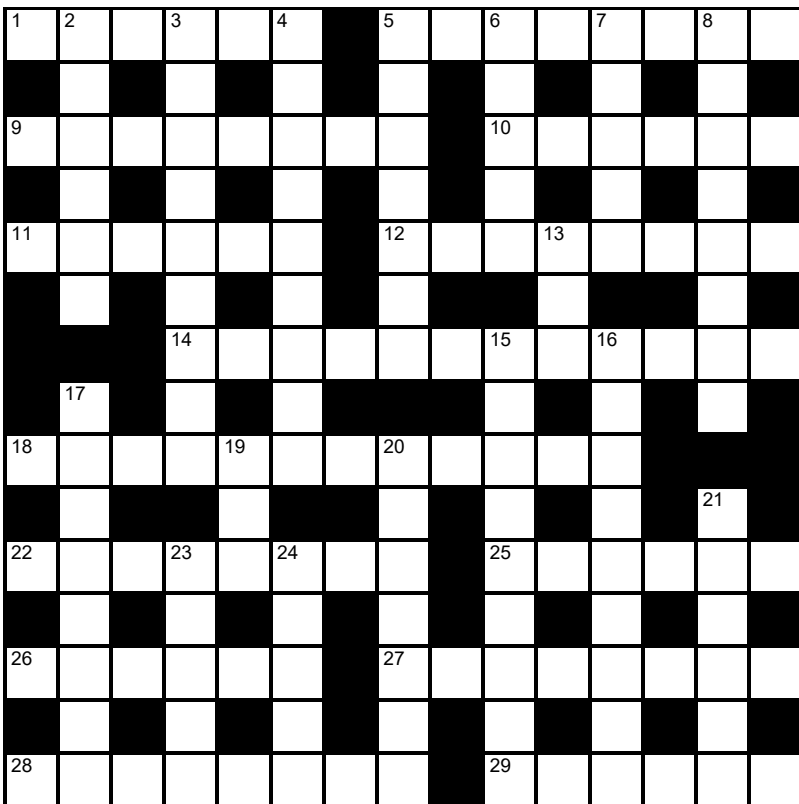


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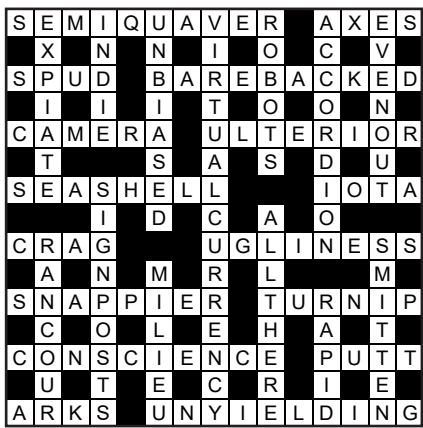
- 1 Begins with exclusive groups at university (4,2)
- 5 Mark with a tick by name of playwright reportedly (5,3)
- 9 Bill tucking into brownish-red biscuit (8)
- 10 Complete with e-books on anger (6)
- 11 Contributing to battle ended by former PM (6)
- 12 Crack is ultimately daft for a writer like Lamb (8)
- 14 Crazy nun and red-hot deb dancing (5,3,4)
- 18 Overcoat, fleece and shirt destroyed by duke (12)
- 22 Jazz fan speaking with fellow from the French capital perhaps (8)
- 25 Deny getting information about speed right away (6)
- 26 Unable to find a denial in pious platitudes (6)
- 27 Command at the end ignored by soldiers of Mussolini, for instance (8)
- 28 He makes insistent demands with criticism Lear's answer dismissed (8)
- 29 Practises a form of singing? Yes old style (6)

DOWN

- 2 Insists upon finding old deeds (6)
- 3 Modest heraldic insignia featuring pistols for example (5-4)
- 4 Practise with Sue (9)
- 5 Conservative aim? To embrace the start of tussle in opposition (7)
- 6 Just before son quits (5)
- 7 Communal fund for equipment supported by both sides in theory (5)
- 8 Cheap sarong readjusted by dandy endlessly (3,1,4)
- 13 Helping to make scapegoat of mimic (3)
- 15 Henry about to stop — surprisingly unready for pursuit of suspect (3,3,3)
- 16 Bad guy Rod played in *Minder* (9)
- 17 Old agricultural labourer carrying home game bird (8)
- 19 Drink providing limitless energy (3)
- 20 Discovered on oddly neglected retro sink (7)
- 21 Easy victory seconds before offensive online post (6)
- 23 Frantically busy soldier in charge (5)
- 24 Not available to speak about falling short in former South African province (5)

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Solution 17,298



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