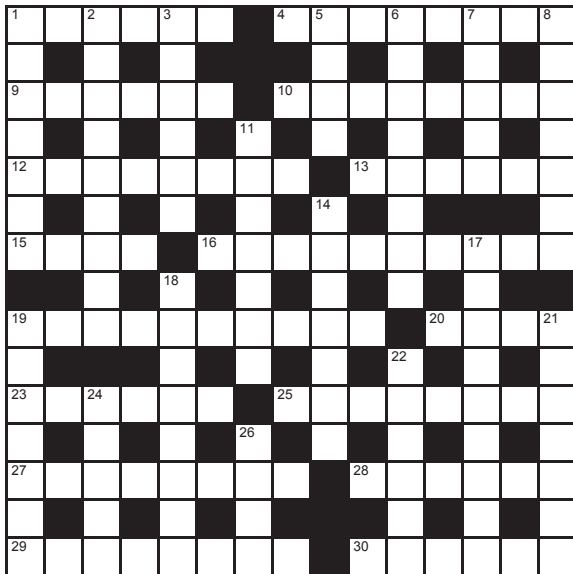


CROSSWORD

No. 16,165 Set by CRUX



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Mark gets Oscar – he had two! (6)
- 4 Speak terribly posh, like company bosses may do (4,4)
- 9 Bowler, perhaps, for the East Enders (6)
- 10 Brings in twigs (8)
- 12 More sound without depth can be colossal (8)
- 13 Rejected is story of tennis star (6)
- 15 Avoid car crash but lose time (4)
- 16 Girl almost in first place appears deceptive (10)
- 19 A musical may, without a blonde (2,4,4)
- 20 Our problems usually seem to start with work (4)
- 23 Old Cardinal has modern ideas, it seems (6)
- 25 An Americanism like “steetcar depot” (8)
- 27 Supplied the ultimate in farce and told jokes (8)
- 28 Provider of minimum cover (not for men!) (6)
- 29 Misshapen empty shell (undyed) is out of the blue (8)
- 30 Condescends, like Old and Young Hamlet for the audience (6)

DOWN

- 1 Upsets monks? Not right! (7)
- 2 Four start off in play area possibly (9)
- 3 We may wish for sweet ones on retirement (6)
- 5 Heads lose carbon copies (4)
- 6 Kipling’s extremes shown in full measure (8)
- 7 Spirits not good for those entertaining guests (5)
- 8 Heavy defeat often followed by hanging (7)
- 11 Distinct bulge, oddly, on back of German car (7)
- 14 Blister results from Bannister’s first run in stockings (7)
- 17 Demon, close and threatening (9)
- 18 New York’s generous daily medical insurance? (3,5)
- 19 Courtesy shown when the missus welcomes old queen (7)
- 21 Close relation adopts others like little birds (7)
- 22 His judgments were crucial to 13, say (6)
- 24 Twisted something that’s painful (5)
- 26 We shall briefly appear in the spring (4)