

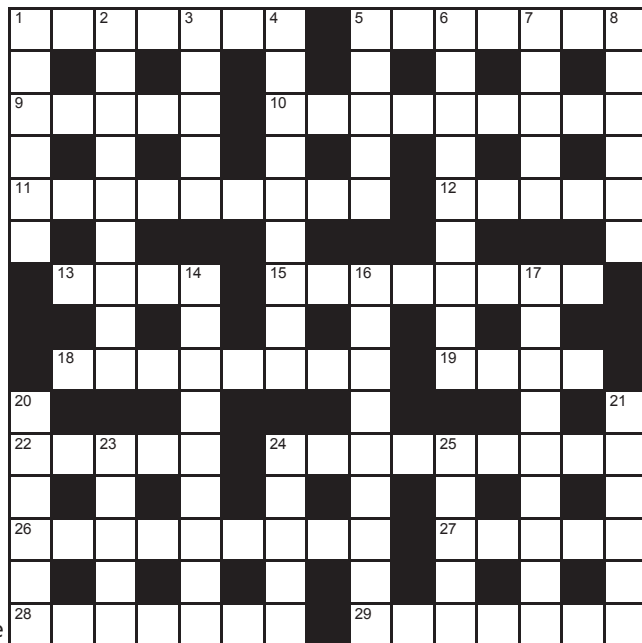
Crossword 16,948 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Great big character (7)
- 5 Money went first – broke! (7)
- 9 Bird ends in cage, longing for the past (5)
- 10 Work for peace to impress leader in kaiser, seeing inscrutable expression (5,4)
- 11 Virtually nothing – a half? (5,4)
- 12 Communication from Anatolia, message to the west (5)
- 13 Member in state of uncertainty, briefly (4)
- 15 Issue rejected after miserable break (8)
- 18 Painter: old one's recollection about retired artist (8)
- 19 Part of Prospero, leading part (4)
- 22 Build – from either side? (3,2)
- 24 Initial spin in action for batsman at Lord's? (4,5)
- 26 Opera sent for translation – that's rarely understood (9)
- 27 Track back around start of route (5)
- 28 Gallery undergoing refurbishment, to a great extent (7)
- 29 Rapper one criticises (7)

DOWN

- 1 Word uttered by shooter in Lancashire, say? (6)
- 2 Common for each vessel to carry four (9)
- 3 Complete collection of books in short story (5)
- 4 One observing what's said by Irish across page in important article (3,6)
- 5 Cook not half keen to open pub (5)
- 6 Fish key for chippy (9)
- 7 Beast in the Andes before noon, everyone's seen climbing (5)
- 8 Work under river – far down? (6)
- 14 Old leader getting on a bit, virtually bedbound? (9)
- 16 Supply of logs for festival (9)
- 17 Must I talk about work while doing other chores? (9)
- 20 Eton's principal in shock, seeing petition (6)
- 21 Bloke, one downing a plane perhaps? (6)
- 23 Standing on stool in field, get to the point? (5)
- 24 Minute to gulp new Aussie beer (5)
- 25 Flipping ridiculous reptilian brain – you can say that again! (5)



Solution 16,947

Solution 16,936

