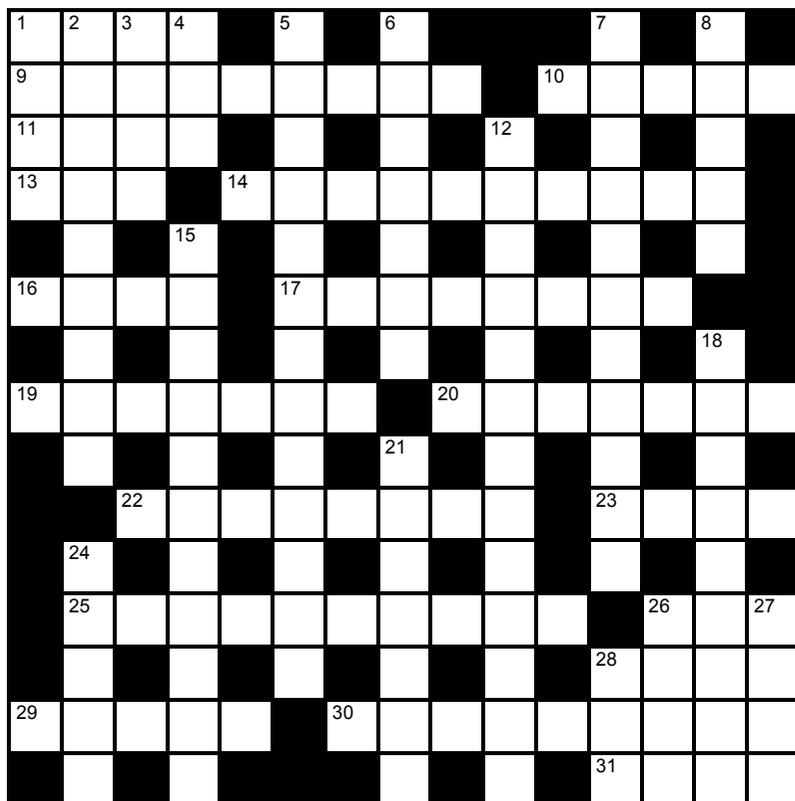


Whynot always turns on the 'tickertape' machine transcription on the TV. Sometimes, though, it produces nonsense. Here is a redacted example:

'In Beirut _____ finally mounted a full production of the work commonly known as _____, the tale of _____'s quest for the handicraft of a _____. After a prelude, the work proper commences with _____ and culminates in _____ of the cods.'

Please fill in the gaps using five across lights and three down lights, then write a corrected transcript.



Across

- 1 Current element is long (4)
- 9 TV perennials appear seconds after tea time (4,5)
- 10 Glossy forking out nothing for article lacking precision (5)
- 11 Bronze handle's primary function (4)
- 13 Diminutive gentleman of Verona giving brief acknowledgement(3)
- 14 Little weight attached to publication *Love* in chart of organisation's structure (10)
- 16 I'll broadcast main feature (4)
- 17 Sparkling stuff: on point, gently biting (8)
- 19 Catch on uncoupled

- bracelet's a sticky little thing? (7)
- 20 City leading fashion for having brass polished (7)
- 22 Presentation on pet project: *The Vocalisations of Primitive Man* (4,4)
- 23 One lacking social skills cunningly renders hesitations unnoticed (4)
- 25 Remembers about taking beds back into chamber? On the contrary! (10)
- 26 With first letter, we inspire fear (3)
- 28 Work on drain not complete, so there's no water (4)
- 29 He wrote in Latin about enemy (5)
- 30 Showing sights to king, I tweet (9)

- 31 Messenger in storm losing memory (4)

Down

- 1 Book entertainments (4)
- 2 Woodcutters string proverbs together (9)
- 3 Linger in Shanghai (4)
- 4 Letter once read out as theatre opens? (3)
- 5 The soap episode is over. What's next? (3, 5, 5)
- 6 Strongly endorse clothing workers brought out to jejune boy (5,2)
- 7 Condescending to fix a piston ring (11)
- 8 Mum uncomfortably squashed between two youngsters at first is "well tasty" (5)
- 12 Posh car criminal's taking to Starlight Express, say? (6,7)
- 15 Route to Ankara having been detailed in announcement, prepare to leave (5,6)
- 18 That way, putting one's oar in about resistance brings grief (9)
- 21 Singleton is one I reveal in error (7)
- 24 Flintstone one's kept as chips? (5)
- 26 A voice uplifted! (4)
- 27 Advantage of doctor getting off net (4)
- 28 Short length of gas pipe that ended reign (3)