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ACROSS

- 1 Leonard, Canadian singer-songwriter (5)
- 4 Max, pseudonym of Frederick Faust, author of *Destry Rides Again* (5)
- 7 George, US sculptor best known for his plaster figures, including *Girl in a Doorway* (5)
- 10 Fictional mouse created by Katharine Holabird and Helen Craig (8,9)
- 11 Red and yellow dessert apple (6)
- 12 Nocturnal bird of prey (7,3)
- 14 Top-ranking fashion house (5,7)
- **15** The lower house of parliament of the Republic of Poland (4)
- 18 City in southern California, south-east of Los Angeles (5,3)
- **19** Athenian statesman and general (*c*.495-429 BC) (8)
- **21** Mary Baker, founder of the Christian Science movement (4)
- 22 Of or relating to the formulation of general or universal laws (12)
- 24 County town of West Sussex (10)
- 25 "-----, peel me a grape", a Mae
- West line in *I'm No Angel* (6) 28 1935 Frank Lloyd film starring Charles Laughton and Clark Cobl
- Charles Laughton and Clark Gable (6,2,3,6) 29 Matilde, Greek-born Italian novelist,
- author of *Fantasia* (1882) (5)
- **30** Mountainous region of Morocco, near the Mediterranean coast (2,3)
- **31** Baron -----, zoologist and author of An Introduction to Behavioural Ecology (5)

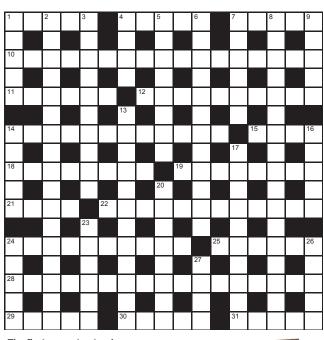
DOWN

- 1 A heap of potatoes or other root vegetables stored under straw or earth (5)
- 2 1973 film directed by and starring Clint Eastwood (4,6,7)
- **3** A sentimental ballad, "(You're My Heart's Desire, I Love You) ------" (6,4)
- 4 Main vocalist with the rock band U2 (4)
- **5** "Fatty", silent film actor and comedian (8)
- 6 Argentine dessert made by caramelising sugar in milk (5,2,5)
- 7 Sir Basil, designer of the new Coventry Cathedral (1951) (6)

 8 Early 13th century Sicilian writer, author of *Historia destructionis Troiae* (5,5,7)

9 Gavin, author of thrillers including *The Secret Servant* (1980) (5)

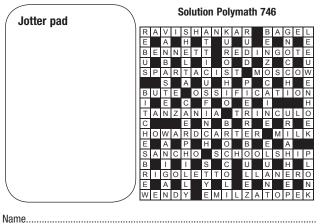
- 13 Artefact used at the coronations of medieval Scottish kings (5,2,5)
- 14 Philip Henry, English naturalist and author of *The Romance of Natural History* (5)
- 16 City in Iraq, on the River Tigris (5)
- 17 The state capital of Arkansas (6,4)
- 20 Author of The African Queen (8)
- 23 The indigenous religion of Japan (6)24 Albert, French writer and winner of
- the 1957 Nobel Prize in Literature (5) 26 Helen, US actress (1900-93) who made her Broadway debut in 1909 (5)
- 27 Will, author, critic and cartoonist, whose novels include *Umbrella* (2012) (4)



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