

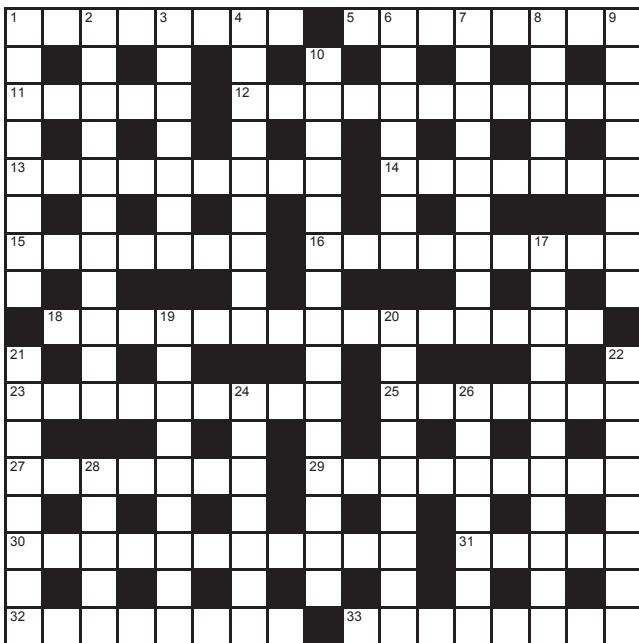
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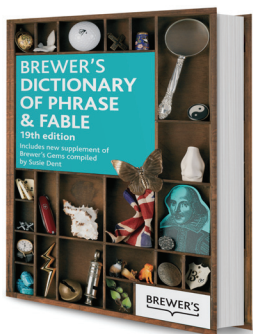
- 1 Food poisoning that affects the central nervous system (8)
- 5 Container for collecting plants (8)
- 11 V-shaped flock of wild geese in flight (5)
- 12 Extinct marine reptile with a fish-shaped body and elongated snout (11)
- 13 Island whose capital is Port Louis (9)
- 14 Romanian tennis player, Wimbledon finalist in 1972 (7)
- 15 Axe with two cutting blades (7)
- 16 Tibetan breed of small, long-haired dog (5,4)
- 18 Italian Grand Prix motorcycle road racer, born 1942 (7,8)
- 23 Italian pastry squares filled with spinach, shallots and raisins (9)
- 25 Heavy silky fabric bearing a raised design (7)
- 27 Standard monetary unit of Honduras (7)
- 29 Site of a four-month siege in the second Boer war (9)
- 30 1886 play by Henrik Ibsen (11)
- 31 Man-made heap of stones, especially over a grave (5)
- 32 Work of art known as *La Gioconda* (4,4)
- 33 Isle of Man's highest peak (8)

DOWN

- 1 Three-time winning horse in the Cheltenham Gold Cup (4,4)
- 2 American TV series of the 1960s starring David Janssen (3,8)
- 3 Italian 14th century composer, organist and poet (7)
- 4 Helical rodlike bacteria usually found in stagnant water (9)
- 6 Medical term for the loss of voice (7)
- 7 Flaky, butter-rich bread roll of French origin (9)
- 8 Cud-chewing ungulate related to the camel (5)
- 9 French musician who invented a prototype synthesiser in 1928 (8)
- 10 Collection of myth-making works by Tolkien, published posthumously (3,12)
- 17 Antimicrobial drug first used against tropical diseases (11)
- 19 Red cactus-eating scale insect (9)
- 20 Official who investigates private complaints against the government (9)
- 21 Surgeon's rasping instrument (8)
- 22 Poisonous liquid alcohol used as antifreeze (8)
- 24 Greek shipping magnate who married Jacqueline Kennedy (7)
- 26 A little bone or bonelike plate (7)
- 28 Family of Amerindian languages in the Pacific north-west (5)



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