

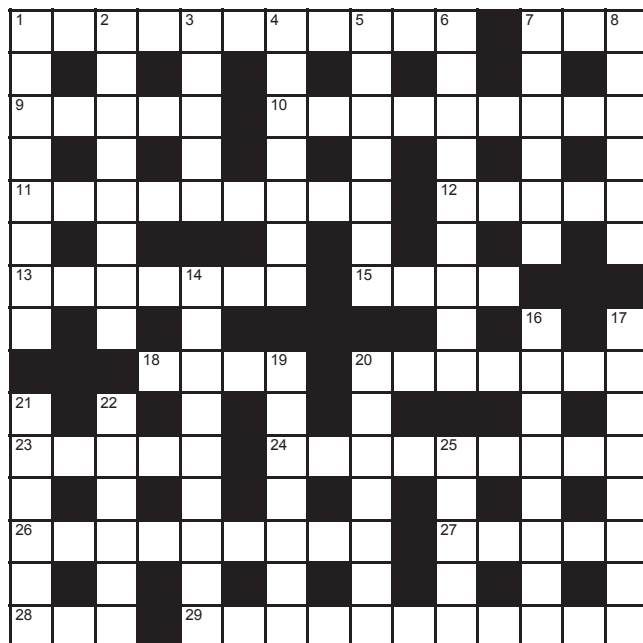
Crossword 15,710 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Wearing frown, girl beginning to berate Murano worker? (5-6)
- 7 Revolutionary provided origin of background story (3)
- 9 Service charge's ultimate swerve on the table? (5)
- 10 Considering the world failed to impress island, Grenada's leader going ahead (9)
- 11 Drug expecting evidence slower? (5,4)
- 12 Compare some fine kilts from behind (5)
- 13 Intently study sweetheart with a belly that's wobbly (7)
- 15 So I must hold back in war (4)
- 18 Force down (4)
- 20 River, river to ebbing river (7)
- 23 Tethered spring (5)
- 24 Soldier king, perhaps, a sailor on paper (3-2-4)
- 26 Doctor entering behind a South American (9)
- 27 Saw doctor injecting too much (5)
- 28 Previously known as Capone, evildoer's imprisoned (3)
- 29 In bombing nine times one needing uranium, radioactive element (11)

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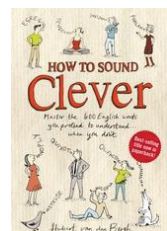
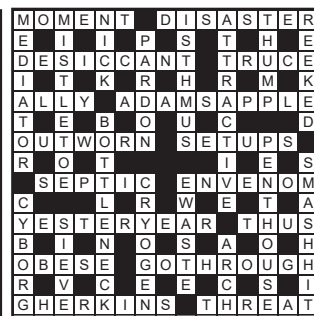
- 1 East Germany changed, though not any better (8)
- 2 Returned as new, mulled wine (8)
- 3 Issue surrounding rear of draft horse (5)
- 4 Joke on jerk (3-4)
- 5 Joy made little round ring (7)
- 6 Tory punched by nobleman gets a shiner (4,5)
- 7 Playful female, ticklish (6)
- 8 Grand houses can chill (6)
- 14 Plenty suggesting a trip round the bakery? (9)
- 16 A horse that's thoroughbred invariably heads for the biscuits (8)
- 17 Freezing weather, wind comes with it - that's about right (3,5)
- 19 Unknown native of Banjul masking face, African (7)
- 20 Withholding information, bet it's spicy (7)
- 21 Earn duck, bat badly batting! (6)
- 22 I move cages for bird (6)
- 25 Favourite climbs around a thousand and one paces (5)



Solution 15,709



Solution 15,698



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