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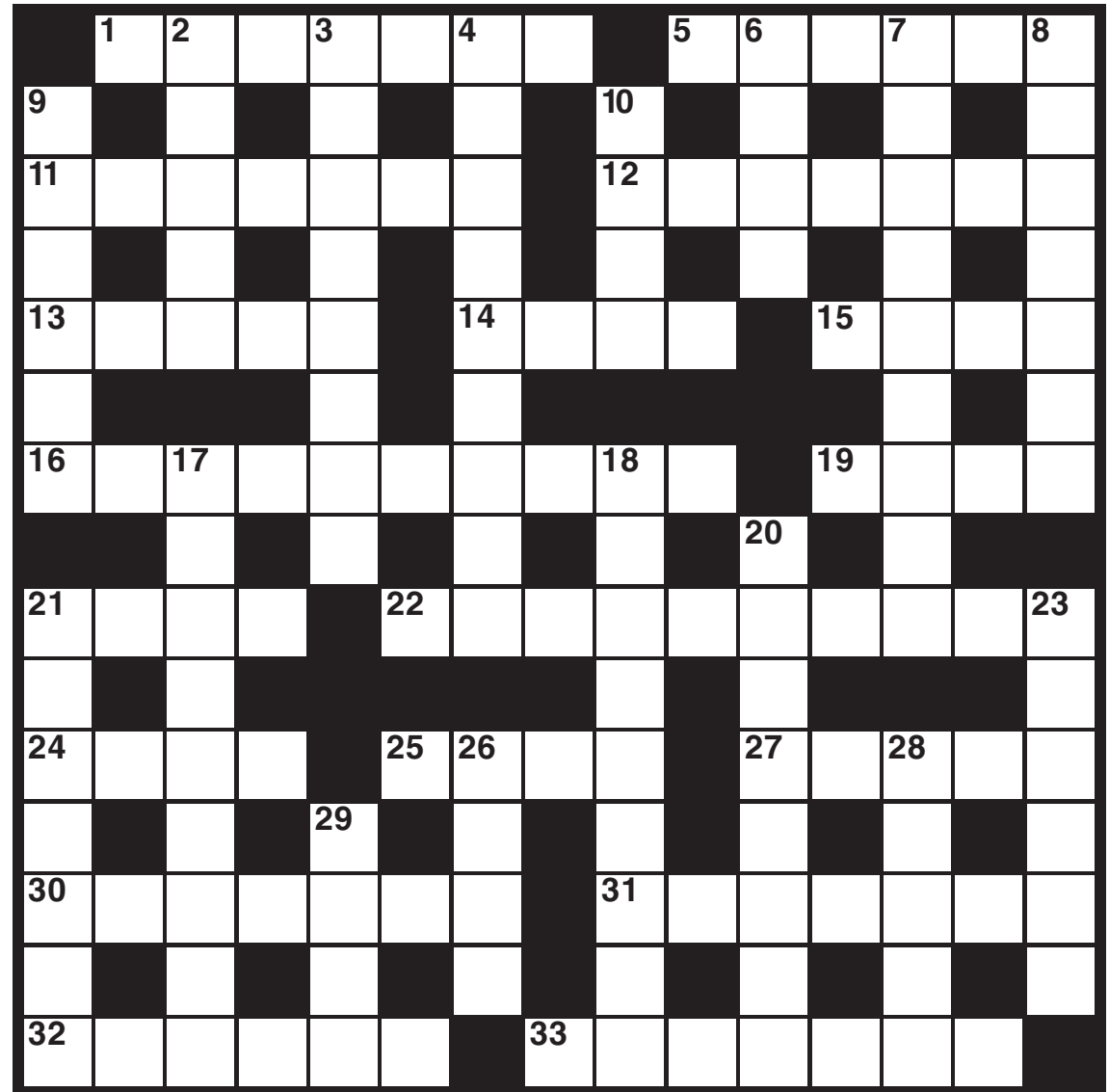
- 1 Sort of ant – call it eastern (7)
- 5 Country boy almost entering small lake (6)
- 11 Team one learns about (7)
- 12 Yes-man on a go-slow (7)
- 13 Dance with ring on arm (5)
- 14 Europeans with no head for pubs (4)
- 15 One crossed line evident in this cable (4)
- 16 Vehicle's standing charge (7,3)
- 19 Bit of a nasty eye infection! (4)
- 21 A lot of money for an explosive device (4)
- 22 Putting a stop to the daily cleaner (10)
- 24 State greeting amid pair of official leaders (4)
- 25 Time to come back and make an issue (4)
- 27 For example, no good rising to incite (3,2)
- 30 Cosmetic substance damaged pad in Hebridean island (3,4)
- 31 Political alliances let back into vehicles (7)
- 32 Seldom trust soldiers first (6)
- 33 Canny punter upset about daughter (7)

**DOWN**

- 2 Mopes about in Surrey town (5)
- 3 Instrument held by commando lingeringly (8)
- 4 Model singer entertaining monarch given reprimand (7-2)
- 6 Moan about Middle Eastern country (4)
- 7 A local set, strangely, gives an assignment (9)
- 8 Tough rule bad, awful (7)
- 9 War almost gave rise to election defeat (6)
- 10 Almost deficient survey (4)
- 17 Prompter to absorb a surplus (9)
- 18 Vehicle, say, in race reversal (6,3)

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- 20 Was seen in public distributing a paper with journalist (8)
- 21 Loaf is a mistake (7)
- 23 Queen sent out for Hemingway, perhaps (6)
- 26 Mother with grand English produce (4)
- 28 Inexperienced on putting surface (5)
- 29 Lost friend beginning to become boring (4)