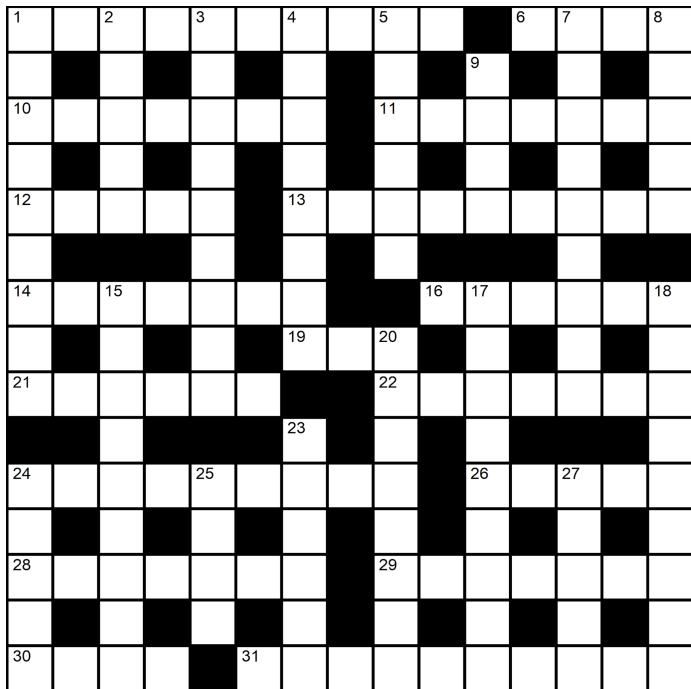


Genius No 279

Set by Turnstone



In all but eight clues, wordplay omits a letter. In order, these suggest how the remaining clues must each have a word removed before solving. Solvers must complete the puzzle with the unclued entry which might represent the starting point of the theme.

Across

- 1 Free flow round Channel Islands spirals powerfully to begin with (10)
- 6 Pose riddle (4)
- 10 Fix section of main grandstand (7)
- 11 Wine finally imported by Polish liquor shop (7)
- 12 Fertile spot's unaltered (5)
- 13 'Drink and act cool, Leonardo', he directed (9)
- 14 Large democracy adjoining American state (7)
- 16 Insect hotel: termites welcomed! (6)
- 19 Return a small pouch (3)
- 21 Sauce in pineapple dish regularly generates bodily chemicals (6)
- 22 Hair treatment maybe withdrawn for young animal (4,3)
- 24 Raced south to Rome every so often in wet weather (9)
- 26 Be examined again on sources of revolutionary epistemic intellectual theory (5)
- 28 Pastry chefs' bowls (7)
- 29 One essentially dud song tanks! (7)
- 30 Place of fabrication (4)
- 31 Without protection from New Delhi's latitude, starts to suffer sunburn (10)

Down

- 1 I trade sunflower oil all over the place for leader (9)
- 2 Protection from bees, for example, in Australian island (5)
- 3 Spooner's weasel-like creature dropped rabbits in piece of furniture (9)
- 4 Stride around academy while generating solutions (8)
- 5 Silver coin found in *Nautilus* equates to nothing (6)
- 7 I enlist a criminal firm (9)
- 8 Preserve leaves of globe artichokes for flavour (5)
- 15 Spare plaid cut off (9)
- 17 Bird moving position of head in noisy inspection (4-5)
- 18 Critic perhaps covering the Baftas initially sent back negative reactions (9)
- 20 Topeka balcony restricts rising American party (8)
- 23 Regularly hoard school dinner (6)
- 24 Defy authority on opening of Bakerloo Line (5)
- 25 Oracle of Canterbury? (4)
- 27 Work for ever unfortunately (5)

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