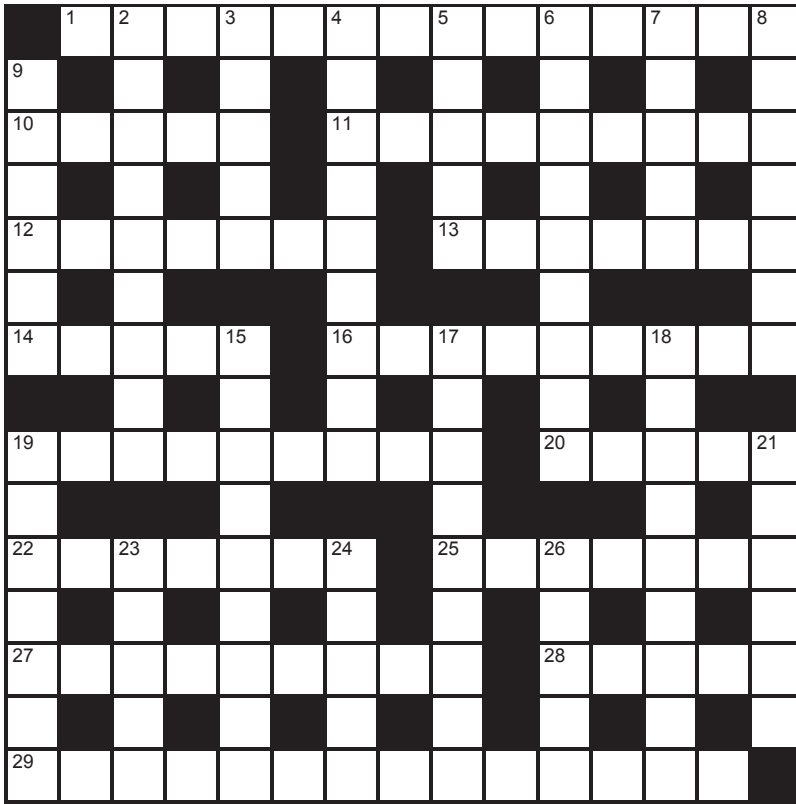


CROSSWORD

No 16,907 Set by BOBCAT



ACROSS

- 1 Feature of endgame employing belt-and-braces tactic? (6-8)
- 10 Turner: he exhibited in west and east London at first (5)
- 11 No hope, unfortunately, on French island for one who likes a drink (9)
- 12 Am I bats to stew this? (7)
- 13 Poem in London's District Line magazine missing verse? (7)
- 14 Made adjustment, having changed course without resistance (5)
- 16 Attack batting side by sledging – when Border's gone, by anything (9)
- 19 Impetuous doctor shaves Tory without soap to begin with (9)
- 20 Express reverses across road a short way? (5)
- 22 Second-class teams must retain energy – or else! (7)
- 25 Institution completely put in place (7)
- 27 Administered severe criticism to cut down culture (4,5)
- 28 A third of licensees covered your song (5)
- 29 Hope sentence begins with a temporal indication (4,10)

DOWN

- 2 Expression of respect and honour that's peripheral to South African party (9)
- 3 Beautiful Italian girl, one of two employed in plant producing drug (5)
- 4 Perhaps "smiley" and "laughing" feelings must conceal dejection at heart? (9)
- 5 Complaint misses point from the outset, and it's pivotal (5)
- 6 Form of piracy holding everyone up in vessel (9)
- 7 Understated chic in Galliano cap or coat (5)
- 8 Old king looks tense and extremely pale (7)
- 9 Trump's worthless talk-show discontented with final notice (3-3)
- 15 Heated dry vigorously to? (9)
- 17 Filthy place to file originals of iconic collection of fashion (9)
- 18 Old person rolling cigar tries to give up smoking? Hardly at all! (9)
- 19 Interminable road examination soaks up money (7)
- 21 Expert supporting the Spanish revolutionary provides comfort (6)
- 23 Something fundamental about types giving rise to passions (5)
- 24 Recycling instruments could be accidental (5)
- 26 Dance like girl endlessly twirling (5)

JOTTER PAD