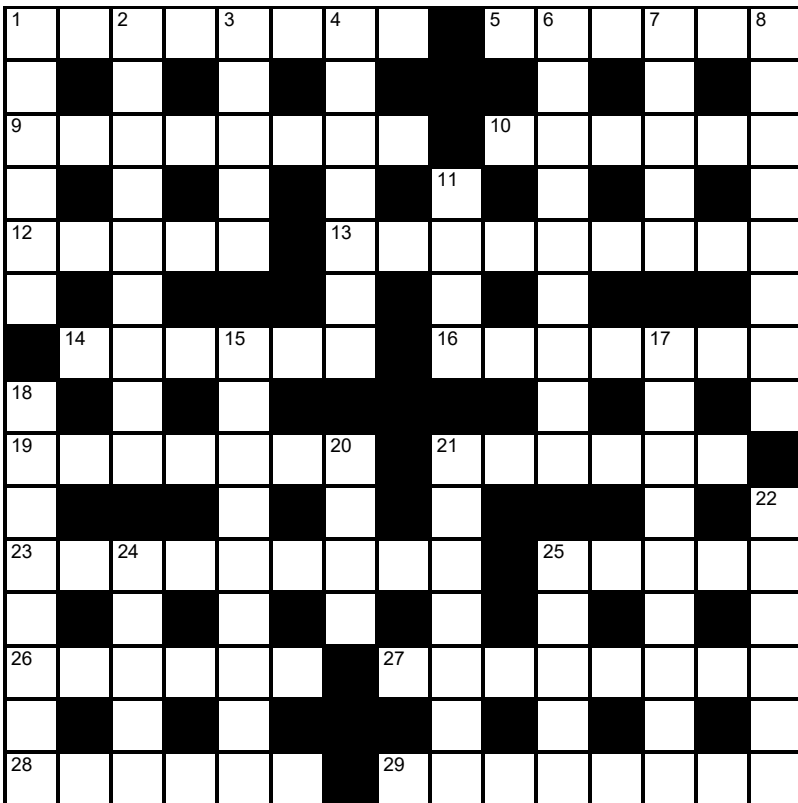


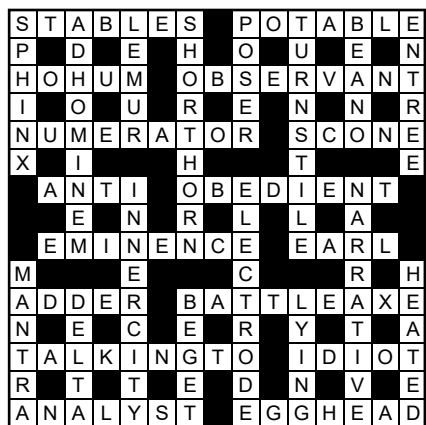
# CROSSWORD No 17,709 by AARDVARK



## ACROSS

- 1 Actor fails to win hearts pursuing award (3,5)
- 5 Secure communicators perfect during broadcasting (6)
- 9 Finally unravel teaser, put in envelope somewhere in Devon (8)
- 10 College head in tavern gets booze (6)
- 12 Newbie's first series of books media chief celebrated (5)
- 13 Uproot original cutting during summer for Pierre? (9)
- 14 Phoney old royal that's followed by Sun character finally (6)
- 16 The only extra wanted in drink? Bar tries to administer this (7)
- 19 Heavy rockers may wear this cross, linked with special chain mostly (7)
- 21 Friend's duck perhaps Charlie sidestepped (6)
- 23 Outlaw dance that features American outwardly naked (9)
- 25 Good right/left hooks that hurt bravado of boxer? (5)
- 26 Authorised dictionary includes definition of a god (variable) (6)
- 27 One reaching Welsh festival bop? (8)
- 28 Staff receiving endless calls about money (6)
- 29 Naive river authority ultimately stifled by Act (4-4)

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## JOTTER PAD

## DOWN

- 1 Part of regimen: a sitcom over tea (6)
- 2 Arms, uniforms, etc one works into police vehicle's rear half (9)
- 3 Escape with good book, disc and papers (5)
- 4 Car pioneer hugs new driver after defeat somewhere in Europe (7)
- 6 Much water primarily cooled the drink following curry (6,3)
- 7 Personal carrier Labour's team regularly used (5)
- 8 Gossip column's latest subject: topless English Romeo (8)
- 11 Journey to Middle East fleeced Jack (4)
- 15 Group of stars also wandered, with American hindmost (9)
- 17 Chill wine, having case for every game (3,6)
- 18 Portraying Barnet wood, spy captivating lake (3-5)
- 20 Declared retired soldiers as superheroes (1-3)
- 21 Ready for meeting, vegan food briefly consumed (7)
- 22 Astaire accepts Hollywood location's style of trousers (6)
- 24 Irishman sweeping up in the works (5)
- 25 Mike repeatedly restricted by pink sore (5)



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