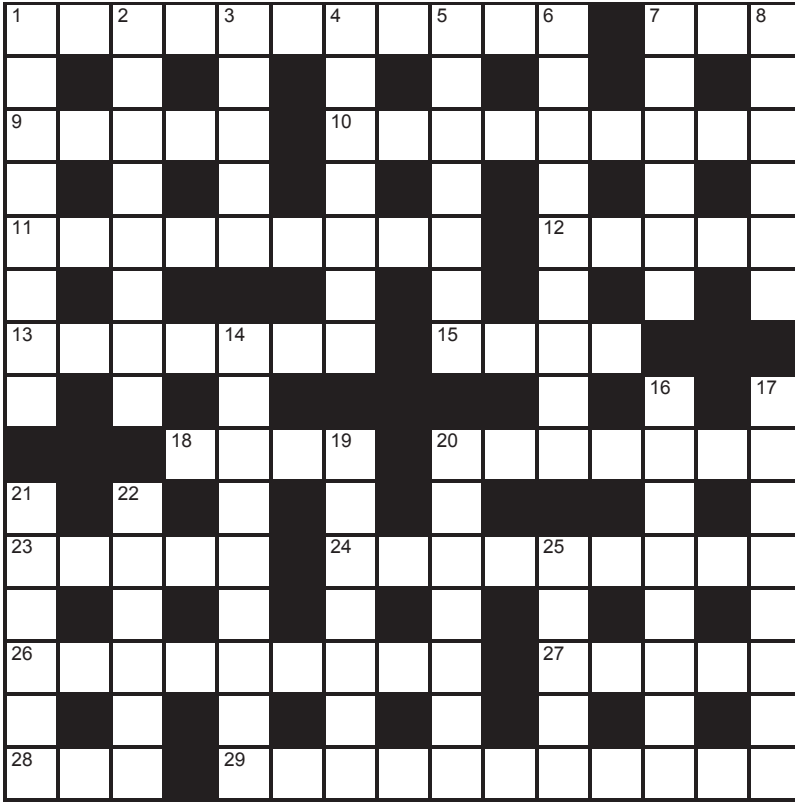


CROSSWORD

No 16,902 Set by JULIUS



In 11 instances, the letter count has been simplified

ACROSS

- 1 5 is put front to back into singular small piece of harness (11)
- 7 Bleak, unfenced field (3)
- 9 Way to get into Dandy's camera setting? (5)
- 10 Carpet a bank clerk, allegedly for a smoke (9)
- 11 Fake news breaking: unionist article ultra militant (9)
- 12 Nelson ignored Hardy at first, forgetting old relationship (5)
- 13 Hamper Charlie left behind – it's needed for our food! (7)
- 15 Lift British sailor out (4)
- 18 Parking upper-class luxury car (it's made by Jaguar) (4)
- 20 Roman army unit soldier the first to perish in French island (7)
- 23 Located regulars in Boar's Head? (5)
- 24 Viz Comic's debut featured in streaming live edit (9)
- 26 Loudly pay tribute to competitor after the plane has landed (2,7)
- 27 Lead network embraced alternative strategy (5)
- 28 Stupid boy heading west – not east – to sleep (3)
- 29 Looking ruddy healthy! (4-7)

DOWN

- 1 Sue's duff, boiled, steeped with liquid (8)
- 2 Laurel bush half trimmed in Illinois city (8)
- 3 Good place for erogenous zone! (5)
- 4 Timeless rage discontenting older ruler (7)
- 5 Lock entering Le Touquet harbours (7)
- 6 American hacking new internet host (9)
- 7 Record as dead? It shows one hasn't passed yet! (6)
- 8 Former PM's wife cutting standard key (6)
- 14 Unfortunately Bern ruled he made a mistake (9)
- 16 Southern king eating fresh plaice as breakfast dish (8)
- 17 Angrily debated about husband's final resting place (8)
- 19 Brings back vicar Julius has succeeded (7)
- 20 Note Centre Court's inauguration (7)
- 21 Rhenish wine barrel installed in prison wing (6)
- 22 It could be played by instrument daughter's carried (6)
- 25 Drinks uncle's last drop (5)

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