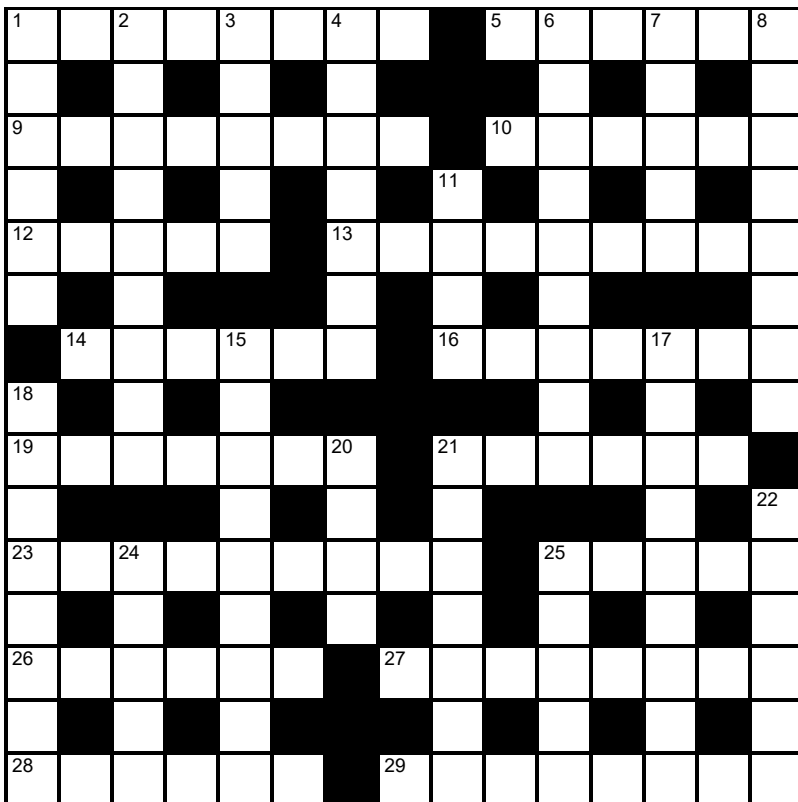


CROSSWORD

No 17,284 Set by ROSA KLEBB



ACROSS

- 1 Back-up cop's first to stop fight in tour of boozers (3,5)
- 5 Set off in boat after Anglo-Saxon attack (6)
- 9 One swam dubiously around a mermaid (8)
- 10 Ultimately con one in a hundred people (6)
- 12 Temperature satisfactory for wine (5)
- 13 Finger and foot briefly make contact (5,4)
- 14 10 politicians we'd enjoy locking up (6)
- 16 Defeated United 1-0 to move into first place (7)
- 19 Flattering Henry, wealthy but not married (7)
- 21 One pillaging cases of Rioja imported by monarch (6)
- 23 Minor offender nibbled Cockney's ear, says Spooner (9)
- 25 Danger for every single Liberal (5)
- 26 Skin problem? Give us a ring! (6)
- 27 Seats intemperate old chap next to son (8)
- 28 Adage remaining timeless (6)
- 29 Bishop and setter have a go at brigandage (8)

DOWN

- 1 Plebs regularly consumed revolting old Spanish bread (6)
- 2 British pasty shortage's rising, something quite unpredictable (5,4)
- 3 Voluminous jumper belonging to me (5)
- 4 US novelist who pens things creative and new (7)
- 6 Scoff rudely at the pigs (9)
- 7 Adult and juvenile cat start to attack dog (5)
- 8 I slipped out of underwear - duke was reluctant to leave (8)
- 11 Origins of lacrosse, unpleasantly dangerous ball game (4)
- 15 Chewed nut, dreary fare (3,6)
- 17 Respond too strongly with regard to damaged crate (9)
- 18 Drinking cups reach Alice Springs stores (8)
- 20 Leaving university, coming out in negative financial state (4)
- 21 Great eccentric cheers boat race (7)
- 22 Sentimental drunk embraced by society's outsiders (6)
- 24 Head of Tech and associate are in agreement (5)
- 25 Haughty professional nude discarding clothes (5)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,283



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