

Solution to Crossword No: 030 by WEB

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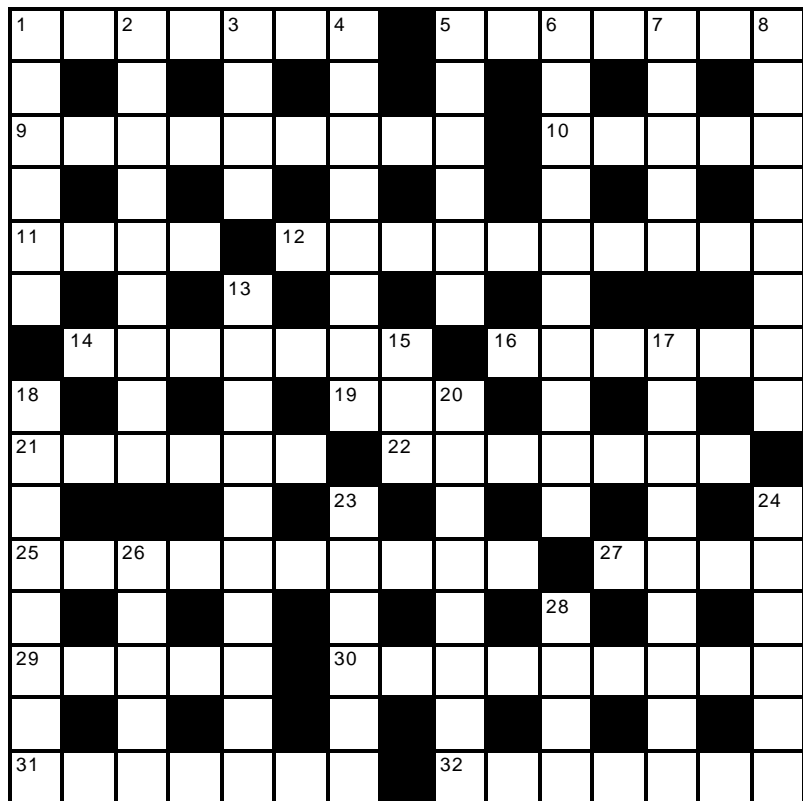
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Across

- 1 About a hundred pieces of Lego lying all around the artist (2,5)
- 5 It heats up when you put something funny on your finger (3,4)
- 9 The sailor is paid to take something confidential to the Queen (9)
- 10 It's the rat inside that is pretty ticked off (5)
- 11 Can AI take that last letter to court? (4)
- 12 The troops were sent out with cold objectivity (10)
- 14 Races to get Reginald with someone sober in Alcoholics Anonymous (7)
- 16 Something obscure and messy did in the hen (6)
- 19 Without A. the despot becomes medium strength (1.1.1.)
- 21 There's nothing to be looked at or listened to (6)
- 22 Pick, say, eccentric compensation of a kind (4,3)
- 25 Et al. (4,2,4)
- 27 Rob in over his head perhaps? (4)
- 29 Taken flight on the incoming tide to the north (5)
- 30 It's far from obvious that it's not for melding it together (9)
- 31 A mass of pups! Gee, I can hear them! (7)
- 32 Tea to use up gradually (3,4)

Down

- 1 Disclose what your stance used to be (6)
- 2 She was a woman of the night, I hear (9)
- 3 It used to be the morning for the test (4)
- 4 It's hidden in some letters like PEGGSAN (8)



- 5 Let's just say it's the bacteriologist's nationality (6)
- 6 The metal worker can keep the candles alight ... now there's beer! (10)
- 7 It's how old I am in this picture (5)
- 8 How do you do it? Keeping a horse around this entire mess? (8)
- 13 One who produces e.g. a "P", can be very gripping! (4-6)
- 15 As the second looks kind of like a horse (3)
- 17 In the end Ian gets his card back, on a harsh word (9)
- 18 Four canines perhaps? That's hard to say (8)
- 20 Break up a small amount of pine, but with tact (8)
- 23 Brave Penny had all the luck this year (6)
- 24 Ada takes the US soldier around for a slow dance (6)
- 26 That perch is for Pooh's pal, the saint (5)
- 28 It used to circulate on water (4)

Difficulty Rating: ①②③④⑤

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Across

1 EL G(RE-C)O

Pieces of "Lego" lying all around (ELG-O) about a hundred (RE C) = EL GRECO: the artist.

