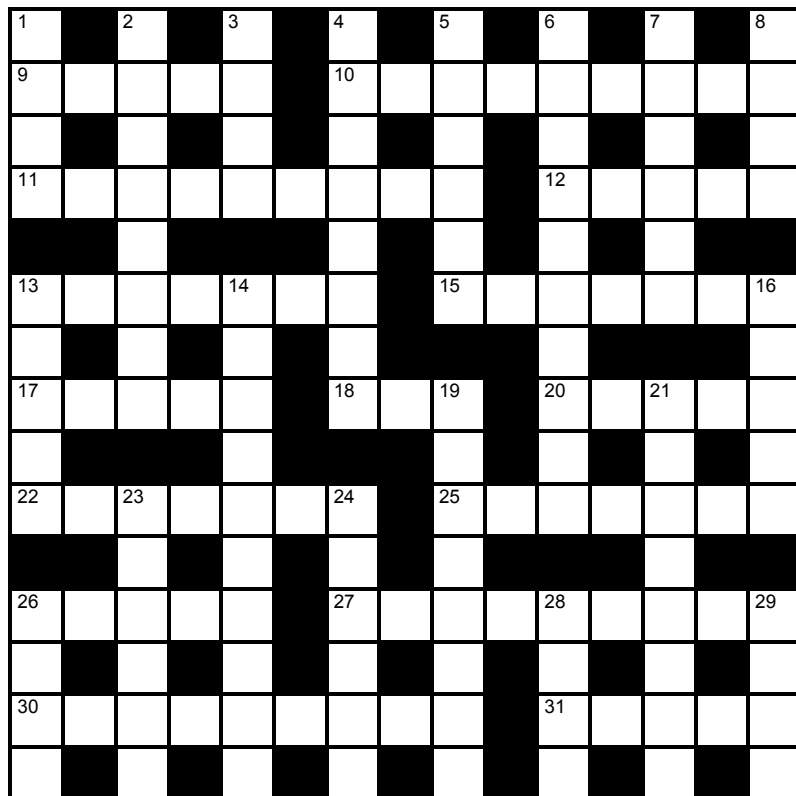


Set by Magwitch



**Across**

- 9 A quiet trip for 6,26 (5)
- 10 They get on your nerves showing gratitude after our name is mixed up (9)
- 11 Aimed to keep uniform speed and succeeded (9)
- 12 Head off escape at dawn (5)
- 13 Snares swan with nets (7)
- 15 Sweet English models are fired (7)
- 17 Do not apply pitch (5)
- 18 Indentation made by the princess lying on the pea, we hear (3)
- 20 Half-starved French generation makes an impression (5)
- 22 Following a minute later, I run into end of traffic (7)
- 25 Maverick senator shows disloyalty (7)
- 26 Period of time at the end of a week maybe (5)
- 27 Border state pursues measures revealing what the Government does at Cheltenham (7,2)
- 30 Plain boy chases girl with diamonds and gold (9)
- 31 Best to hold back alternative 6,26 (5)

**Down**

- 1 Hints about a light snowfall (4)
- 2 Pathetic alibi Peter concocted without hesitation (8)
- 3 Swarm sounds like another 6,26 (4)
- 4 Inspired by tunes he'd composed (8)
- 5 6,26 raised a national champion (6)
- 6/26 Shared denial by a French family perhaps (10,4)
- 7 6,26 created a storm about a horse (6)
- 8 Lemon pudding? (4)
- 13 6,26 to burn on 5th of November (5)
- 14 Process Texan oil at 6,26 (10)
- 16 Southern relatives take in sweetheart for 6,26 (5)
- 19 Defective update is withdrawn from circulation (3,5)
- 21 Investigator has no right to go after ship stuck in rough seas (8)
- 23 Mothers press meeting for causes of explosions (6)
- 24 6,26 depression re-occurs in London at start of year (6)
- 26 See 6
- 28 Takes meals in the brasserie at six (4)
- 29 Might talk through this exercise after the New Year (4)