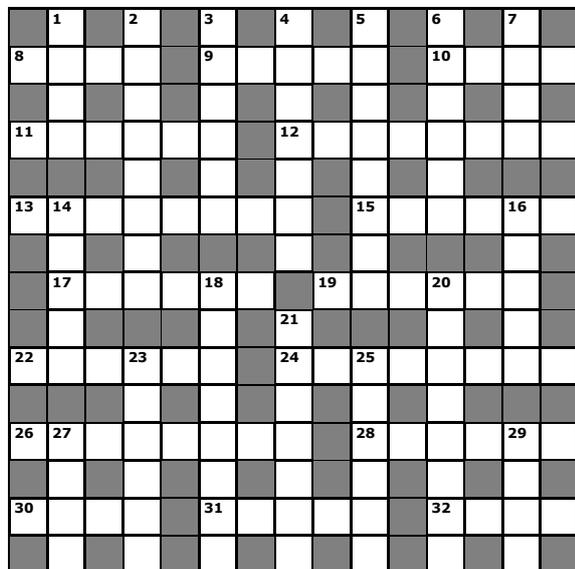


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Across

- 8** Sunny side feature of wooden frame as stated (4)
- 9** One catches cattle at display heading West (5)
- 10** Nuptial assent line from beloved (4)
- 11** Is loveless actor Bridges reverting inside scenes that are delightful? (6)
- 12** Important guests at the front have tears from some moving scenes (3,5)
- 13** Is being 40 'past it'? (6,2)
- 15** A victory in Europe possessing England to even the score (6)
- 17** Tad late initially and is wandering farthest from the Centre (6)
- 19** Location in the Caribbean has some heated sessions divided on trading spots (6)
- 22** Teem over edges of iron furnace and spilt (6)
- 24** Common elands possibly run after chips to start with (8)
- 26** Nasty sledge that is written, on reflection (8)
- 28** For example, sins betray bigots regularly (6)
- 30** Easily float when all flotation tanks initiated (4)
- 31** Designated place facing bridge opponents used occasionally (5)
- 32** Undue haste to skin walrus hide (4)

Down

- 1** Taking note, overwhelm uploaded piece of software (4)

- 2** Pervert mostly sent silky silhouettes from Paris and others (8)
- 3** Even parts of Accra upset by being ill-humoured (6)
- 4** Report of levy one almost adds belatedly (5,2)
- 5** Not exactly pacy type of horse goes around animal on the river bank (8)
- 6** Secure about holding constant defensive position (6)
- 7** Reflects on masterful political leaders' easy run (4)
- 14** No addition to cricket score? Spread out! (5)
- 16** Imbibing alcohol, doctor's a sourpuss (5)
- 18** Hyundais possibly on short roadway back up without thinking (8)
- 20** Seeing benefits in pay system that collects unpaid tax initially (8)
- 21** Golfer keeping a record of damage to their vehicle? (7)
- 23** Exercise session in the gym overlooked women's crews (6)
- 25** Extra sharp skill displayed in tense hospital setting (6)
- 27** Act unhelpfully cut short by a fuse out of operation (4)
- 29** Sack judge from sporting contest (4)