

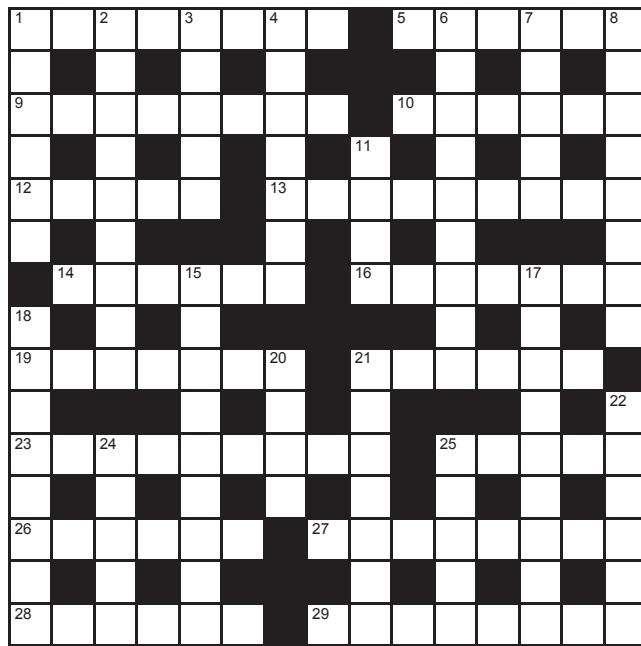
# Crossword 16,664 Set by Mudd

## ACROSS

- 1 Associate team with potency (8)
- 5 Cut up in fast waltzer? (6)
- 9 Corked wine not half appalling, it's considered (8)
- 10 Shrub for brew (6)
- 12 Boat that may roll over, just the same? (5)
- 13 Thin exhaust, did you say? One's at the back of car (5,4)
- 14 Ace speller (6)
- 16 Fruit cheapest when cut badly (7)
- 19 Admitting murder, gun used in downfall (7)
- 21 Still of cook filling container with blood (6)
- 23 Opener for Durham's opening, or not when unreliable? (5,4)
- 25 Permission, for example, like that (3-2)
- 26 Hard-hitting, with hard bits? (6)
- 27 Italian food carried back by Bedouin, or a Cameroonian (8)
- 28 The sea full of similar elements (6)
- 29 Methodist law seen to change around end of May (8)

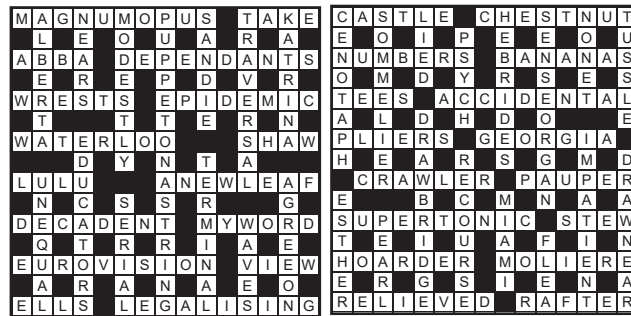
## DOWN

- 1 Down tools in box (6)
- 2 Shaky time for little singer? (5-4)
- 3 Criticise every run collected by batsman (5)
- 4 Crinkly crisps, two-thirds off, reduced (7)
- 6 Broke: cash generation riding on this? (9)
- 7 Crazy target of very young trainer? (5)
- 8 Transcontinental region, northern area set for redevelopment (4,4)
- 11 Lighter grip, head released (4)
- 15 Child in Israel infuriated old teacher (9)
- 17 Fine, big fish (5-4)
- 18 Party disagreement occurring when hot and cross, perhaps? (8)
- 20 Mistake: err briefly (4)
- 21 Shower soap, perhaps, latest fashion (7)
- 22 Proposal as a gesture? (6)
- 24 Awaiting settlement, everything horrible? (2,3)
- 25 Place for a lower seat (5)



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