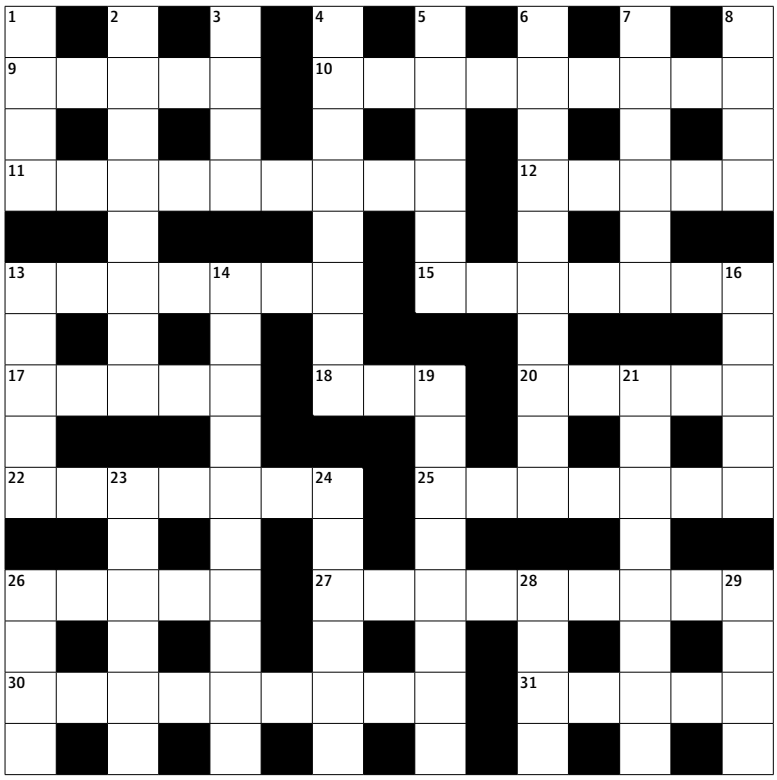
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Across

9 Vegetable patch ardently covered (5)
10 Sweet coke, hot drinks in cafe with espresso at first (9)
11 Confirmed fronts of service uniforms dirty (9)
12 Drunk Nelson at last provided English cutter (5)
13 Extravagant Co-op surrounds home (7)
15 Sufferer I treated internally in a state (7)
17 View sample that is trimmed at the front (5)
18 Sink in which neon reflected? (3)
20 17, you say, in type of carriage coming back (5)
22 Peer from jet, disregarding old ship (7)
25 Sky-high price of cockney's locks sounds reasonable (7)
26 Directions with extra finally given after short arm bowl (5)
27 Possession of pier shown to be condemned (9)
30 One packing essential cape that's showing mould (9)
31 Colour in retrospective Tarantino melodrama (5)

Down

1 Court serves claims, primarily making sound lawsuits with these (4)
2 Blemish on this wobbly bottom of frequent flyer (5,3)
3 Ignoring the last perfect theory (4)
4 First of cantilever bridges crossed having no parking inspectors (8)
5 Pet Labrador's initially absent after eating posh food (6)
6 Plant maybe in Spooner's garment dryer (4,6)
7 Troops I fed left yankee wanting eggs (6)
8 Nice summer, fine at the beginning for festival (4)
13 Join firm, starts scared (5)
14 Jews ask him a Zen problem (10)
16 Bad religious scholar opens beer (5)
19 Last song performed in Moscow, it shows sincerity (8)
21 Three articles by mother providing curse (8)
23 Bad luck if it's hard (6)
24 One that displays useless lot (6)
26 Adams entertaining republican soldiers (4)
28 A bit funny Penny's missing something needed for toilet (4)
29 Yearn to stick close to fiancée (4)

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