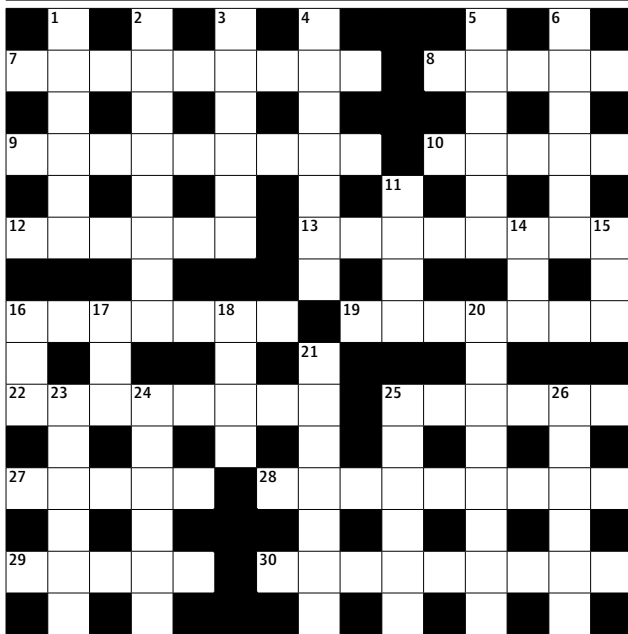


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Nine clues lack a definition; their solutions are of a kind.

Across

- 7 Suitable prisoner, so guru set free (9)
- 8 Telltale wind energy moving from end to centre (5)
- 9 Sticks best snapped to contain fever temperature (9)
- 10 Female fish (5)
- 12 Dog died in town on south coast (6)
- 13 This, tailored, goes outside to fit tight and good, like a hood (8)
- 16 Stocking items of willow in outskirts of Henley (7)
- 19 Eloquence, force applied to production of Uncle Vanya, 4/5ths through (7)
- 22 Scorer has space to turn, getting one in, then another one (8)
- 25 Mate who makes a mess (6)
- 27 Breadth restricted by big car (5)
- 28 Released when undressing a virile journalist? (5,4)
- 29 Lots of money rejected (round million) (5)
- 30 Don't do a full shift down the pit, sap! (9)

Down

- 1 See 25
- 2 Religious symbol in art makes one good (before undies loosened) (5,3)
- 3 Way over length in colour (6)

- 4 Non-vocal boxing fix (7)
- 5 Disconnect the supply of international body publicity (6)
- 6 Birches surrounding new festival resort (6)
- 11 Select cure-all when heart skips (4)
- 14 Popular northern coach stop once? (3)
- 15 People mentioned earlier, taking time out (3)
- 16 Bear up without love (3)
- 17 Talk about what an old chest might do (3)
- 18 Pre-industrial housing check (4)
- 20 Former lines said by those people casually rising (6-2)
- 21 Pulsating TV in for repair (underwear stuffed inside) (7)
- 23 Noble, short winding stair ring (6)
- 24 Jolson and the Hobos LPs? (6)
- 25,1 Cryptic crossword indication for "too pat" (6,6)
- 26 Sequined, unhemmed, like an Arab? (6)

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