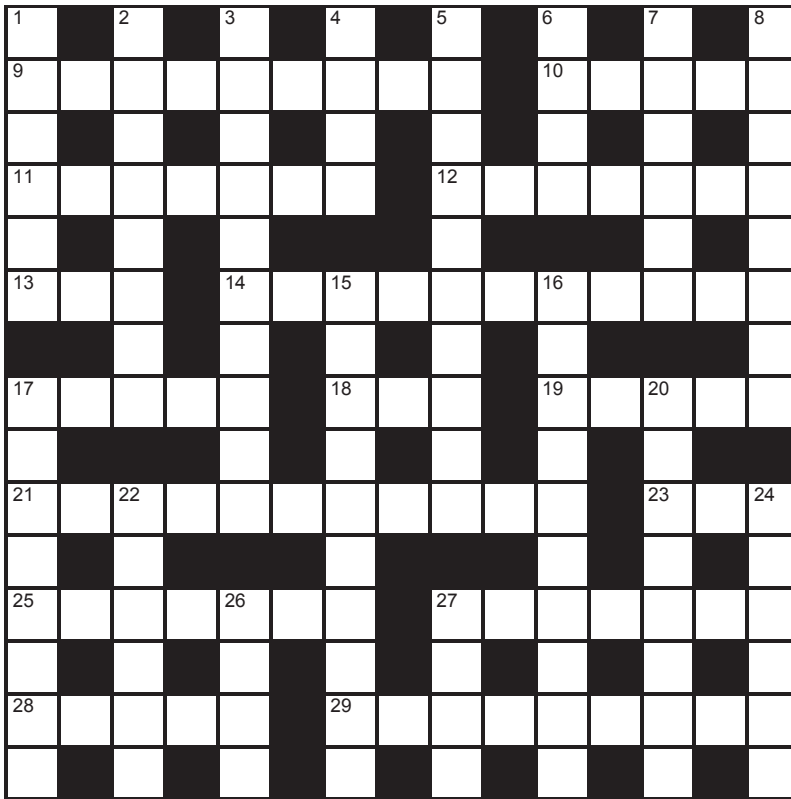


# CROSSWORD

No 17,188 Set by NEO



## ACROSS

- 9 Girl to chatter idly about love and vanish (9)  
 10 Volatile chemical bonds without shell (5)  
 11 Kiss with reclusive star ingesting ecstasy? It makes a change (7)  
 12 Musical nun sustaining note brings complaint (7)  
 13 Fish skin showing no sign of phosphorus (3)  
 14 Old court to stiffen caution for motorists (4,7)  
 17 Maryland city where there's no more curry? (5)  
 18 One swoops near ground, moving left to right (3)  
 19 Nature god banking silver for his devotee? (5)  
 21 One new insult with people causing resentment (11)  
 23 Men from the east caught enormous bird (3)  
 25 Unidentified illness keeps Italian in service (7)  
 27 Choking smoke beginning to burn Basil? (7)  
 28 Any number stay drunk and abusive (5)  
 29 Pole ground contains where Henry's buried (9)

## DOWN

- 1 Bravo! Keen-eyed bird sees dog (6)  
 2 Corresponding but never meeting (8)  
 3 Sculpture in future going up (10)  
 4 Person unknown from a Crown Dependency (4)  
 5 Strangely evil crime pinching pound for food (10)  
 6 Buzz from live lines (4)  
 7 Church leader out in Peru, bishop finds winged child (6)  
 8 Function after hearing test (5,3)  
 15 Revelation in a curtailed ballad Poe's penned (10)  
 16 Staff writer's time in a secure environment (10)  
 17 Swimmer appearing angry when losing time (8)  
 20 Bush in suitable place one assumed originally (8)  
 22 Temperature in river good man can't stand (6)  
 24 Copper bars – they're surely found in Havana (6)  
 26 Fish in streams (4)  
 27 It's a fool that covers king in some butter (4)

## JOTTER PAD

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