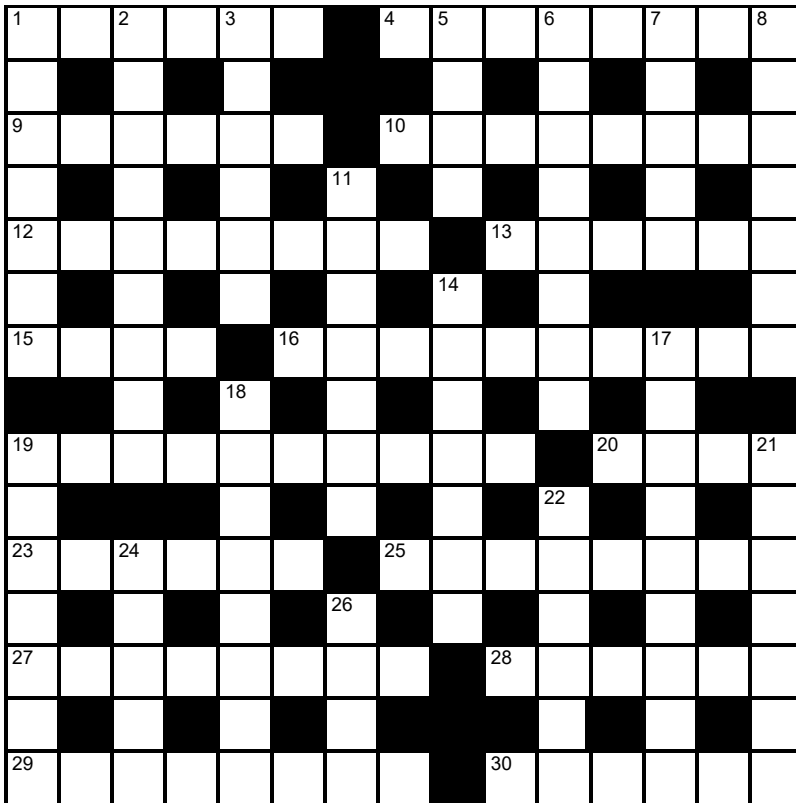


CROSSWORD

No 17,543 Set by STEERPIKE



ACROSS

- 1 Force naked nun to don frock (6)
- 4 One providing images of model entering Romania in disguise (8)
- 9 Relative arrested by green US marshal, say (6)
- 10 Women taken in by scientist's housing schemes (3,5)
- 12 Plant bug to entrap a Northern Ireland Unionist (8)
- 13 Discovered moderate defending independent region of Europe (6)
- 15 One of matching pair of casement windows (4)
- 16 Realise it's tricky for exiled people (10)
- 19 Mature artist on front of particularly interesting book (4-6)
- 20 Walked back from market with stick (4)
- 23 Decorated old sailor heading west around Northern Spain (6)
- 25 Distance between extremities of spawning ground (8)
- 27 Outspoken successor's journey may start here? (8)
- 28 Passionate female that is embracing English Catholic (6)
- 29 Fifty-fifty odds on getting good service (8)
- 30 African state Austria included in understanding (6)

DOWN

- 1 Please store last of claret under Grand Hotel (7)
- 2 Communist admitting strife in Georgia's capital is beneficial (9)
- 3 Spots ship conveying container across middle of bay (6)
- 5 Requirement head of university heard about (4)
- 6 Test heroin before party is put off indefinitely (8)
- 7 Drag queen is big attraction in Blackpool (5)
- 8 Artist organised class for ne'er-do-wells (7)
- 11 Polish revolutionary, for example, receiving King's award (7)
- 14 Small dish of sacrificial offering upset goddess (7)
- 17 Right-wingers desperately try to pray (4,5)
- 18 Edicts from Troy preserved in stone monuments (8)
- 19 Likely to claim note is irreverent (7)
- 21 Waste energy working in lock-up (7)
- 22 Kindle set up some marketing initiatives (6)
- 24 Old Scandinavian knight mounts steed abandoned by leader (5)
- 26 Nationalist soldiers hoisted banner (4)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,541

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