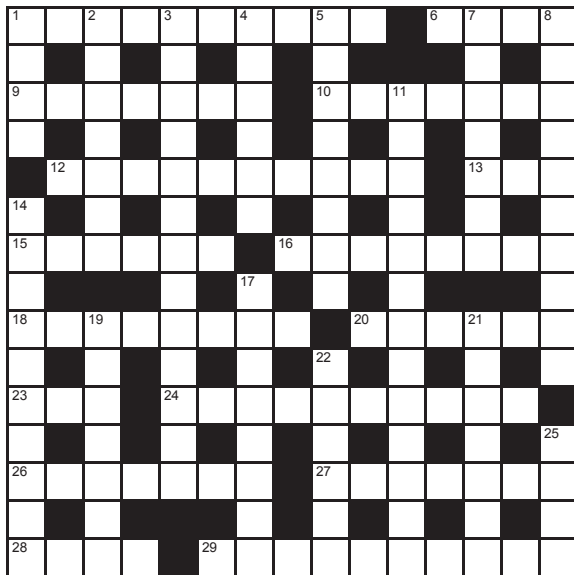


CROSSWORD

No. 16,438 Set by FALCON



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Notice temperature after only males change (10)
- 6 Ghastly, endless ingrained dirt (4)
- 9 Seaman's caught on – daughter's run off (7)
- 10 Goody-goody in up-train, agitated (7)
- 12 Draw client working, clothed suitably for a January day? (6-4)
- 13 What hard wood (3)
- 15 Getting on in brokerage in Geneva (6)
- 16 Equipment in cases for high fliers? (3,5)
- 18 Notorious home, renowned (8)
- 20 Acknowledge large cook outside (6)
- 23 Lout featured in my Observer (3)
- 24 Boldness shown by reptile making top (10)
- 26 Dirigible looks stylish (7)
- 27 Soldiers, during month after US withdrawal, increase (7)
- 28 Lively Highland dance? Sounds authentic (4)
- 29 Respect shown in tram, lacking in a journalist (6,4)

DOWN

- 1 Area final finished early, regrettably (4)
- 2 Judge when to dig up fragrant shrub (7)
- 3 Argument with pair after quiet trip (8,5)
- 4 Contemporary approach supported by Royal Navy (6)
- 5 Famous Corsican card game (8)
- 7 Withdraw RE pamphlet (7)
- 8 Merchants spread across English city (10)
- 11 Heavenly sight? Think Degas try outlandish (3,3,2,5)
- 14 Sharp? She is in this novel! (6,4)
- 17 Question at port involved an Australian vessel (5-3)
- 19 Goldsmith having beer, relaxed with fag (7)
- 21 Pawnbroker over a ring, initially doubtful (7)
- 22 Leader in society getting Ecstasy in lounge – scandalous stuff (6)
- 25 Card game requiring lots of research (4)