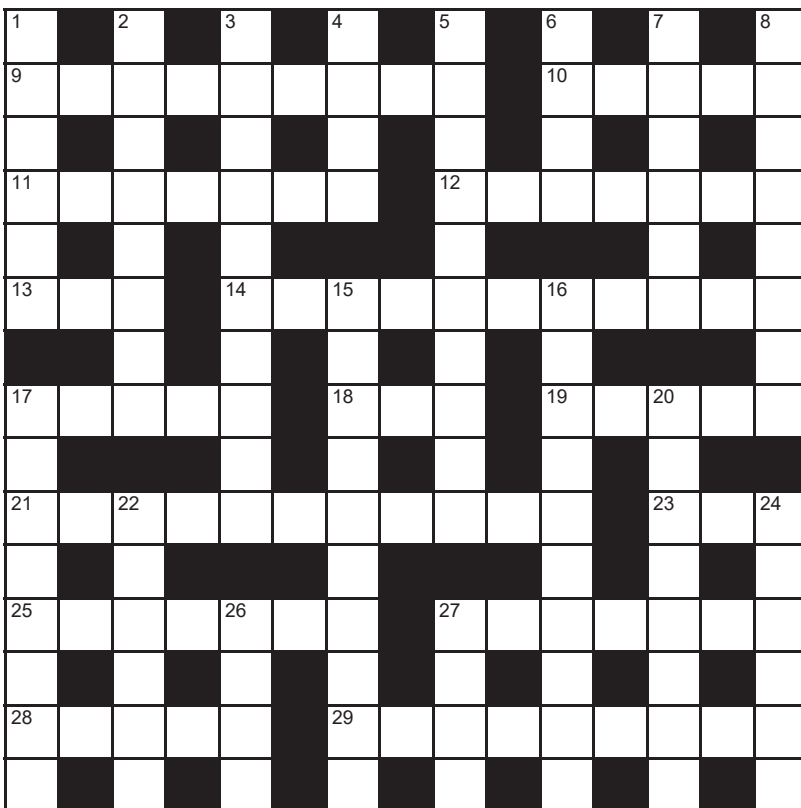


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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 9 Laird needs way to cross Irish county river (9)
- 10 Bobby stops ambassador travelling back in time (5)
- 11 Bath salts used by dad — this may seem absurd (7)
- 12 Male cat in bag — start to hunt bear (7)
- 13 Propel boat to Capri periodically (3)
- 14 See 6 down
- 17 Bird's call for service in NYC? (5)
- 18 A pint suitable for the occasion (3)
- 19 French articles, about 500, showing Spooner's need? (5)
- 21 Sustain — hold out in antipodean territory (5,6)
- 23 Chairman conspicuously virile banning church (3)
- 25 Bore in ancient city stopped outside (7)
- 27 See 17 down
- 28 Not in party — that's best (5)
- 29 Dicky sees aunt necking last of summer wine (9)

DOWN

- 1 Drink very quietly over in Syrian city (6)
- 2 Popular female, exquisite, died in radiation (8)
- 3 Whose name aptly reveals what fine literature exploits? (10)
- 4 Stone head of Oizys and her mother (4)
- 5 Toast Schubert, Brahms and Liszt? Cheers! (10)
- 6/14 Overly admiring male on bank or boats collectively (4-11)
- 7 African brought up in Manila mostly (6)
- 8 Dutch city there not concerned with old Tory leader (3,5)
- 15 Musician knocks poet capturing hearts (10)
- 16 Erotic entertainer seen in Spar with a reindeer (4,6)
- 17/27A Satan went to town spreading message for prodigal? (5,3,4,3)
- 20 Controlling spy boss brought in to kill worker (8)
- 22 Latest news at university: daughter had some food (6)
- 24 Stupid baronet plunged into river (6)
- 26 Splendid batter for edible plant part (4)
- 27 Unagi's head in frying-pan for author Herman (4)