

Putting Two And Two Together - *By Gussalufz*

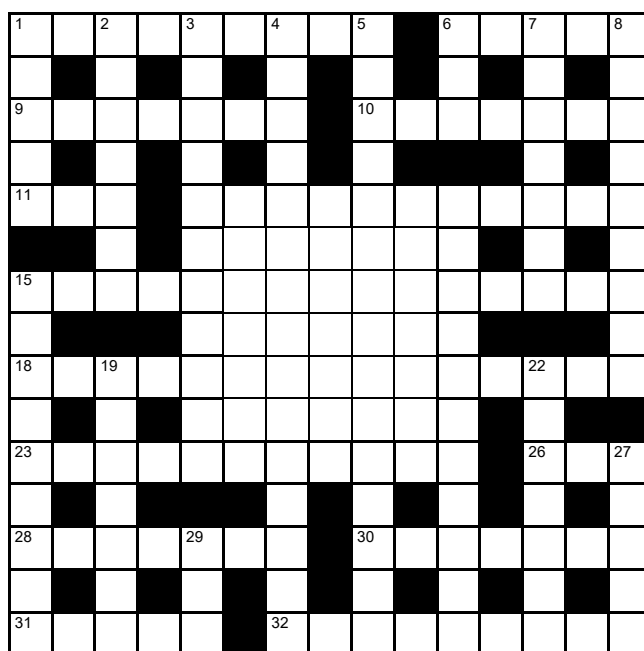
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Across

- 1 Yesterday's lover's tie? (9)
- 6 Openers of Australian side have easily secured trophy (5)
- 9 Small talk: lies tipsy pirates tell (7)
- 10 Shot hit gutted steel production plant (7)
- 11 Appetite of hungry Englishman (3)
- 12 Retreating felt somehow a bit restraining; led formation to get to conflict zone
- 15 Imprison and tie perhaps
- 16 A gas of unknown extraterrestrial origin
- 17 Newly laid tar has scratched old vehicle
- 18 Make out, rub
- 20 It's a current capital
- 21 Needle is clean? Unfortunately not at the tip
- 23 Don't blur the set line between heaven and earth
- 26 Englishwomen apparently protect the rest (3)
- 28 Ridicule a therapist's clothes; hide (7)
- 30 Be an adolescent consuming a bit of weed and connecting (7)
- 31 Interference in elections—set client lost (5)
- 32 Negative initial response in letter written by friend (3,6)



Down

- 1 Declare overwhelming paneer pakora starters to be gooey (5)
- 2 Extra-last drinks going around a bar counter (7)
- 3 Renowned online firm accepts his retyped password finally
- 4 CIA employee is a refined man
- 5 Acclaim of former tax scheme, we hear
- 6 Tuna: a fish regularly cooked (3)
- 7 Horrible position—to have to follow horrible host (3,4)

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- 8 Constant trailing terms that simple algebra disposed of (formula was correct!) (9)
- 13 A charging vehicle?
- 14 Revolting a little from Lady or Gentleman, perhaps? (two words)
- 15 Tuck and clothe for contest
- 19 Nuts, bananas, and hints of almond milk in a big splash of water (7)
- 22 Avoid disclosing tragic ending after a novel's conclusion (7)
- 24 To show one more time, permeating clearer understanding (5)
- 25 Extent of graft I brought up (5)
- 27 Like the writing in Asterix—amusing, but quietly instead of loudly (5)
- 29 You, when hugged by that man, turn pink, perhaps (3)