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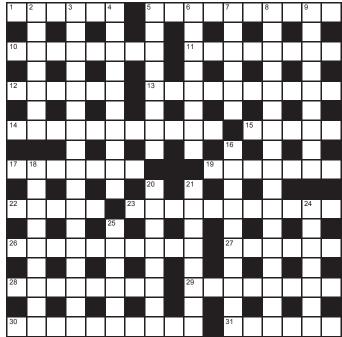
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- **1** Large metal gong used in an orchestra (3-3)
- **5** Tragedy in five acts by Racine (10)
- **10** Native American preparation of pounded dried meat (8)
- English painter known for his animal subjects, d.1873 (8)
- **12** Bishop generally credited as the first Christian missionary to Scotland (6)
- **13** British scientific writer, d.1872, who had an Oxford college named after her (10)
- 14 The first month in the French Revolutionary calendar (11)
- **15** Roman senator who wrote an account of the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD (5)
- **17** Members of the police flying squad (informal) (7)
- **19** Another name for Sirius (3,4)
- **22** That is to say (Latin) (2,3)
- 23 Surname of two brothers who pioneered hot-air ballooning from 1782 onwards (11)
- **26** State capital of West Virginia (10)
- **27** A stage of the life cycle of jellyfish (6)
- **28** King of Numidia executed in Rome in 104 BC (8)
- **29** General commanding Carthaginian forces in the Second Punic War (8)
- **30** Occurring once a week (10)
- **31** Longest of the rivers that give Punjab its name (6)

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DOWN

- 2 A north-west Atlantic fish of the herring family (7)3 1861 Christmas story by
- Charles Dickens (3,8,6)4 The ratio of the speed of a moving body to that of
- sound (4,6) 5 City near the site of the battles of Bull Run 1861/62 (8)
- **6** Structure at the end of a chromosome protecting it against decay (8)
- 7 Burlesque in song and dance in one act by Stravinsky, premiered in 1922 (6)
- 8 Another name for the Campbellites (9,2,6)
- **9** Nazi concentration camp in Poland in the second world war (9)
- **16** Assyrian general decapitated by the biblical heroine Judith (10)
- **18** English writer and creator of Bertie Wooster (9)
- **20** City at the northern end of the Suez Canal (4,4)
- **21** Pseudonym of Marie-Henri Beyle (8)
- 24 One of the three Gorgons of Greek mythology (7)
- **25** The roof of the midbrain (6)





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