially liked 15 across, 7 down, and most of all 21 down.



ACROSS

- 1 Book a Dutch player for being in constant trouble? (3,5)
- 5 One composer or another not featured in *Loaded* (6)
- 10 Nice here in the navy, getting some killer protein (5)
- 11 Note icy PM suffers, not being able to have it (9)
- 12 Call of "lower!" made regularly in game show spot (3)
- 13 Auction of old tesla coils (not in working order) (3,2,6)
- 15 Society's beset by idiots and crooks (6)
- 16 Ask for another VCR, this one misses Casualty's start (7)
- 19 Intimate picture of couples in an aroused state (5-2)
- 21 Right, I'm cracking a Bud, chief (6)
- 23 Mean banks pull out of fund supporting charity (11)
- 25 City man taking United to heart (3)
- 26 Bishop raced away after church... to go forth and multiply? (6,3)
- 28 A tart's new backless leather number? (5)
- 29 Judge gives one to ten years for the third of charges (6)
- 30 Plant and marijuana joint found in Trinidadian's case (4,4)

DOWN

- 1 Stomach-turning cheese, yours truly produces floater (6)
- 2 How about "In Pursuit of Cook" for a show's title? (6,3)
- 3 Expert criminal hits north-facing French streets (11)
- 4 Copier knocking out rubles in very large numbers (7)
- 6 He'll abandon a capsizing sailor (3)
- 7 Naked knees-up that's the talk of Bollywood? (5)
- 8 It's that artist going around America later (8)
- 9 Ring woman or drink pint – choose! (3,3)
- 14 Charlie's down, worried by department deadline (7,4)
- 17 Drug-taking dad on heroin: "It'd be a waste to flog it" (4,5)
- 18 BBC sued over run being bumped then cancelled (8)
- 20 Peter's lack of heart is concerning Nick (6)
- 21 Hunt for one heavy breather that's ringing Hoskins (7)
- 22 Force field – none shall pass its energy (4,2)
- 24 Managed to crash Club Lolly in Geneva (5)
- 27 Mock what may be seen in page 3 of yesterday's *Sun*? (3)