

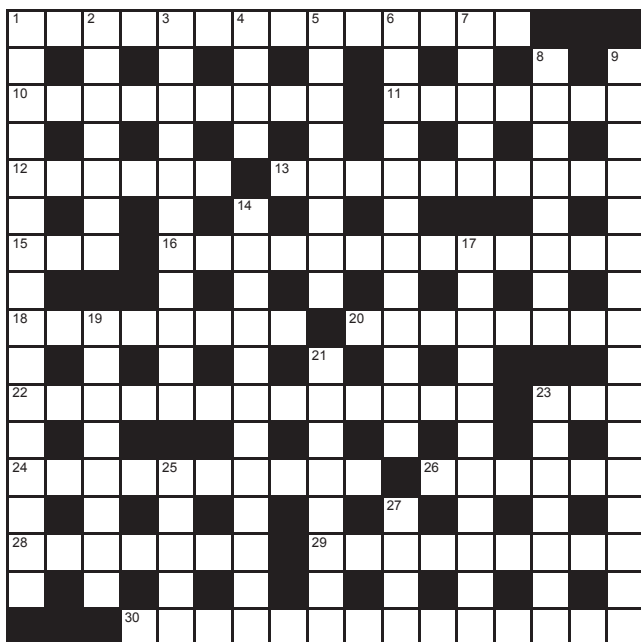
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- 1 17th century expression meaning elaborate decoration (7-7)
- 10 Long poles holding lit matches used to fire cannons (9)
- 11 A grape-sugar producing enzyme (7)
- 12 In East Africa, land used for growing crops (6)
- 13 A framework covered in netting to exclude insects (6,4)
- 15 Slang word meaning excellent (3)
- 16 A miracle-worker (13)
- 18 Harshness of tone or manner (8)
- 20 A Greek white wine (8)
- 22 An organism combining male and female physical characteristics (13)
- 23 In short, the US equivalent of the UK's HMRC (1,1,1)
- 24 Unconventionally innovative (5-5)
- 26 Indian political leader and social reformer (1869-1948) (6)
- 28 The world's lowest lake (4,3)
- 29 Willing (9)
- 30 *Teretistris fornsi*, a species native to Cuba (7,7)

DOWN

- 1 British army regiment first mustered in 1650 (10,6)
- 2 King of Saudi Arabia (1932-53) (3,4)
- 3 An underground water channel (11)
- 4 Silicate mineral, used as a substitute for glass (4)
- 5 A breed of bantam with a distinctive crest (4,4)
- 6 The branch of mathematics dealing with integers and their properties (6,6)
- 7 A lancer, originally from the Polish light cavalry (5)
- 8 A type of tin-glazed, highly decorated earthenware (8)
- 9 A chemical through which a nerve cell communicates with another, or with a muscle (16)
- 14 1948 musical starring Judy Garland (6,6)
- 17 The only footballer to win FA Cup winners' medals before and after World War II (5,6)
- 19 Term used from the 1960s for a small police vehicle (5,3)
- 21 Red Asian songbird related to the weaver bird (8)
- 23 To be permanently present (7)
- 25 A device used to stun or immobilise (5)
- 27 A ball of thread, yarn or twine (4)



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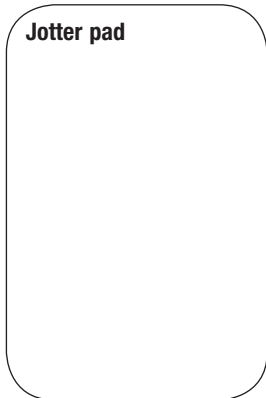
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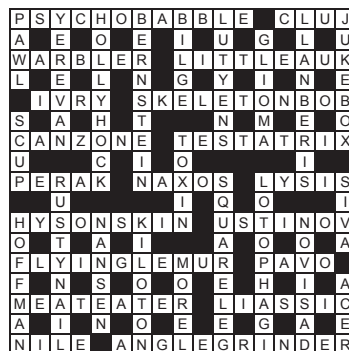


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Solution Polymath 652



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