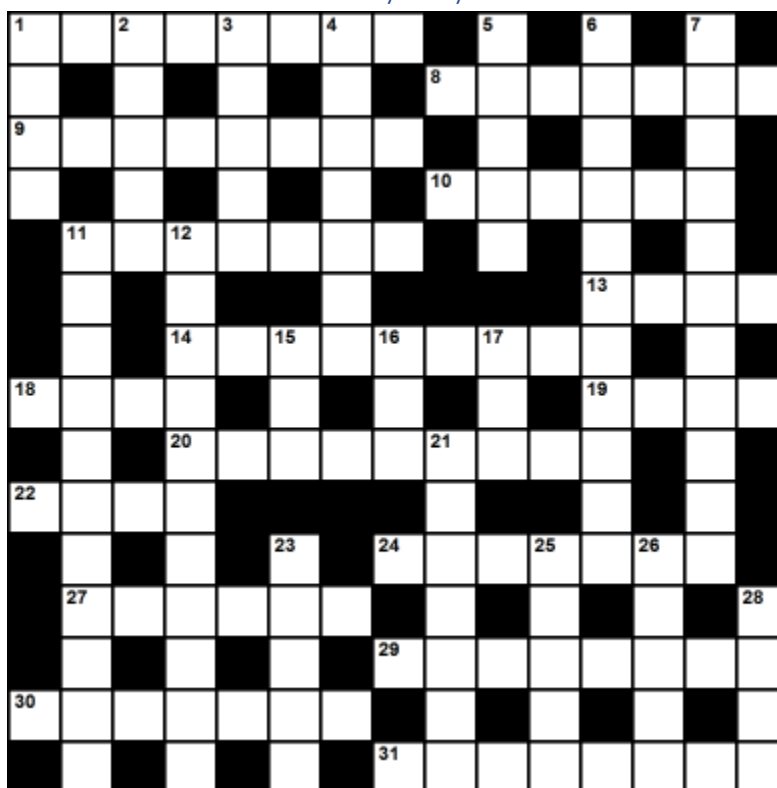


Set by Māyā



Across

- 1 Stead initially found in Gold Country here (8)
- 8 Order Cockney ladies to be wordsmiths (7)
- 9 Stern G.B. is one of our 8 (8)
- 10 Political exile, fighter poetically before 5s (6)
- 11 Told to get knotted? (7)
- 13 Coward at Christmas? (4)
- 14 Coming to like small bed colouration (9)
- 18 Food found on head? (4)
- 19 Note: males have the last word (4)
- 20 Knight who forces things open, I hear, is the one who cried "Boo!" (9)
- 22 Slow-tearing tearers, according to 23 5 (4)
- 24 First part of 9 with excellent expression of distaste (7)
- 27 Near-naked swinger in Edgar's work (6)
- 29 30, fat? Perhaps fair (8)
- 30 Chris, one of our 8, returned prize houses to King (7)
- 31 Without an axe, cloning accident for one of our 8 who produced 27 30 (5,3)

Down

- 1 Ship, and most of what it carries (4)
- 2 Mound for terrier (5)
- 3 Left as Queen emits bright light? (5)
- 4 Closest Listener in the home (7)
- 5 See 23
- 6 Gagarin set a fashion, perhaps after leaving this? (7,4)
- 7 Disrespect from Paul, midnight rider in loveless iron church (11)
- 11 Whereas Star Wars gives seabirds... (11)
- 12 ...means of entry, or tipster giving evens to get additional items (11)
- 15 Sailor may be whaled out (3)
- 16 Period spent abroad - right, 'tis done (3)
- 17 The Psammead's been heard before "Monty Python's Flying Circus" (3)
- 21 Begin, say, serial I broadcast (7)
- 23/5 27's mate with his head casing was one of our 8 (5,5)
- 25 Liturgical headdress found before 10 (5)
- 26 Relating to citizens 104 and 99 (5)
- 28 Female with slack harakeke (4)

