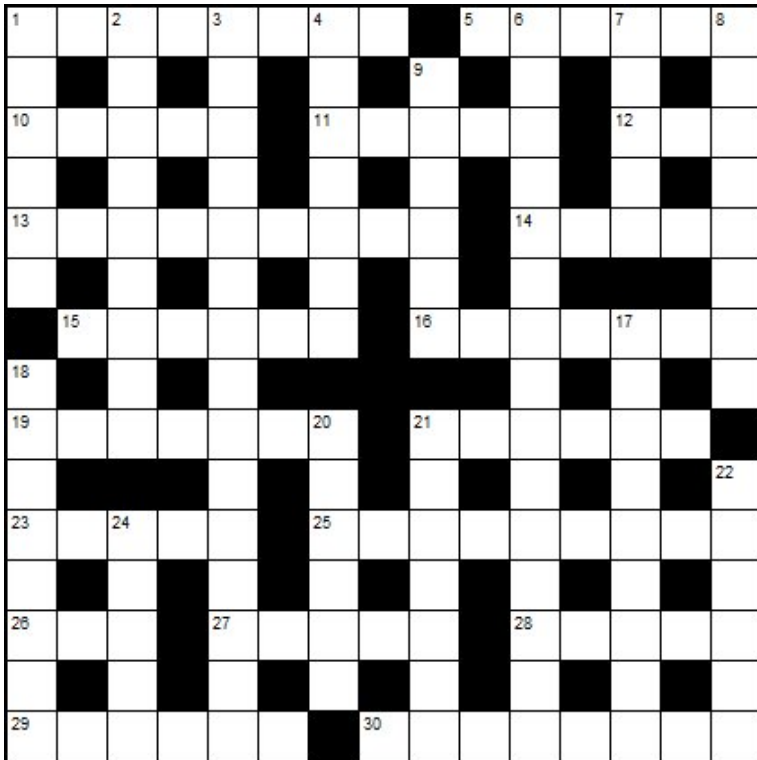


# Puzzle by Rags

This puzzle from Rags is at the harder end of the spectrum and provides a worthy challenge. He has put a lot of thought into providing fresh clues for common words: none more so than 17 down, which has been clued pretty much the same way since I started solving cryptics all those years ago. The outstanding clue for me is 4 down.



## ACROSS

- 1 Originally South American? Not true, a displaced North American tribe (8)
- 5 Regularly sums up "dogger" as dirty (6)
- 10 Third-rate morning periodical rejected (5)
- 11 Location of poop from small bird (5)
- 12 Select lepidopterist trousers? (3)
- 13 One million bloggers could be phonies (9)
- 14 Always after a good man to control? (5)
- 15 Mostly snug, it's sweet (6)
- 16 Old Master? Possibly (7)
- 19 Guide confused clients (7)
- 21 The first, forgetting keys in eagerness (6)
- 23 Strength, while composed (5)
- 25 Programme the Spanish delayed, relating to judicial review (9)
- 26 Impresario's first on, with passion (3)
- 27 Broadsheet one folded over frequently (5)
- 28 Spin from both sides attending Westminster (5)
- 29 In electronics, old version of Windows operating system is out (6)
- 30 Former Police Chief remains inside, hiding (8)

## DOWN

- 1 Graduate doctor that is one said to be thieving (6)
- 2 Mother could, providing one such clue for Marmite? (9)
- 3 Quality, provided one jazzy type is carrying on with arrangements (15)
- 4 Endlessly restless in Spain? That's most curious (7)
- 6 Militant's rise is problematic for cabinet supporters (15)
- 7 Used car company (5)
- 8 Old note: "Port right outside" (8)
- 9 Aircraft rocket's debris (6)
- 17 Content of librettos can initiate conductor (9)

- 18** At a function eating junk (8)
- 20** One slowly dressing shed (4-2)
- 21** As Yoda might say – “It isn’t the best kind of bun” (7)
- 22** Fix tie with wooden pin? (3,3)
- 24** Meek person goes up, overcoming top of hill (5)