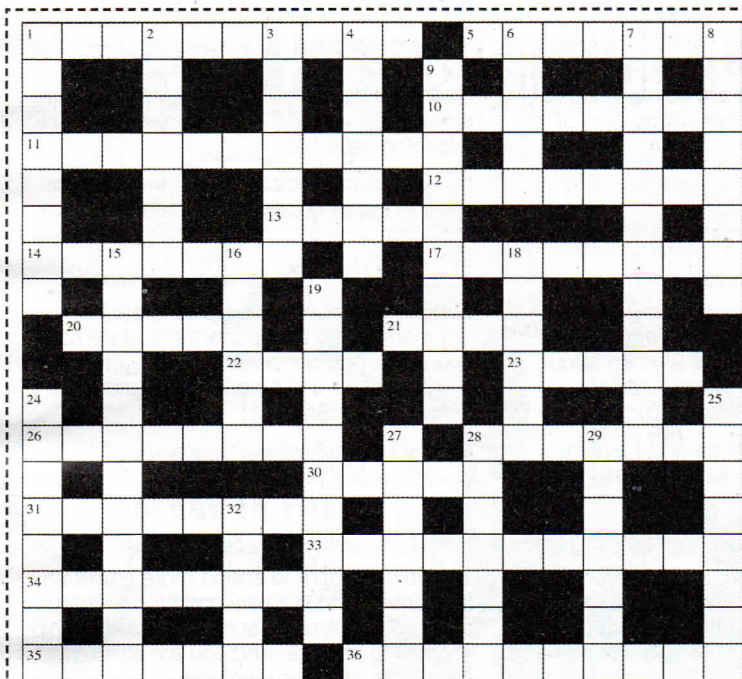


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ACROSS

- 1 A preparation used to preserve and clean leather (6,4)
- 5 The French __, Mediterranean coastal region of the southeast corner of France (7)
- 10 A person who gives their opinion on new books, films, plays, etc, as for a newspaper (8)
- 11 Late American soul singer best known for the 1966 song *When A Man Loves A Woman* (5,6)
- 12 A cleared area for the landing and taking off of planes; runway (8)
- 13 Large spiral-horned antelope of eastern and southern Africa (5)
- 14 A drink with a fruit base, usually diluted with water before being consumed (7)
- 17 A means of attaching a pocket watch to a waistcoat or other piece of clothing (3,5)
- 20 Georges __, French Romantic composer and pianist best known for the 1875 opera *Carmen* (5)
- 21 Diving birds of northern oceans with black-and-white plumages (4)
- 22 Imperial unit of length equal to approximately 2.54 centimetres (4)
- 23 A weapon that fires electrical probes, causing temporary paralysis (5)
- 26 In Greek myths, a nymph who attracted the love of Zeus and was changed into a bear by Hera (8)
- 28 A thick porridge made in Italy, usually from maize (7)
- 30 A recess in a wall or rock face (5)
- 31 An award or honour (8)
- 33 Debut novel by Douglas Stuart, awarded the 2020 Booker Prize (7,4)
- 34 A Greek long-necked stringed musical instrument (8)
- 35 The __ City, a nickname for Rome (7)
- 36 Magical words used by Ali Baba in *The Arabian Nights* to access the thieves' den (4,6)

DOWN

- 1 A valve used to control or stop the flow of fluid in a pipe (8)
- 2 Lack of agreement or harmony; strife (7)
- 3 A surgical knife with a short thin blade (7)
- 4 A port in Côte d'Ivoire, on the Gulf of Guinea; the country's largest city (7)
- 6 Alloy of iron and nickel with a very low coefficient of expansion and is used for the balance springs of watches, etc (5)
- 7 Famous English actor of the Elizabethan era, founder of the College of God's Gift in Dulwich (6,6)
- 8 A poisonous alkaloid obtained from deadly nightshade (8)
- 9 Tree of the Pacific Islands bearing large, round, edible starchy fruit (10)
- 15 One of a series of annual radio talks given by leading figures of the day, commissioned by the BBC (5,7)
- 16 Funny, silly or unusual ways of behaving (6)
- 18 **A small, informal restaurant or a bar where food is served (6)**
- 19 A subregion of Oceania, comprising thousands of small islands in the western Pacific Ocean (10)
- 24 A board game featuring lettered tiles, invented in the US in the 1930s (8)
- 25 A spiced liquid mixture of oil, wine, vinegar, herbs, etc, in which meat or fish is soaked before cooking (8)
- 27 (Of doctors, nurses, etc) to wash thoroughly before a surgical operation (5-2)
- 28 Flightless marine bird of Antarctic regions, with wings modified as flippers, webbed feet, and feathers lacking barbs (7)
- 29 Articles fit to eat; food (7)
- 32 Island in the Caribbean, off the coast of Venezuela (5)

SOLUTION FOR DECEMBER 27

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