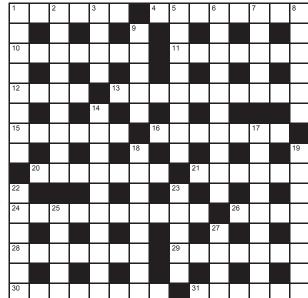
Crossword 14,104 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Asian city I see breaking customs (6)
- 4 Pervert courted a teacher (8)
- **10** Extent to which setter has a certain following (7)
- **11** A tame animal about to hold up flipper (7)
- 12 Got a screw loose? These should help! (4)13 Like toast that's fed up to the back
- teeth? (7,3) **15** Leave for the wasteland (6)
- **16** Firm supplied phosphorus in nearly all fertiliser (7)
- 20 Italian capital Rome strangely east of China (7)21 Zone evacuated after unknown figure
- coming into view then minor explosion (6)
- **24** Letters in an anagram are so unacceptable (3,2,5)
- **26** Plug sinks from the back (4) **28** Pointed items knock over vegetable
- (7) **29** Citizen asking for meat dish, by the
- sound of it (7) **30** Poor teacher accepting responsibility,
- finally, for reading test (3,5)

 31 Mole gobbling prune that's messy (6)
- **DOWN**
- 1 French daily bottling a drink (8)
- 2 Only just opening, high above the Alps. a new resort (6.3)
- 3 Whitewash runs away (4)
- **5** Useless people late to join club (8) **6** Agree to write (10)
- 7 Universal principle
- 7 Universal principle about embarrassing problem, forbidden (5)
- 8 Suit held up by swimmer
- underwater, OK (6)
- **9** Facial feature, hairy thing, dinner primarily on it? (5)
- 14 Winger engaging flankers only in
- French moves (10)

 17 Engineer two phases where labour's cheap (9)
- **18** Naughty child hanging equipment on top of roof that's ill-advised (8)
- 19 All-female affair making Spooner's writer warmly exuberant (3.5)
- **22** Two ahead getting through cabbage (6)
- 23 Bowler in close match? (5)
- 25 Short letter secretly penned (5)
- 27 Head gone in decent test (4)





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