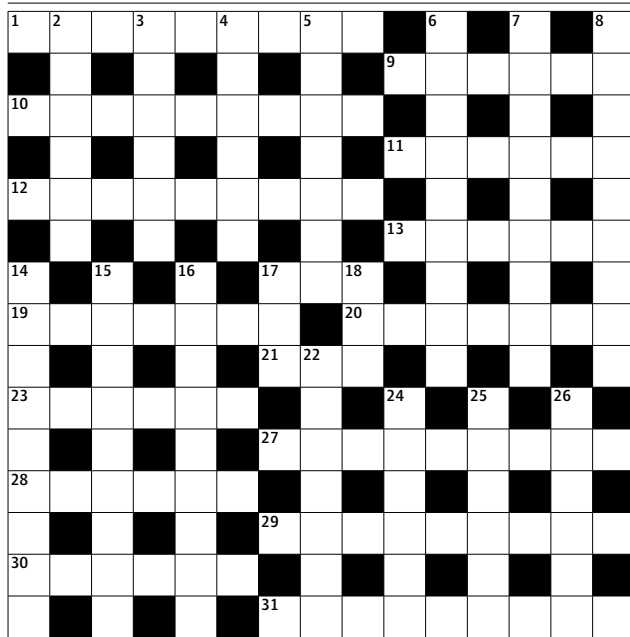


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The 9-letter solutions are of a kind and are otherwise undefined

Across

- 1 Ties, possibly black, put in their place (9)
- 9 His man reformed Jewish law (6)
- 10 Lighted on America (9)
- 11 Church saint chopped in kitchen (6)
- 12 Invader of systems in river (9)
- 13 Is setter keeping small boy in Italy? (6)
- 17 Except legal limitation (3)
- 19 Hermit not quite securely disposed (7)
- 20 Love a duck! (Insert number for porridge) (7)
- 21 Go down and out as one with fleet? (3)
- 23 Bird done in way-out jail (6)
- 27 May taking drug? (9)
- 28 Boy and girl greeting king inside of the people (6)
- 29 Part of a horse and a king (9)
- 30 Country bird (6)
- 31 Credit increased? (9)

Down

- 2 Attempt to keep wood cheap (6)
- 3 Strike is devil's work (6)

- 4 Little flower to acquire contents of red box (6)
- 5 Tropical plant for making fool in sparkling wine (7)
- 6 Forger on drugs? (9)
- 7 Knight who sang in French (9)
- 8 Male line of country park (9)
- 14 Increase a bit at a time in point (9)
- 15 Cricket club rules left off (9)
- 16 Parliament with unaccompanied messenger (2,7)
- 17 Gathering for busy person (3)
- 18 Nick the boy? (3)
- 22 Publicity in fight will make a hole (7)
- 24 Still interference? (6)
- 25 Genocide requires one to leave with backing during concert (6)
- 26 It's not just amusements that won't start (6)

Solution No. 25,944

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