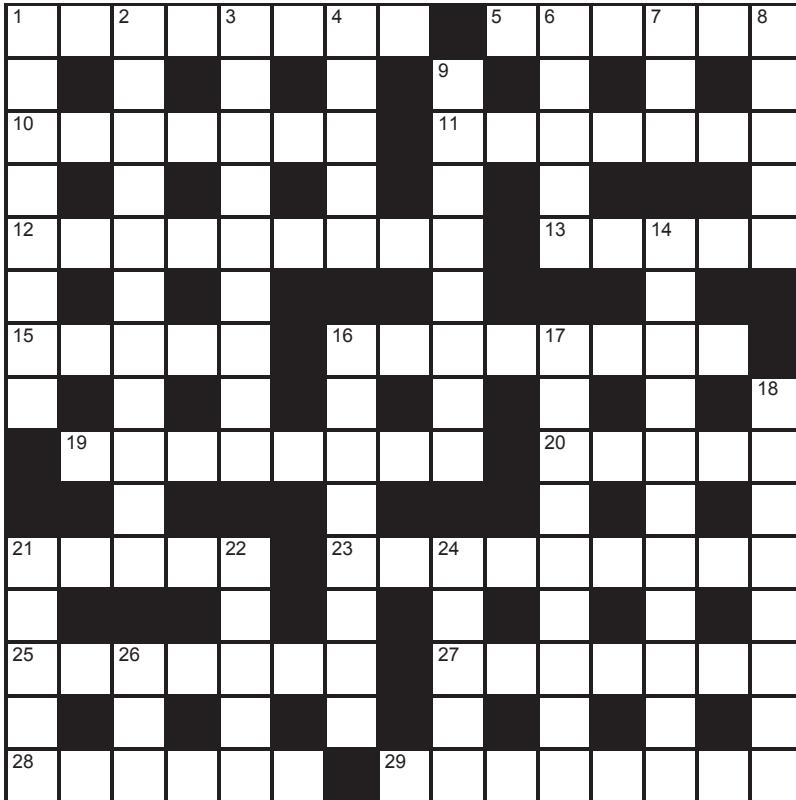


CROSSWORD

No 17,045 Set by LEONIDAS



JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,044



ACROSS

- 1 Game board flipped with a note of disapproval (8)
- 5 Drive three-quarters inebriated (6)
- 10 Remark about Edgar being dishevelled (7)
- 11 Bivalves discovered near quarry? It's a bit fishy (7)
- 12 Stable source of protein (9)
- 13 Agent retired finally to become writer (5)
- 15 Part of Ship Street regularly out of herring (5)
- 16 Defender starts to intimidate opposite number after bite (8)
- 19 Wind instruments collected by eastern church vanish (8)
- 20 Plant species is alien to some extent (5)
- 21 Child skinning both snakes and amphibians (5)
- 23 Scary girl mistaking Rouen for another city (9)
- 25 Misery of O'Connor and Lynam collaboration? (7)
- 27 Juvenile eaten up and giraffe eviscerated (7)
- 28 Sturdy vehicle obscured by rhubarb (6)
- 29 Poetry on record is in instalments (8)

DOWN

- 1 Acquire funds when full of drink (8)
- 2 One who is damn enthusiastic, so to speak (5,6)
- 3 Busy man hosts contest working for king (9)
- 4 Huge round insects having turned tail (5)
- 6 Version of 7 journalist is packing (5)
- 7 Boozer ultimately overcome by mother's ruin (3)
- 8 Verses maybe in Frost broadcast (5)
- 9 Cohabitee left feeding Big Mama briefly (8)
- 14 New roofer's lad around noon fetching a 22 5? (5,6)
- 16 Fabric caught on tree at top of lake (8)
- 17 Suckers in jumpers put on the wrong way? (9)
- 18 Carriages should primarily shelter reps in transit (8)
- 21 Diviner welcomes daughter's ceremonial meal (5)
- 22 Witness algae engulfing upturned vessel (5)
- 24 Respite from the French 7 in Revolution (3-2)
- 26 Queen leaving banger for relative (3)