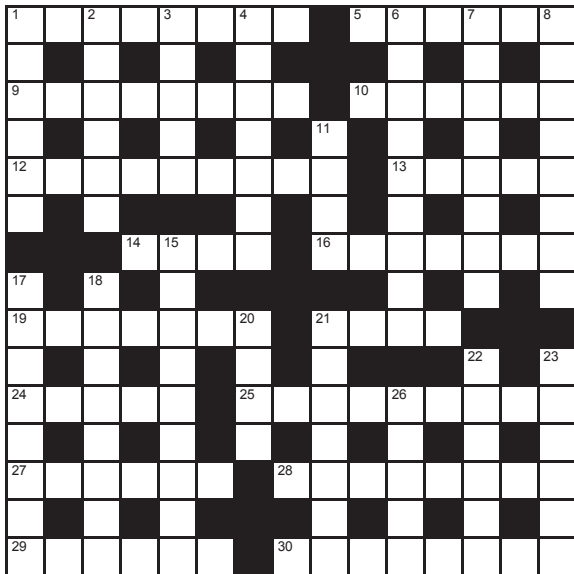


CROSSWORD

No. 15,804 Set by ARMONIE



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Manager protects a number showing emaciation (8)
- 5 Cleaner working for ferry operator (6)
- 9 Judge returned hand tool to prospector (8)
- 10 Catch out Tory leader and remove (4,2)
- 12 Edit novel about probe (5,4)
- 13 Fortune tellers scathing about Oscar (5)
- 14 A cat that's very small (4)
- 16 Fraudulent enterprises around game (7)
- 19 Promised to be occupied (7)
- 21 Charlie's full name (4)
- 24 Proofreader's mark shows concern with the letter "t" (5)
- 25 Winger in a last-minute switch (9)
- 27 Discharge from old drain cut (6)
- 28 Turning point for country evangelist (8)
- 29 Quiet about passion for case (6)
- 30 Smirk when taking in this month in Irish province (8)

DOWN

- 1 Girl's supporter about to expire (6)
- 2 Nobleman arrives in New York? Almost! (6)
- 3 The first person in the body of the church is unworldly (5)
- 4 Reckoning to eat fowl – part of the breast (7)
- 6 Claire, the doctor, is dissident (9)
- 7 Soldier gets drink for correspondent (8)
- 8 Partiality gets me in post improperly (8)
- 11 Fly high? Sounds painful! (4)
- 15 Hose gets Kitty in an awkward situation (5,4)
- 17 Drinks held dear in French coaches (8)
- 18 Give gear out? That'll cause distress! (8)
- 20 Wooden handle (4)
- 21 Bed to deteriorate after time in country home (7)
- 22 Type of pottery made with Barium compound (6)
- 23 Tumbler has cook taking drug (6)
- 26 Health hazard creates fuss among sailors (5)