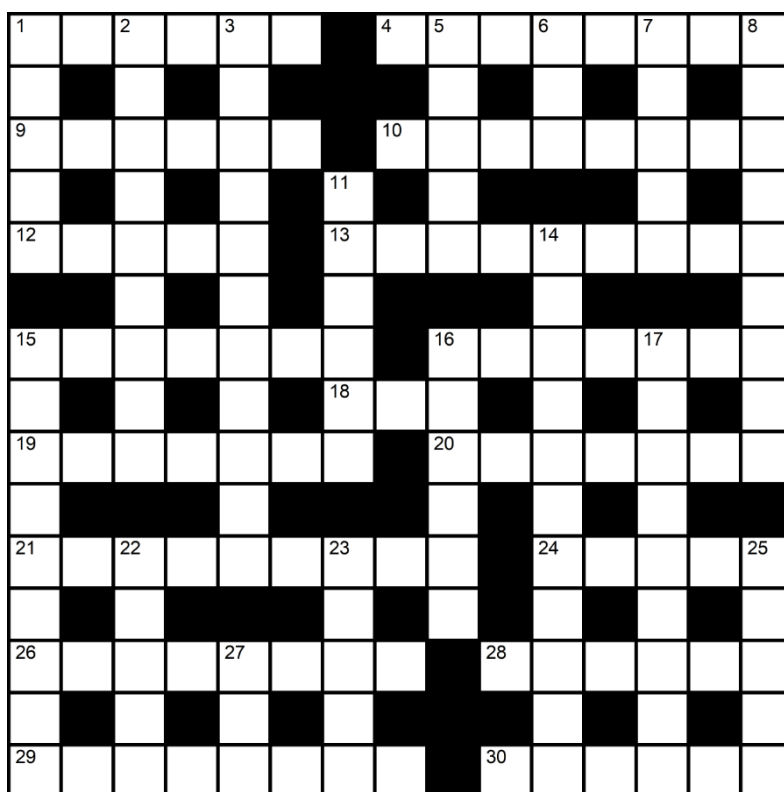


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Across

- 1 Fruit of the Theatre Cat embracing Gardner (6)
 4 A cut around Côte d'Ivoire church may involve hair loss (8)
 9 Dawn could describe 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 27/25 down, and 12 and 21 across (6)
 10 Curbing a boisterous Kiwi singer-songwriter (3,5)
 12 By way of going through 9 in resort (5)
 13 Tip off witches parked on top of house - they can stand the heat! (9)
 15 Whip recipe up with a bone found under the 26 (7)
 16 Equal to wire wrapped around speakers (7)
 18 When is the letter from Greece due? (3)
 19 To make a weapon useable again, remove Milligan (7)
 20 Verifier, say, used for draughts (7)
 21 It's exquisite about singer getting together with revolutionary (9)
 24 Trick mother with smoke in the mirror (5)
 26 My aunt Dotty holding politician to be like a drum in the head (8)
 28 City of London digger and repeater (6)
 29 Caught out Andersen? (8)
 30 Tenant reduced Cummings (6)

Down

- 1 Foreman losing the right to make a mistake (5)
 2 Imitator's gin mixer - assuming that's drinks? (9)
 3 I, a raconteur? Wrong, completely wrong! (2,9)
 5 Behold anger on the continent (5)
 6 Raised blame for equality (3)
 7 Study game in Africa (5)
 8 Driver with nothing to ____ it, so to speak? (9)
 11 Peg restricting publisher to rug (6)
 14 Pulp, soft food that is right for my endless pain (6-5)
 15 Flirt could be stouter, perhaps? (9)
 16 Hoard tons for the prestige (6)
 17 Without a lot of noise, our Geoff is British first, then middle class (9)
 22 Albert gave a type of shaft to us (5)
 23 Partially recouped cost of vehicle (5)
 25 See 27
 27/25 Cherry-picking one contrivance in holey fabric (1,2,5)