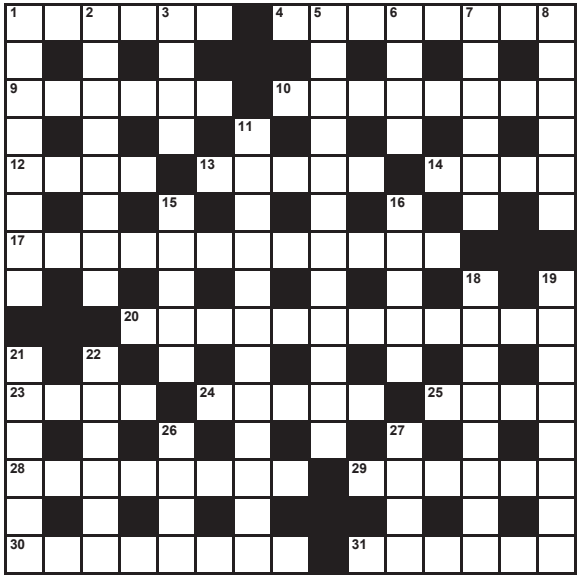
CROSSWORD

No. 13,872 Set by BRADMAN



JOTTER PAD

Twelve clues lack a common definition

ACROSS

1 A new job falling short as a reliable means of support (6)
4 Stray singer involved in such a scandal? (8)
9 The other woman I'm about to leave suffering (6)
10 Like some soil – scour with hoe to break up (8)
12 Exceptional person suffering setback (4)
13 Grab with one character doing a 90-degree turn (5)
14 Country leader sent packing (4)
17 Co-pilot moans, having to travel all around the world (12)
20 Problems with nastier bears roaming round (5-7)
23 Star turns (4)
24 Gullible type? Not I (5)
25 Small projection not very soft (4)
28 Cruel little man with big belly in charge (8)
29 Hot black stuff maybe with nasty stink in basin (6)
30 To run alongside motorway is a mistake (8)
31 Placed in Hell after backsliding – not clever (6)

DOWN

1 Summary provided by a bishop's religious leaflet? (8)
2 Form of rude behaviour of despicable men, elated after revolution internally (8)
3 Slow mover, not half! (4)
5 Determined to restrict fraud that's ever-changing? (12)
6 Look east (4)
7 A fellow needing to cross a river and ready to sail? (6)
8 Store decrepit with the roof falling in (6)
11 Church group's value in terms of money (12)
15 See passion putting female off (5)
16 Small monkey not at home ultimately (5)
18 Bit of fruit dubiously "ripe"? Complain (8)
19 Heavenly body – adore its wiggling (8)
21 Money order can be hit-and-miss (6)
22 Have reduced forces for law and order (6)
26 Painful for the listener (4)
27 One of those on the board? (4)

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