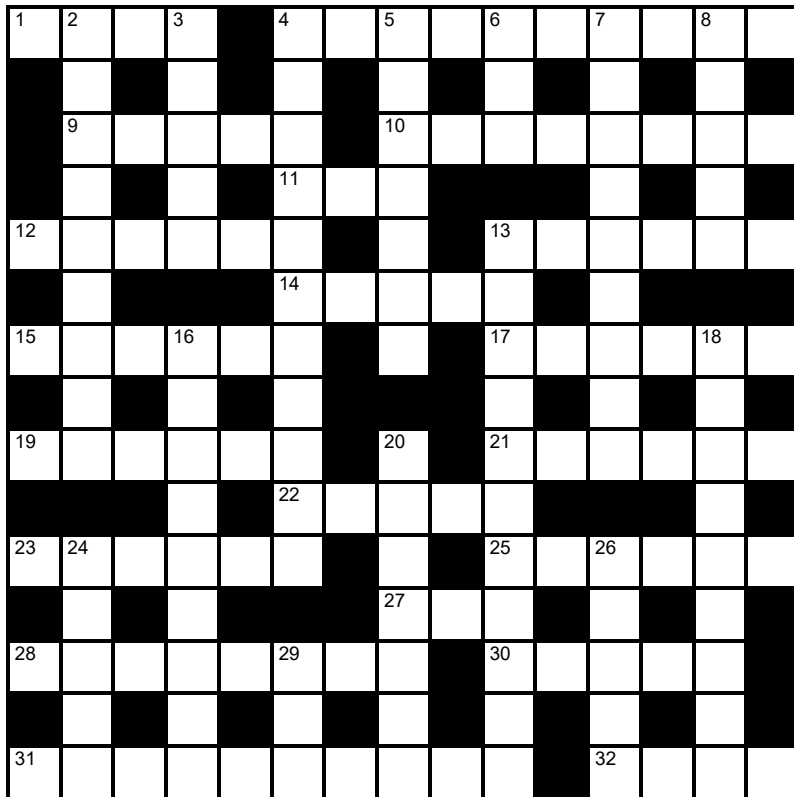


# Crossword #25

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## Across

- 1/5** Met undesirables like Canterbury disco dancers, according to Spooner (4,7)  
**4** Is foolish to clean stable harbouring saboteur (5,5)  
**9** Carries books featured in educational paper (5)  
**10** Indulge drunken parent, do (6,2)  
**11** Fluid found in ponderosa pine (3)  
**12** Little bits of sliced meat to take in, in the style of Italy (6)  
**13** Hot Hells Angels heading off to find folks on foot (6)  
**14** Detective trails very short musician (5)  
**15** It's hard to eat (say) peppers, in retrospect (6)  
**17/22** Clear view of English? It isn't right (4,2,5)  
**19** Edwards' jump is rubbish, length included (6)  
**21** In quiet, out loud (6)  
**22** See 17  
**23** Small hood (Soprano) looks threatening (6)  
**25** *Observer* setter's claim was gobsmacking (6)  
**27** Make a choice? No point! (3)  
**28** Battle character central to puzzle; a police raid's following (8)  
**30** Frost over Europe – one vessel can go round (3,2)

- 31** Barring hit up side of head, creatives supposedly use this (5,5)  
**32** Without *Simpsons* starting in Springfield, what is to be done? (4)

## Down

- 2** Dentist who's keen to pull a fan? (9)  
**3** Seconds from stifling Ken, Otto brazenly eats a fish (5)  
**4** Heft of lump I have on head (11)  
**5** See 1 Across  
**6** Part of weekend paper (3)  
**7** Without leave, enter opening? Not I, weirdly (5,4)  
**8** Take the top off the spread, say (5)  
**13** I install hot rocks for elevated community (4,7)  
**16** Circuit board controls what a ducking stool does, in theory (3,6)  
**18** Describing a fine place to rub Germolene (2-3-4)  
**20** Not recognising alcoholics hiding gin so badly (7)  
**24** Put jacket on one animal (5)  
**26** Democrat follows conclusion to petition for change (5)  
**29** Arrest leaders of notorious armed bandits (3)