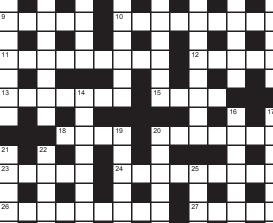
## CROSSWORD No. 16,288 Set by CHALMIE 10



spv (7.4) 7 Meal without a drink (3) 9 Sat and thought, erasing previous answer (5) 10 One has little hope for "Spies" terrible film (9) 11 Engineers cut back on explosive and have another look (2-7)

1 Nearly all titled women

entertaining wealthy American

ACROSS

(4)

12 Rector apparently camping at religious council (5) 13 Beat one maturing bird (7) 15 Spy additional line for resistance

20 Delicate dossier about fundraising at university (7) 23 Gloria accepts sovereign's greeting (5) 24 Replacement spy kidnaps small

18 Oddly skewers spies (4)

26 Endure president at final iudament (4.5) 27 Smell moving back round to head

merchant (9)

of river in Portugal (5) 28 Still, every memorable event ends (3)

29 Lift exile ordered by Her Maiesty for American spy (5,6) **DOWN** 1 Sharpness of spy I rate poorly (8)

4 More pleased with software that's installed inside an hour (7)

American spies (8)

2 Circle makes money getting rid of 3 Paper mannequin, diamond rings

16 Let increased uncertainty be heard (5.3) 17 Academic tempting one to circumvent European court (8) 19 Being given to fleshly pleasures puts non-smoking university in a fix (7) 20 Poultry farmer's problem is predator eating bird quietly (7) 21 Acid lake busy dissolving American spv (6) 22 Hidden nearby, a slice of toast (6) 25 Happened to briefly see Carol naked earlier (5) Solution 16,287

5 Give wrong title for Judi Dench

6 We hear of someone cultivating

8 Books covering over vegetable

14 Got too old for 4 - we got

greed - maybe just a little bit (9)

as head spy (7)

7 Emoticon spv (6)

smashed! (4.3.2)

JOTTER PAD

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