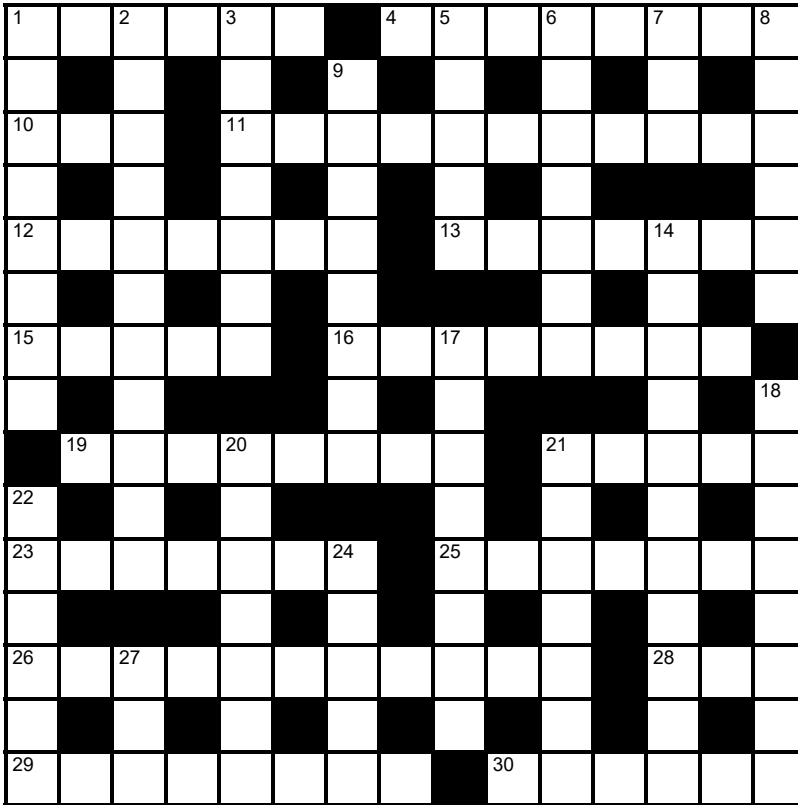


CROSSWORD

No 17,253 Set by MONK



ACROSS

- 1 They go round back of French passes (6)
- 4 Adult drug shaped like a star (8)
- 10 Renegade filibuster stripped of his external prize (3)
- 11 Original stymie meanings of old record in English stymie novel (11)
- 12 It doesn't collide with ball bearing, ruined (3,4)
- 13 Perhaps from which we'd find rain hit unexpectedly? (4,3)
- 15 Entering Egypt, stole old enemy vessel (1-4)
- 16 European weapon for fencing maybe Polish? (8)
- 19 Clan member cutting lines on most of tree trunk (8)
- 21 Willow's more promising when pollarded (5)
- 23 Stuff to burn after husband's done a bunk (7)
- 25 About to check tree in crater (7)
- 26 Identify round spring linked to furious knocking (11)
- 28 Put away hater, saving skin (3)
- 29 Disease makes most of beasts die, sadly (8)
- 30 Ingenious answer, right? (6)

DOWN

- 1 Tight tie tangled with beard (8)
- 2 Hinder harangue about Italy in decline (11)
- 3 Busy with small, stolen glance (7)
- 5 Animal is singular -- exactly! (5)
- 6 Soft porn books stashed by Heather (7)
- 7 Heads of international boxing organisation held up belt (3)
- 8 Teacher caught in act scratching bottom itch (6)
- 9 In discussion, still interrupting Eeyore -- sadly, that's not right (3,2,3)
- 14 Playing Gaelic harp on Love Island series? (11)
- 17 Catholic, Celtic accent essentially jarred (8)
- 18 Widest minor route is in Paris (8)
- 20 Fanciful charge for peeping Lords, at least (7)
- 21 Bound dictionary, unusually glib inside (7)
- 22 Nearly pick out cheated mercenary (6)
- 24 United Artists holding up commerce (5)
- 27 Worthy men led my son -- all may follow this great wave (3)

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