

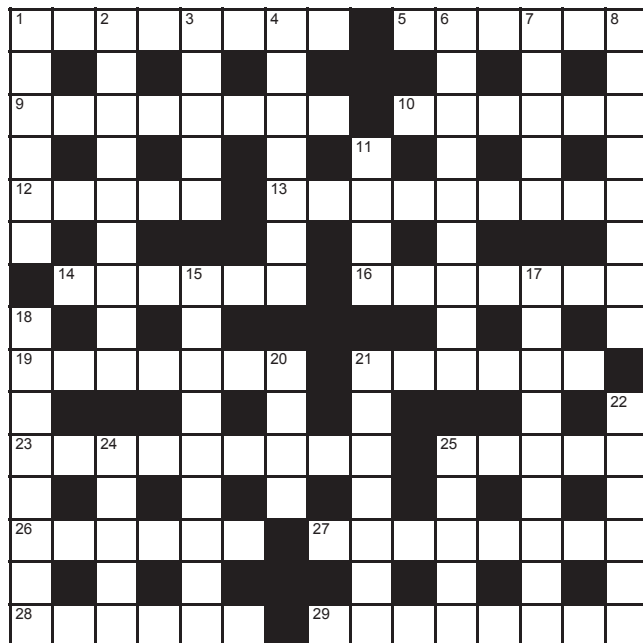
# Crossword 15,982 Set by Mudd

## ACROSS

- 1 Fruit about to feed siamang, say? (5,3)
- 5 Large metal guard (6)
- 9 Zero fish for little bird (8)
- 10 A bloke carrying Australian back, a big woman (6)
- 12 All die then, as something in cocktail? (5)
- 13 Super and smashing southern path (9)
- 14 Light tone's back in flesh (6)
- 16 Looking back, somewhat sad if fir tree killing plant (7)
- 19 Fatigue, primate gulping oxygen (7)
- 21 Lingerie, for example, rises from the grave? (6)
- 23 Cruel as a pack of three suits? (9)
- 25 Beauty ending in dishabille after a clanger (5)
- 26 One in pink, somewhat different in colour? (6)
- 27 Four sexy dresses for Brazilian party, say? (8)
- 28 Carrying third of votes, liberal got in (6)
- 29 Fish, cheese and eggs sent back (8)

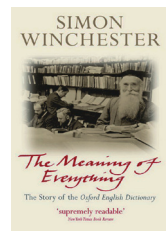
## DOWN

- 1 French author taking on biblical name? (6)
- 2 Describing geometry in a clue, declare limits variable (9)
- 3 Sign of the Spanish in bed, literally laid up (5)
- 4 Note gull, not half, in bird (7)
- 6 Single fluid in eardrum (9)
- 7 Square, not a round dish (5)
- 8 Bum residing near the combatants? (8)
- 11 Constant changer up for change (4)
- 15 Mistress caught, nature so wanton (9)
- 17 Hedonist's special offer from the butcher? (9)
- 18 Every character raising a drink to inspire pub during party (8)
- 20 Bird breed overheard? (4)
- 21 Parvenu happy with launch (7)
- 22 Very tense, ultimately, during exchange of shots (6)
- 24 Responsible individual said (bus late), "every second counts" (5)
- 25 Peak in African country (5)



## Solution 15,981

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