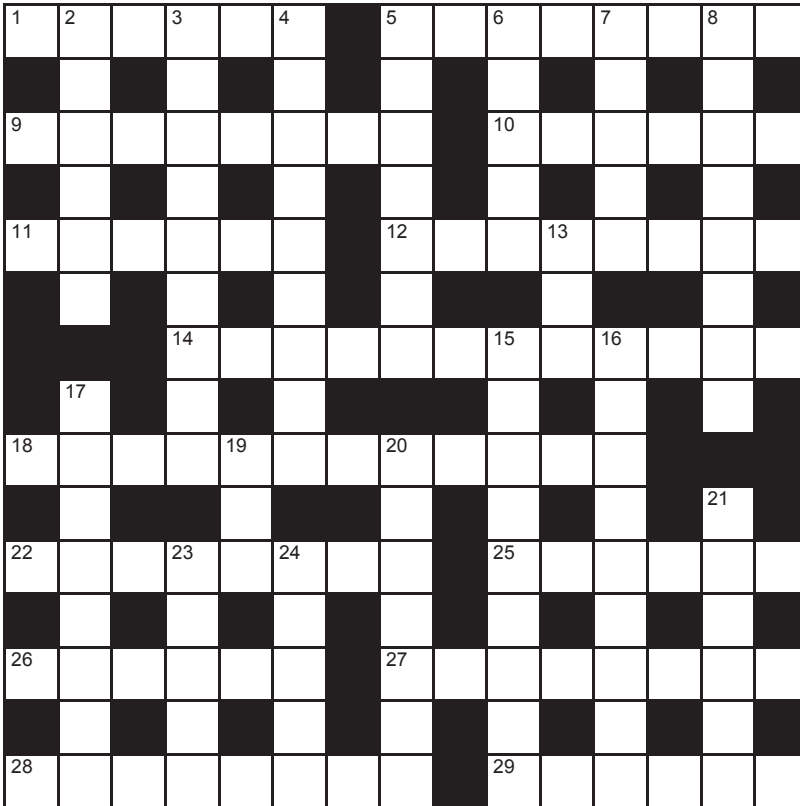


CROSSWORD

No 17,192 Set by BOBCAT



ACROSS

- 1 Drive forward the French backs (6)
- 5 Writer is hard to follow, like Burns (8)
- 9 Unity's repelled by appeal artist holds for young lady (8)
- 10 Plant desire in Juliet's heart (6)
- 11 Standard practice for hack to receive special award (6)
- 12 Place fabulously loaded with gold (2,6)
- 14 Could it be used to pelt bacteria indirectly? (4,8)
- 18 They may probe between the eyes (12)
- 22 Vegetable gives brother colic when cycling (8)
- 25 Grease left Travolta exhausted initially, then dispirited (6)
- 26 Crack jokes about Portugal's capital (6)
- 27 She's one to make a sound tax-free investment as an outsider (8)
- 28 Excite rebellious Frenchman to confront soldier's base (8)
- 29 Exclude women from social site for a laugh (6)

DOWN

- 2 Factor sure to be involved with extremes of haemolysis (6)
- 3 Where one might go to pot after the rack's been used (4,5)
- 4 Theme sounds superficial: insufficient reason to take action (9)
- 5 Disturb cat endlessly returning to catch fish (5,2)
- 6 Topsy cake of sorts is given poor marks (5)
- 7 Coach house to evict daughter - about time! (5)
- 8 Plan to dispense with Christmas broadcast (8)
- 13 Plump, owing to lack of exercise (apparently) (3)
- 15 One returning to employment is right to accept a tenner in review (2-7)
- 16 Suffering from debt: realising means of liquidation? (9)
- 17 Perpetual bankrupt at last in prison under pressure from international group (8)
- 19 Fantastic flyer for *Sound of Music*? (3)
- 20 Editor and setter take over top third of workplace building (7)
- 21 Animal working pit railway's gone missing (6)
- 23 Pursuit ends in trollop and detective being taken for a ride (5)
- 24 Mother-to-be likes restricting symbols in texts (5)

JOTTER PAD

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