

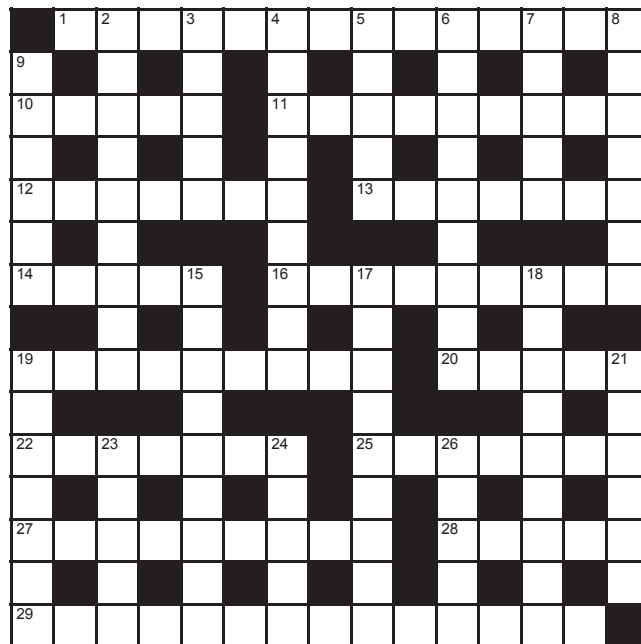
Crossword 15,856 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Idea not supposed to impress supervisors, alluded to previously (14)
- 10 Slowly travel east of Clare, avoiding the outskirts (5)
- 11 Dip a tea plant, mile off, into liquid glue (9)
- 12 Bit of a nag dies slowly (7)
- 13 Couple run around naked at first, on ship (7)
- 14 Animal found in the water butt (5)
- 16 Splash of red, almost a work of art (3,6)
- 19 So deep in sleep in centre of bed without short trousers? (9)
- 20 Setter is back in hole (5)
- 22 Apple, little one underwater? (7)
- 25 Regard muscle during period of relaxation (7)
- 27 Happy about nothing, no good going further (9)
- 28 Link every second part in turn, and tie in knots (5)
- 29 In a storm at sea, plebs screening rank drama (8,6)

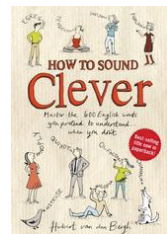
DOWN

- 2 Evergreen nation welcoming male officer on ship (5,4)
- 3 River, perfect river (5)
- 4 Massive outlet feeding biodome, gas to release (9)
- 5 Straight over brow of hill, Welsh town (5)
- 6 Behind upstanding king and queen, pair listening? (2,7)
- 7 Circular loop, end of rope just round the corner pulled up (5)
- 8 One putting things on sideboard (7)
- 9 One found in bed perhaps, flies originally down (6)
- 15 Dim recollection in desire for something else (9)
- 17 It is hidden under plate – bloody shame (9)
- 18 Soften mood finally during rite seen as grotesque (9)
- 19 Noble knight mostly on the game (7)
- 21 Model, one rarely missed? (6)
- 23 Sink blocked at the bottom, rubbish coming up (5)
- 24 Criticise access (3,2)
- 26 Little bird seemingly quite upset, attacking bunting initially (5)



Solution 15,855

Solution 15,844



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