

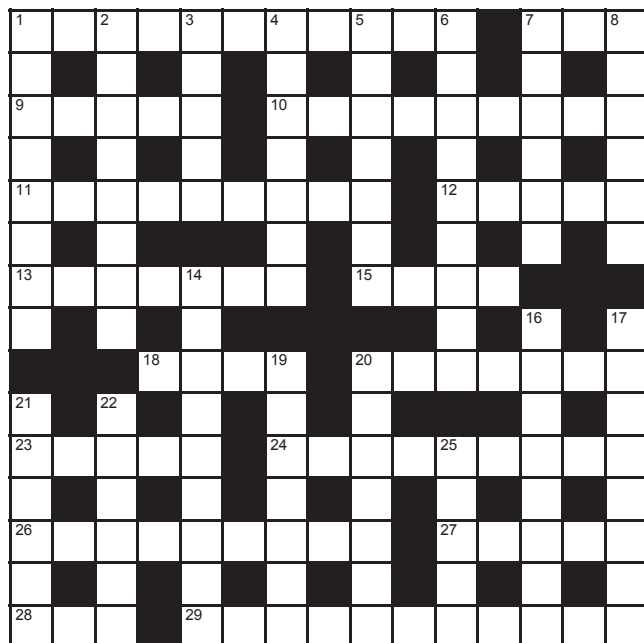
# Crossword 15,692 Set by Mudd

## ACROSS

- 1 Dangerous situation where straight tackles ending in minor gains (7,4)
- 7 Crack running this way and that (3)
- 9 Giant proves quarrelsome, sapped of energy (5)
- 10 Poor old king, it's recalled, put in river (9)
- 11 Censor in decline given extremes of popular novel (3-6)
- 12 Welsh name not starting – something stopped? (5)
- 13 Dribble ending on knickers, one throwing up? (7)
- 15 Twelve numbers, back to back (4)
- 18 Nation close to freedom fighter (4)
- 20 One's drawn a hound, one in brown (7)
- 23 Middle of crowd, a relative place of safety (5)
- 24 Pottery feature in the picture (9)
- 26 Cologne newspaper embraced by the nation (9)
- 27 Bolt pulled back to secure first of inmates in group of three (5)
- 28 Speaker's mocking whiskey ingredient (3)
- 29 Is a Bayeux tapestry arrow so beautiful? (3-8)

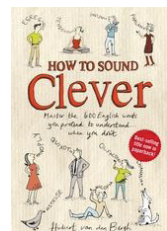
## DOWN

- 1 Vacuous homage a nonsense, irritating thing (4,4)
- 2 Dance party taking place south of European capital (8)
- 3 Follow leaders in Election Night Special uttering expletives (5)
- 4 Teacher drinking endless coffee, one on a motorbike? (7)
- 5 Greek character partial to ethanol is perking up (7)
- 6 Pass beyond outskirts of Rimini during trip, one flying over Italian embassy, perhaps? (9)
- 7 Unpleasant matter about right for filthy fashion? (6)
- 8 Sound politician, British author (6)
- 14 Queen admitted to old club where cheap food served (9)
- 16 A great fiddler, one not believing in integrity, initially (8)
- 17 Probable failure grounded after failing (8)
- 19 Scent anger (7)
- 20 Agree on origins of remarkably arcane monster (7)
- 21 Speaker in court before judge, upstanding (6)
- 22 See cuckoo welcoming better flight (6)
- 25 Opponent caught in trick (5)



## Solution 15,691

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