5 GAS RING

When you put something funny (GAS) on your finger (RING) = GAS RING: it heats up.

9 PRIVATE-ER

To take something confidential (PRIVATE) to the Queen (ER) = PRIVATEER: The sailor is paid.

10 I(RAT)E

Inside that is (I-E) it's the rat (RAT) = IRATE: pretty ticked off.

11 SUE-Z

Take to court (SUE) that last letter (Z) = SUEZ: can-al.

12 DETACHMENT

The troops were sent out = DETACHMENT: with cold objectivity.

14 REG-A(TT)A

To get Reginald (REG) in Alcoholics Anonymous (A-A) with someone sober (TT) = REGATTA: races.

16 H(IDD)EN

In the hen (H-EN) messy "did" (IDD) = HIDDEN: something obscure.

19 E.S.P.

The D-esp-OT with a DOT (A.) becomes = E.S.P. -- medium strength.

21 O-B-EYED

There's nothing (O) to be (B) looked at (EYED) = OBEYED: or listened to.

22 SICK PAY

"Pick, say" eccentric = SICK PAY: compensation of a kind.

25 TURN UP LATE

TURN UP "LATE" to get "et al".

27 HOOD

Rob-in HOOD perhaps has a HOOD over his head.

29 FLOW-N

On the incoming tide (FLOW) to the North (N) = FLOWN: taken flight.

30 CON-FUSING

It's not "for" (CON) melding it together (FUSING) = CONFUSING: it's far from obvious.

31 LITURGY

Pups (LITTER) Gee (G) = LITTER-G, I can hear them = LITURGY: a mass.

32 EAT INTO

To use up gradually is to EAT INTO, and "EAT" IN "TO" = "t-ea t-o".

Down

1 EX-POSE

Used to be (EX-) your stance (POSE) = EXPOSE: disclose.

2 GUINEVERE

Guinevere was a woman of the knight ("night" I hear), King Arthur's queen.

3 EX-AM

It used to be (EX-) the morning (AM) for = EXAM: the test.

4 OMELETTE

P(EGGS)AN = EGGS in a PAN = Omelette.

5 GERMAN

The bacteriologist (GERM MAN) let's just say = GERMAN: his nationality.

6 SMITH-WICKS

The metal worker (SMITH) can keep the candles alight (WICKS) = SMITHWICKS: now there's beer!

7 I'M-AGE

I am (I'M) how old (AGE) = IMAGE: this picture.

8 G(REETIN)G

Keeping a horse around (G-G) this "entire" mess (REETIN) = GREETING: "how do you do" it.

13 PAGE-TURNER

One who produces e.g. a "P" (EGAP) is a PAGE-TURNER: can very gripping!

15 AS-S

As (AS) the second (S) = ASS: looks kind of like a horse.

17 DRAC-ON-IAN

Gets his card back (DRAC) on (ON) in the end Ian (IAN) = DRACONIAN: a "harsh" word.

18 MOUTHFUL

There are four canines (teeth) in a MOUTHFUL: that's hard to say.

20 PITTANCE

Break up "pine" but with "tact" = PITTANCE: a small amount.

23 P-LUCK-Y

Penny (P) had all the luck (LUCK) this year (Y) = PLUCKY: brave.

24 ADA-GI-O

Ada (ADA) take the US soldier (GI) a-round (O) for = ADAGIO: a slow dance.

26 ROO-ST

Pooh's pal (ROO) the saint (ST) is for = ROOST: that perch.

28 PUNT

It used to circulate (before the Euro) = PUNT: on water.

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