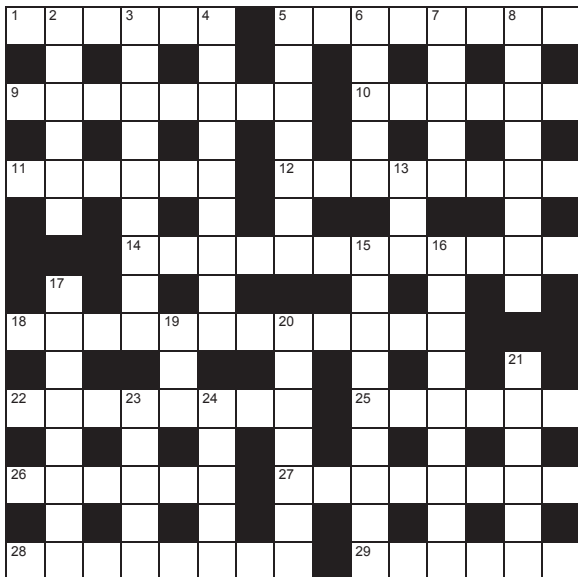


# CROSSWORD

## No. 15,854 Set by SLEUTH



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 Remove suspicion from inspector close to this division of company (6)
- 5 A drab role largely at sea for man's best friend (8)
- 9 Standard means for preparing cheese (8)
- 10 Obtain after good commercial gizmo (6)
- 11 Way of seeing oneself as a model (6)
- 12 Rough second debate in a French hospital (8)
- 14 Character staying overnight firstly – it's required to make a flight? (8,4)
- 18 Nerve centre in empire about to be destroyed sadly (12)
- 22 Conceited Arab with bombastic speech about origins of oil glut (8)
- 25 Lax procedure missing fences (6)
- 26 Tree with valuable material on land? (6)
- 27 Diner far off – it's beyond a certain range? (8)
- 28 Bring down currency once? It's a significant event (8)
- 29 Hear about object that's fashionable (6)

### DOWN

- 2 Character for listing? (6)
- 3 Praiseworthy book penned by authority at sea with energy (9)
- 4 Worker supporting varied crimes – petty offender? (9)

- 5 Listless learner given a northern mentor mostly (7)
- 6 Fake bishop with love and a lot of sentimental outpouring (5)
- 7 A one-sided statement of intent over sound reproduction (5)
- 8 Public outlet for tea is upset (8)
- 13 Face dupe (3)
- 15 Amateur sound characterising a charity? (3-6)
- 16 With companion gone, check camera that's reproduced teatime food (5,4)
- 17 Brother accordingly turns up in a motorway with a fine fuel (8)
- 19 Cheap newspaper in error again (3)
- 20 Fool before selection gets to criticise pettily (7)
- 21 Very large watch over European port (6)
- 23 Nothing cancelled – like an egg? (5)
- 24 A historic period arising in stadium (5)

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