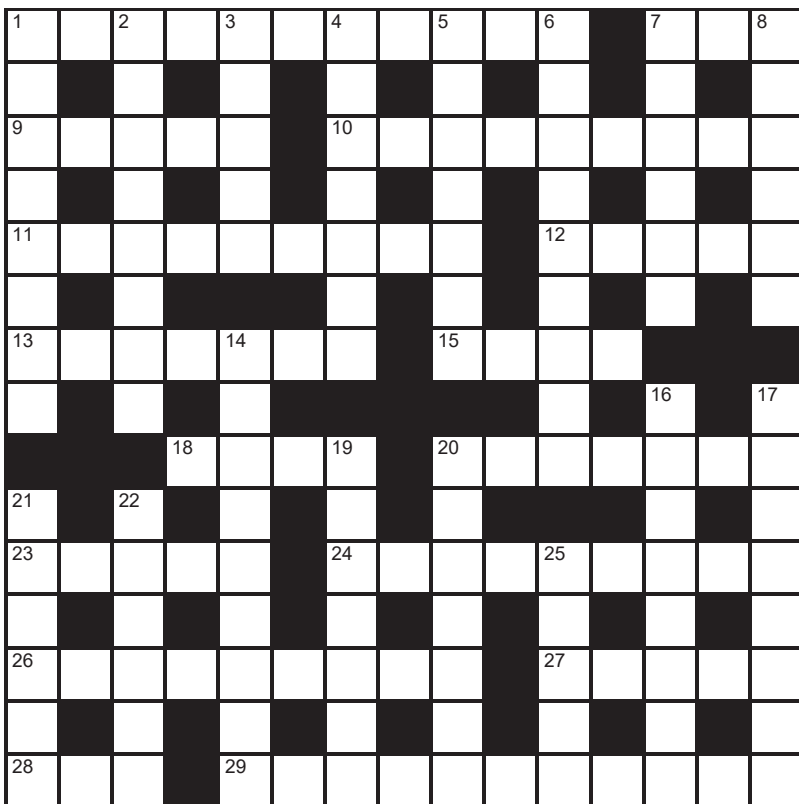


CROSSWORD No 17,705 by PETO



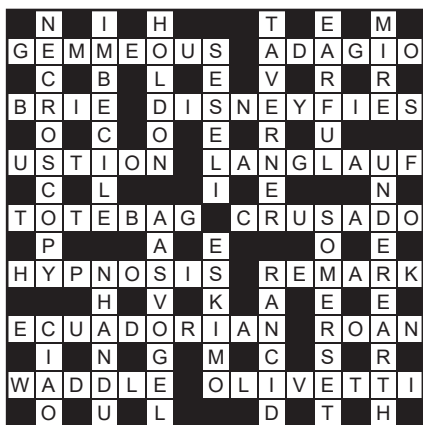
ACROSS

- 1 Out of work cousin boxing against American (11)
- 7 Doctor describing old criminal gang (3)
- 9 Emerging from pile-up in Topeka caused by a horse (5)
- 10 Test on Hungary at public school said to be outdated (4-5)
- 11 Woman in love with airman to struggle with answer (9)
- 12 'Abrupt' in Thierry's first language (5)
- 13 Kind of lyric poem capturing island event (7)
- 15 Instant credit (4)
- 18 Confusion causing married son to ring less regularly (4)
- 20 Put on outside with approval to speak at length (5,2)
- 23 Helping to make cats easily confused (2,3)
- 24 Made anxious touring the same left-leaning university long ago (2,3,4)
- 26 Settled at home then played for time (9)
- 27 Religious teacher not half sick clutching upset stomach (5)
- 28 Endless Native American dance (3)
- 29 Far from being imminent after negative vote by women in this place (7,4)

DOWN

- 1 Most likely held in a French dungeon at first without being charged (8)
- 2 Not available to look into renovated cabins for aunt Mary (8)
- 3 Zimbabwean politician's refusal to accept fine over hint of malfeasance (5)
- 4 Fellow soldiers died within reach (7)
- 5 Live longer than king avoiding defeat at the end (7)
- 6 Show odds against upsetting the church with story implicating Catholic leader (9)
- 7 Fully considered by couple taking in return game (6)
- 8 Head of benighted old queen seen on republican placard (6)
- 14 Finished with a profit once more (4,5)
- 16 Extremely unhelpful to meet rising Italian pal in final (8)
- 17 Rife in wretched soldiers of lower status (8)
- 19 Flounder taking on Spurs' top winger (7)
- 20 Daughter blocking way in? That's being desperately determined (2-2-3)
- 21 Peter out to impart a more attractive appearance right away (6)
- 22 Finishes exercise needing to drink (4,2)
- 25 Make certain to ignore resistance and follow (5)

Solution 17,704



JOTTER PAD



Scan the QR code to access FT crosswords over the last 30 days — cryptic, Polymath, Weekend and Sunday puzzles — or go to ft.com/crosswordapp