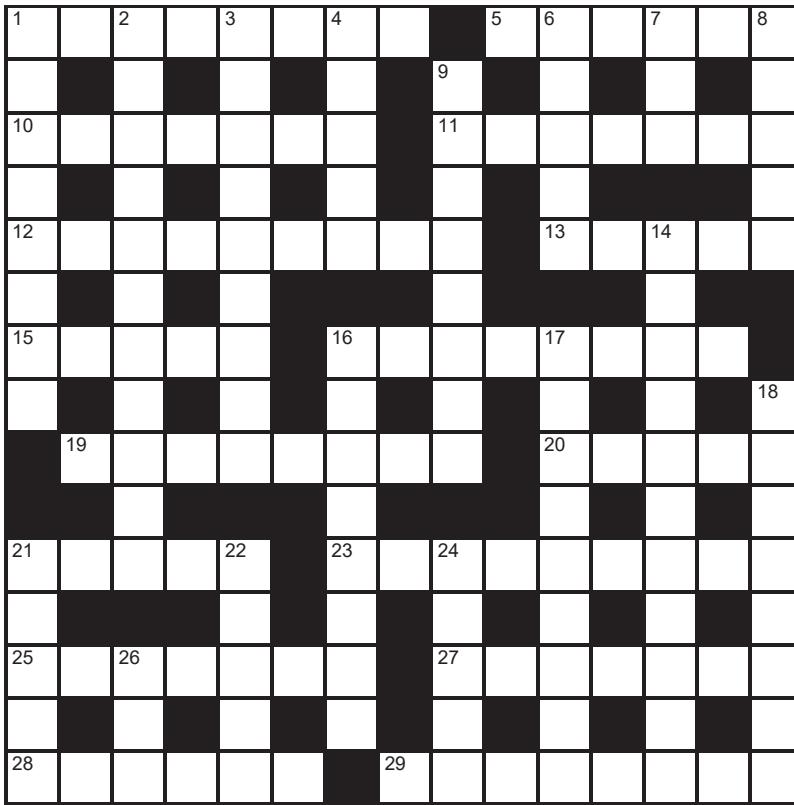


# CROSSWORD No 18,278 by SLORMGORM



Solution 18,277



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## ACROSS

- Some design posters for a director (8)
- Wild herb wrapped around a slice of veal (6)
- A short tale I start to author in a US port (7)
- One estate surrounding church in the country (7)
- French folk can be pains with airs, unfortunately (9)
- One must punch famous person in Steps (5)
- Transfer contrary young man City snapped up (5)
- Novel Mantel half-completed as a student (8)
- Limp? Do this to maintain erection! (8)
- Having got in angry, wife turned the air blue (5)
- Flower initially left out of window box (5)
- IBM's finally admitted to Reds messing with Deep Blue (9)
- The lady of the house? (7)
- Language used in machine sequencing (7)
- One making bowler hot? Cricketer with no top! (6)
- Do I need to change around son, being unfair? (3-5)

## DOWN

- Panic-stricken stock rush sedate PM orchestrated (8)
- Two things up-against-it code-breakers must do? (3,8)
- Cheese left by you to be eaten by sailor (4,5)
- Indian singer and bad actor appearing in South Africa (5)
- Sections of songs one released for head of EMI (5)
- I've found it's always horribly awful at the front (1-2)
- Old person in ecstasy with hands around vacuous date (5)
- Joint retired soprano rolled with southern jazz fans (8)
- Having gone to pot, one ate loads with nothing on, perhaps (2,1,5,3)
- Wicked pal with no right to get with one's husband (8)
- Sadly, yes, Christ can cause a state of irrationality (9)
- According to Spooner, this man would marry one on the grass (8)
- Mo Farah's first with the Spanish bunch at the rear (5)
- Present that woman gets in outskirts of Trieste (5)
- Nut quietly sitting on English throne (5)
- Offensive French head finally gets the boot (3)

## JOTTER PAD