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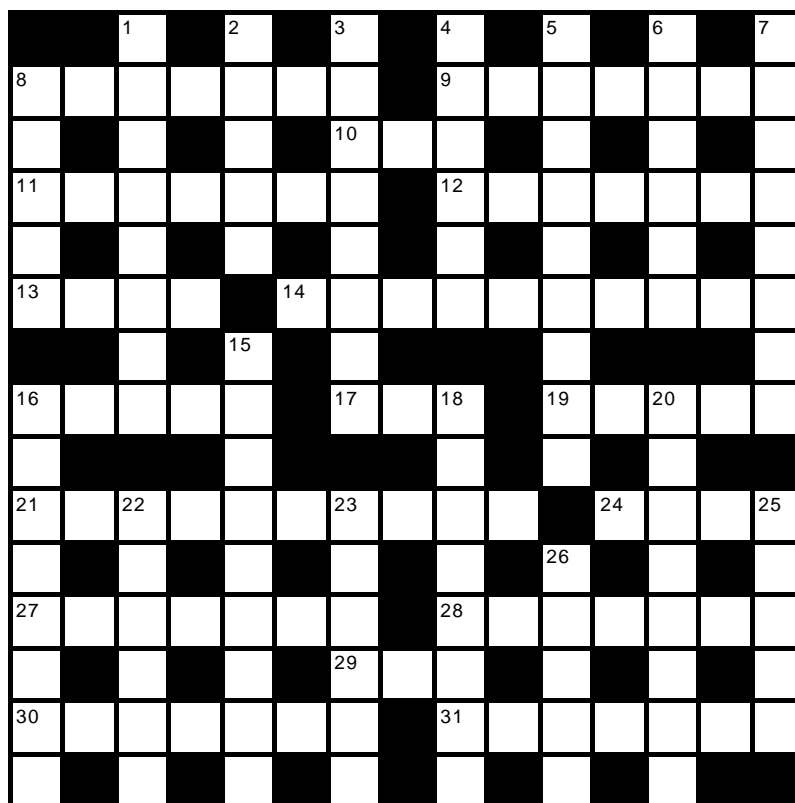
From an Admirer ..

Across

- 8 Abe takes Alan on to see Pearl's mother (7)
- 9 This girl has contrived to make something sizeable (7)
- 10 Request information about a gasket ... get away! (3)
- 11 I'm no chicken, get me into an unconventional trade (3,4)
- 12 With father back, it's more apt to make something that will connect (7)
- 13 Join the Spanish somewhere between Waterford and Dublin (4)
- 14 After five, the ferocious sort gets really loud (10)
- 16 Diana's company made such a song and dance back then (5)
- 17 Move quickly ... a friend from France left family for this (3)
- 19 Unstable nouns used with "billiard" or "kitchen" perhaps (5)
- 21 Before the CD, the French seem to listen to an individual called Jack on their decks (4,6)
- 24 Before Old King Cole gets the bug, sounds like (4)
- 27 The best wife for Dad ... an eye doctor??!! (7)
- 28 Hagman gets hats to the cockney, I hear, and with them he looks like a cowboy (7)
- 29 Add nothing in the end for Dee, and there'll be a fuss made (3)
- 30 Funny morning taking drugs (7)
- 31 A candidate for "eNOME"? (7)

Down

- 1 Lauded as a novel way for someone who flew not too high, nor too low (8)
- 2 I'm not happy or bashful, Doc, but I am silly (5)



- 3 Of course it's me at fifty ... an oaf! (4,4)
- 4 Something basic, like a tall tale at the boozier perhaps? (6)
- 5 Put nothing on top of that jumble of remnants ... they're for a special tree (9)
- 6 Your little brother takes first place for eating and drinking! (6)
- 7 An unconventional rep ... is he a Jew? (8)
- 8 It shows the way to Row R? (5)
- 15 Help for mother in these outrageous, hideous surroundings (9)
- 16 There's a message in one \ (8)
- 18 Nearly go crazy for 12 months (8)
- 20 Listen to the Eurovision winner before she gets banned for that scarf (8)
- 22 This left one trademark to us, and that's the acid test (6)
- 23 Found north of the border with silver hearts underarm (6)
- 25 The London gallery takes a second sample (5)
- 26 It's nearly true ... a British member gets the best-looking suit (5)

Difficulty Rating: ①②③④⑤

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BE MY VALENTINE!

That's the secret message in NW-SE DIAGONAL.

Across

8 AB(AL-ON)E

Abe (AB-E) takes Alan on (AL-ON) to see = ABALONE: mother-of-pearl.

9 LARGISH

This "girl" has" contrived to make = LARGISH: something sizeable.

10 ASK

About a G-ask-ET ... GET away = ASK: request information.

11 RED (ME)AT

Into an unconventional "trade" (RED-AT) get me (ME) = RED MEAT: I'm no chicken.

