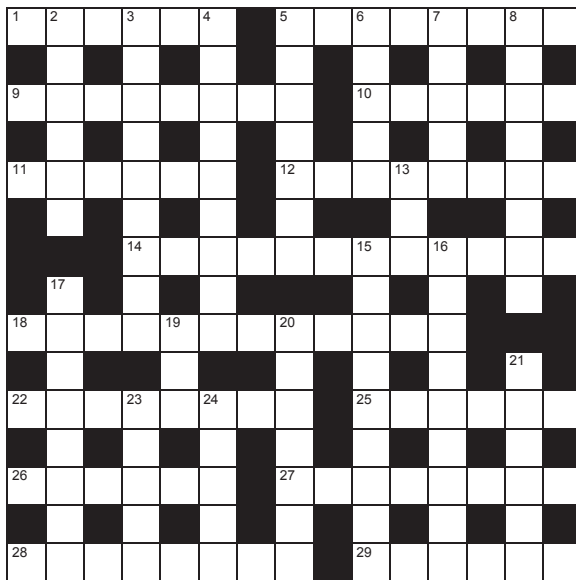


CROSSWORD

No. 16,412 Set by ALBERICH



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Soprano with characteristic sound (6)
- 5 Muddle that is surrounding a new French composer (8)
- 9 Fat knight's first to swim in a couple of rivers (8)
- 10 Sent back section of glossy on nasty bugs (6)
- 11 British mountain provides disappointment (6)
- 12 Estimate too highly the frequency of deliveries? (8)
- 14 Hit out at sound that's repetitive (12)
- 18 Spam? Dodgy mail I deleted on cue then (8,4)
- 22 Clothes for trendy people (8)
- 25 Nowadays cobblers will keep one handy (6)
- 26 Mike needs one place setting (6)
- 27 Poet penning chapter on the end of George Smiley? (8)
- 28 Violent English border guards let out? On the contrary (8)
- 29 Repay one signing cheque on return (6)

DOWN

- 2 Emperor needs to beat overwhelming sovereignty (6)
- 3 Concerned with beauty, I cast thee out! (9)
- 4 Saying nothing after Stan drunkenly pockets right change (9)

- 5 So if American returns, ring mobster (7)
- 6 Tired of Street-Porter? (5)
- 7 Intimate meal with no starter (5)
- 8 Earl messed up, taping last bit of *Antony and Cleopatra*? (8)
- 13 Regularly arrange student charity event (3)
- 15 Met patron perhaps, since in Queens after work (4-5)
- 16 Soccer team compete with audience (9)
- 17 Ripped invite up – that's harsh (8)
- 19 Maybe Balmoral talks will be endless (3)
- 20 Note a bouquet is budding (7)
- 21 Austerity in dress runs for short time (6)
- 23 Tot is grabbed by wings of shore bird (5)
- 24 Avoid kid, missing first daughter (5)

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