

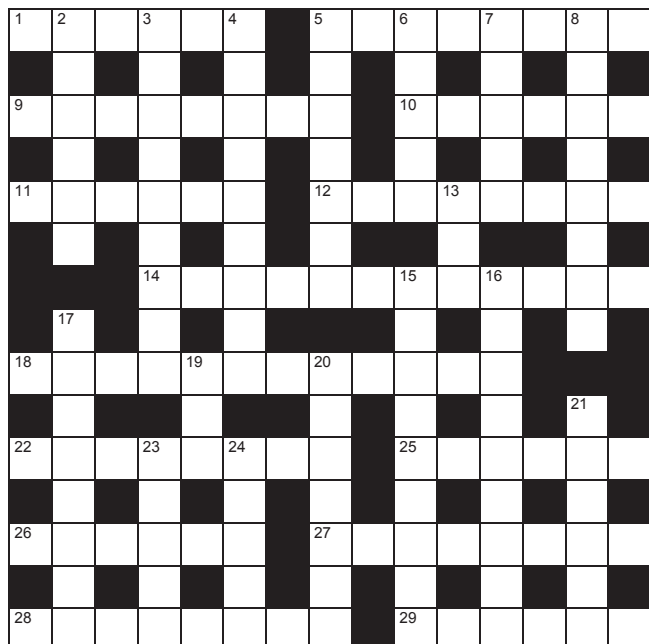
Crossword 15,886 Set by Goliath

ACROSS

- 1 Gives birth in ecclesiastical vestments (6)
- 5 I would return to tough area (8)
- 9 Reign of Victoria, at first poor, is blamed no more (8)
- 10 Get off beaten tracks and investigate new beginnings (6)
- 11 Pay attention to what could be litter (6)
- 12 Authorised programme went walkabout (8)
- 14 On edge, dude's cool playing chicken (12)
- 18 Crossing in secret into ground (12)
- 22 Latin and Greek mostly knocked into shape (8)
- 25 Author is taking a long time in pictures (6)
- 26 Brief, trendy and unisex? (6)
- 27 Loudest compiler welcomed by the most curious (8)
- 28 Let go of fields covered in grass (8)
- 29 One is first to sit by fireplace (6)

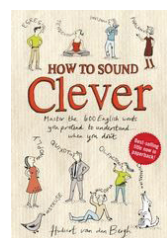
DOWN

- 2 Particulate half of the letters read out, I see (6)
- 3 Green and somewhat naive? Get a blessing! (9)
- 4 Not odd to be found in hovels in this decade (9)
- 5 Beastly home brand of bacon from here (7)
- 6 What she does to conquer love in bar (5)
- 7 A riot out of proportion (5)
- 8 Measures sex in racier novel (8)
- 13 Did 19 in 17 (3)
- 15 I draw in Basil Faulty's talents (9)
- 16 Sat in one's pants to get a thrill (9)
- 17 Captivate arrival (8)
- 19 Come undone from arguing regularly (3)
- 20 Elaborate lace Mr Flanders washed (7)
- 21 Container ship (6)
- 23 Came up by any other name? (5)
- 24 Same energetic heart but different sports (5)



Solution 15,885

Solution 15,874



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