



ACROSS

- 9 Escape (5)
 10 Hairy arachnid (9)
 11 Fresh (9)
 12 Come back soon before east is tied up* (5)
 13 Greek monster with lion's head, goat's body and serpent's tail (7)
 15 Run (7)
 17 Location (5)
 18 Heavens first started kinda young* (3)
 20 Only Europeans allowed to trade with Japan from 1639 to 1854 (5)
 22 Country to go back in dug up holes* (7)
 25 Ancient board game: snakes and ____ (7)
 26 John's fictional ring bearer (5)
 27 Created by breaking sound barrier, for example (5,4) (9)
 30 (Allegedly) hundred legged creature (9)
 31 The Atlantic, for example (5)

DOWN

- 1 Home of Machu Pichu (4)
 2 This is it? (8)
 3 It's nothing (4)
 4 Like Galileo, Leonardo da Vinci and Mario (8)
 5 Card game builds connections* (6)
 6 Accidental Mario creators lose nothing in due course* (10)
 7 Kind of like this but with numbers (6)
 8 Opinion (informal) (4)
 13 Polite (5)
 14 Not mechanical - centre coil (anag.) (10)
 16 Cultural atmosphere of a time or place (5)
 19 Aged (especially paper) (8)
 21 Adolescent (8)
 23 Mocks (6)
 24 Pearl bearer (6)
 26 Encounter (4)
 28 It's all tied up (4)
 29 Incredible fashion designer (4)