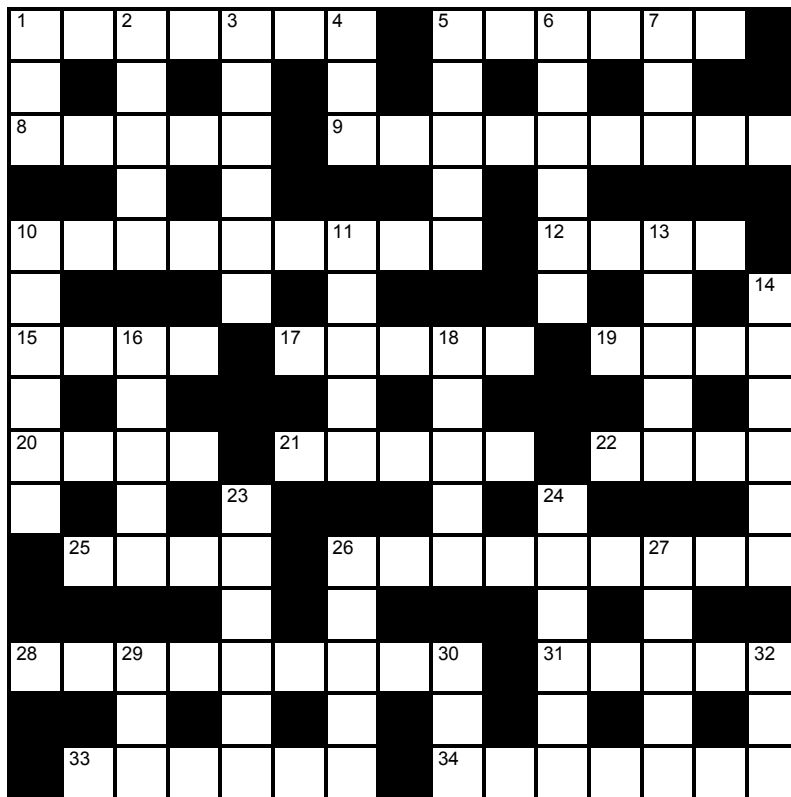


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The answer to 18d is a new word that is not yet in Chambers.

Across

- 1 International group backing patent form of energy (7)
- 5 Price offensive (6)
- 8 Film man in group (5)
- 9 Becoming more cheerful without Ecstasy - that's impetuous! (9)
- 10 Carry out logical function for leader (9)
- 12 Take trouble to use abusive language (4)
- 15 Way back from Deaconry regularly overlooked (4)
- 17 Second contest for Rocky? (5)
- 19 Endlessly look at idol (4)



- 20 Character witness (4)
- 21 Underground railway for Americans in area of East London (5)
- 22 Go for troop leader on island (4)
- 25 Unemployed sovereign (4)
- 26 Rich saint converted a believer (9)
- 28 Therefore agents register comrade (9)
- 31 Composer has time for second never-ending celebration (5)
- 33 The Italian bird rejected a brute (6)

- 34 Coach built from rare tin alloy (7)

Down

- 1 University group finds radioactive material in Canadian Province (3)
- 2 Entirely inoffensive (5)
- 3 Encroach upon every solicitor (3,3)
- 4 Briefly depend on diminutive aunt? (3)
- 5 Drivers welcome doughboy returning in Havana? (5)
- 6 I will leave guns in vessel (6)
- 7 Roguishly

describes a feature of Windows? (3)

- 10 Body of rook found in coppice (6)

- 11 Figure of speech from the northern painter? (5)

- 13 Enthusiastic about Ravel's first prelude (5)

- 14 Bronte translated into Celtic tongue (6)

- 16 Park attendant loses his head in a fit of pique (5)

- 18 Virtual journey through Italy - on time after heading off (5)

- 23 Pacify a follower of Tooting with endless charity (6)

- 24 Employ quiet secretary in Florida island (6)

- 26 Chaplain's bad cold (5)

- 27 Pakistani politician married in Persia today (5)

- 29 Direct every other account (3)

- 30 Tawdry article - one in Times (3)

- 32 Fish returned in river (3)