

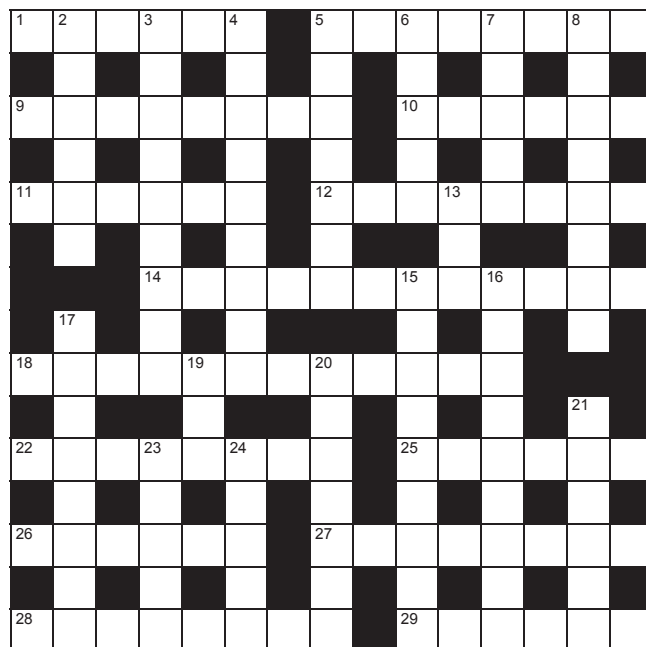
# Crossword 16,260 Set by Alberich

## ACROSS

- 1 Before excursion, the French act without restraint (3,3)
- 5 One learning to keep prisoner in custody (8)
- 9 Piece, once composed, receiving performance (8)
- 10 Hindu priest's not at home, he noted (6)
- 11 Decorative finish seen in church, the Catholic one? (6)
- 12 Group in project facing unlimited red tape (8)
- 14 On return, European expresses dissention and bewilderment (12)
- 18 Exorbitant rent includes central heating? This involves several obstacles (12)
- 22 Interpret in exotic countries? Not I (8)
- 25 By mouth of river, initially meets friend (6)
- 26 A celebrity pens book portraying ancient Britain (6)
- 27 Underground worker nurses sick seller of ladies' wear (8)
- 28 Women getting gagged? That's unfortunate (8)
- 29 Abhorrence in Balmoral for one commie (6)

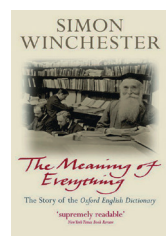
## DOWN

- 2 Revolutionary range keeps hot for ages (6)
- 3 Trousers, lost at first, eventually turned up (9)
- 4 Everlasting ill repute acquired by mate (9)
- 5 Regularly visited La Scala, sitting in box? It's sweet! (7)
- 6 Article found among ship's instruments (5)
- 7 Go in chopper with no wings (5)
- 8 To impugn criminal shows courage (8)
- 13 So speaker's indisposed (3)
- 15 Religious leader always returned greeting with thanks (9)
- 16 Bitten by bug, the woman first finds provider of treatment (9)
- 17 One sauntering along street's given wave (8)
- 19 A stone to match mine (3)
- 20 Yelled head off, being soundly beaten (7)
- 21 A place of learning has no business making claim (6)
- 23 Wife cracks riddle fast (5)
- 24 Farm contributing to Lutheran Church (5)



## Solution 16,259

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