

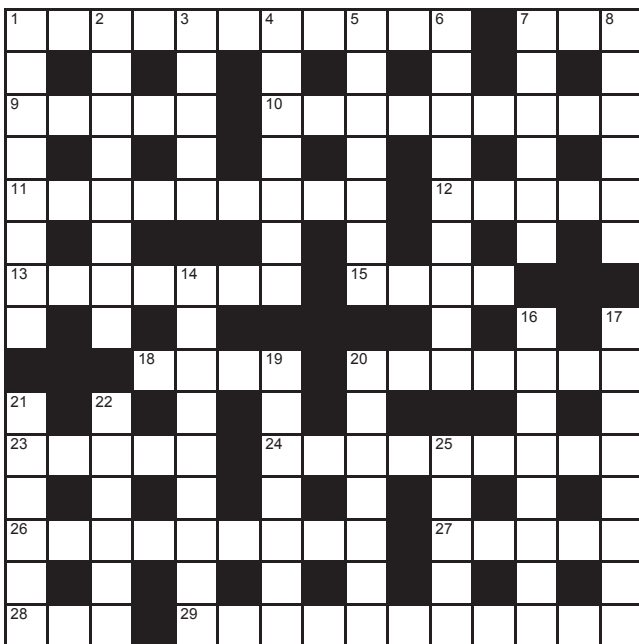
# Crossword 16,419 Set by Mudd

## ACROSS

- 1 Constant tickling of wolf in gentle bedroom antics (6,5)
- 7 Scrape something on toast, say? (3)
- 9 Cooker variety (5)
- 10 Fish bloody, old cut (3,6)
- 11 Shame about trouble in store for future generations (9)
- 12 Go – like a rabbit? (3,2)
- 13 Figure gulping swiftly at first – because this? (7)
- 15 Curve back, shooting game? (4)
- 18 Point, poisonous thing – one stings (4)
- 20 Ship heading for estuary is able to hurry back (7)
- 23 Flower framing summery picture (5)
- 24 Biscuit taking last of colouring, a blue one (9)
- 26 Language centre quit, European country abandoning it (4,5)
- 27 A tricky accent (5)
- 28 Clutched by hero, a razor-sharp blade (3)
- 29 Pub introduced to drunken loon (sixty), one hitting the bars? (11)

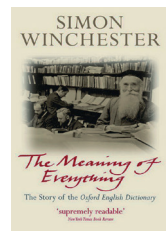
## DOWN

- 1 Protective walls, bits sheltering primate (8)
- 2 Foolishly sling out extra diamonds, say? (4,4)
- 3 Massive award, shame vacuous (E)
- 4 Figure holds if secure (7)
- 5 Suffering from vertigo? Move mount! (5,2)
- 6 US score, bit lower (9)
- 7 Banger cut to feed bird (6)
- 8 Change in dog burying a bone, ultimately (6)
- 14 Case supported by opposition, punch the air (6-3)
- 16 Cheese room, where French master invents starters (8)
- 17 Deposit posted, money banked (8)
- 19 Style of hair, one good in knotted plait (7)
- 20 Root sticks on pan when flipped over (7)
- 21 A survey on old god (6)
- 22 Speaker – setter perhaps? (6)
- 25 Don't be a "yes" for a party (5)



## Solution 16,418

## Solution 16,407



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