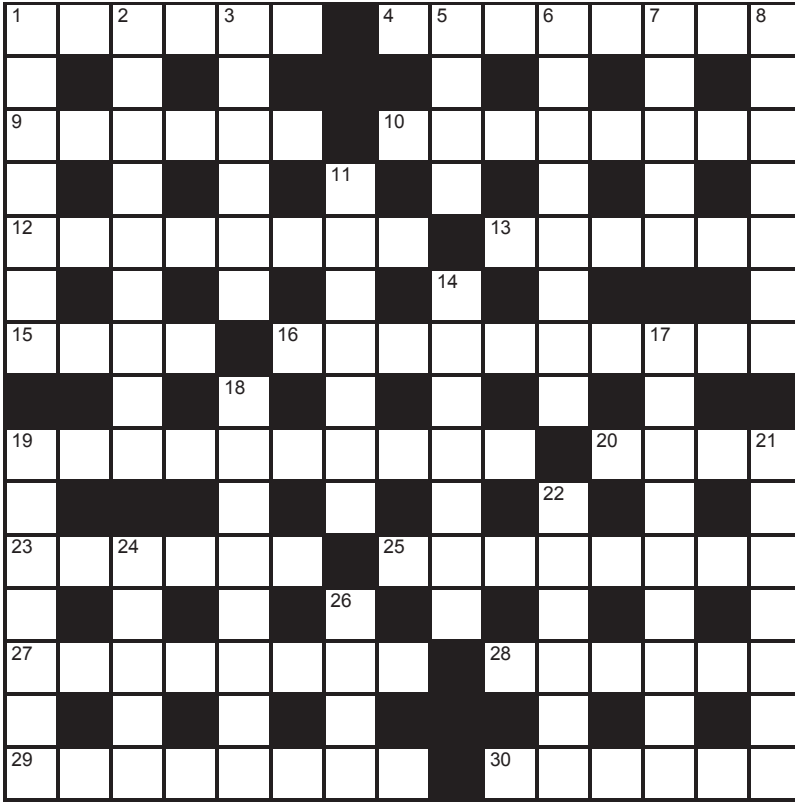


CROSSWORD

No 16,588 Set by SLEUTH



ACROSS

- 1 Shift without cover in cold spell lately in club (6)
- 4 Secure title for letter? (8)
- 9 Australian following onslaught is frightened (6)
- 10 This case is reviewed for discipline (8)
- 12 Device for securing strip of wood in musical instrument (8)
- 13 Lad embracing pursuit in East London gets reward (6)
- 15 Course announced in beginning (4)
- 16 Single operator supported by staff and airline in aim (3-3,4)
- 19 Perfectly describing mascot's role? (4,1,5)
- 20 Sail in resort by river (4)
- 23 Rowdy rugby lot's leader enters a French yard (6)
- 25 Put up with character losing head? That's normal (8)
- 27 Cover part of a watch for ordinary sailor (8)
- 28 Jerry, maybe, acquires special hair lotion (6)
- 29 Teenager waylays a marine in Isle of Wight town (8)
- 30 Largely uncovered a great deal in vote (6)

DOWN

- 1 Festive joke is usually kept by this very fine type (7)
- 2 Dishonest practices in professional waste disposal? (5,4)
- 3 Film studio employee tried desperately to capture Oscar (6)
- 5 Leading flier conceals hard pain (4)
- 6 Ignore reduction by a retailer (8)
- 7 Top number recalled as potential tearjerker? (5)
- 8 See director after money, reportedly, being guileless (3-4)
- 11 Stock place in middle of hotels for block (7)
- 14 English master getting cross in Dubai, perhaps (7)
- 17 A friend keeps pairs prepared for evaluation (9)
- 18 British colleague, hilarious sort caught short in fuss (8)
- 19 Run lady arranged for household task? (7)
- 21 Sign to stop mate going wild for beef, say (3,4)
- 22 Silky wool has note in Greek marketplace (6)
- 24 Speedy type found in disgrace repeatedly (5)
- 26 Measure of speed in strike that's mounted (4)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 16,587

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