12 AD-APTER

With father, 'Da', back (AD) it's more apt (APTER) to make = ADAPTER: something that will connect.

13 W(EL)D

Somewhere between Waterford and Dublin (W-D) the Spanish (EL) = WELD: join.

14 V-OCIFEROUS

After five (V) the "ferocious" sort (OCIFEROUS) gets = VOCIFEROUS: really loud.

16 DI'S-CO

Diana's (DI'S) company (CO) made = DISCO: such a song and dance back then.

17 FLY

A friend from France (AMI) left f-AMI-ly for this = FLY: move quickly.

19 TABLE

UNS-table (with) no-UNS used = TABLE: as in "billiard TABLE" or "kitchen TABLE".

21 AB-LE SEAM-AN

Before the CD (AB) the French (LE) "seem" to listen to (SEAM) an (AN) = ABLE SEAMAN: an individual called Jack on their decks.

24 GNAT

Before old King Cole (NAT) sounds like, gets = GNAT: the bug.

27 OPTI-MUM

Wife for Dad (MUM) ... Mum, the eye doctor = OPTIMUM????! ... the best.

28 LARIATS

Hagman (LARRY) gets hats to the cockney ('ATS) = LARRY 'ATS, I hear = LARIATS: with them he looks like a cowboy.

29 AD-O

Ad-d nothing in the end for Dee (swap O for D) and there'll be made = ADO: a fuss.

30 AM-USING

Morning (AM) taking drugs (USING) = AMUSING: funny.

31 NOM-IN-EE

"e(NOM)E" is NON placed IN E-E (NOM IN EE) = NOMINEE: a candidate.

Down

1 DAEDALUS

"Lauded as" a novel way, for = DAEDALUS: someone who flew not too high, nor too low, unlike Icarus, who flew too high.

2 DOPEY

I'm not Happy, Bashful nor Doc, but I am another one of the Seven Dwarfs = DOPEY: silly.

3 ME-AT L-OAF

Me at fifty (ME AT L) an oaf (OAF) it's = MEAT LOAF: of course (at dinner).

4 ALKALI

Like a tall tale at the boozier perhaps, an "alcoholic lie" = ALKALI! ... something basic.

5 O-RNAMENTS

Put nothing (O) on top of that jumble of "remnants" (RNAMENTS) = ORNAMENTS: they're for a special (Xmas) tree.

6 B(I-ST)RO

Your little brother (B-RO) takes first (I-ST) = BISTRO: place for eating and drinking.

7 PHARISEE

An unconventional "rep ... is he a" = PHARISEE: Jew.

8 AR-ROW

The R-Row (AR ROW) = ARROW: it shows the way.

15 HOUSE(MA)ID

In these outrageous "hideous" surroundings (HOUSE-ID) mother (MA) for = HOUSEMAID: help.

16 DIAGONAL

There's a message in one DIAGONAL (\) of the puzzle = BE MY VALENTINE.

18 YEARLONG

"Nearly go" crazy = YEARLONG: for 12 months

20 BANDANNA

Before she gets banned (BANNED) the Eurovision winner (DANA) = BANNED DANA, listen to, for = BANDANNA: that scarf.

22 L-I-TM-US

This left (L) one (I) trademark (TM) to us (US) and = LITMUS: that's the acid test.

23 ARM-AG-H

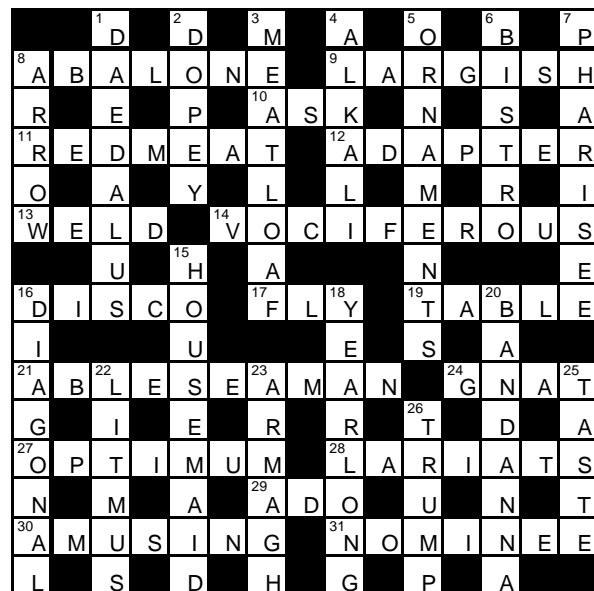
Under-arm (ARM) silver (AG) hearts (H) = ARMAGH: found north of the border.

25 TA(S)TE

The London gallery (TA-TE) takes a second (S) = TASTE: sample.

26 TRU-MP

It's nearly tru-e (TRU) a British member (MP) gets = TRUMP: the best-(looking) suit.



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