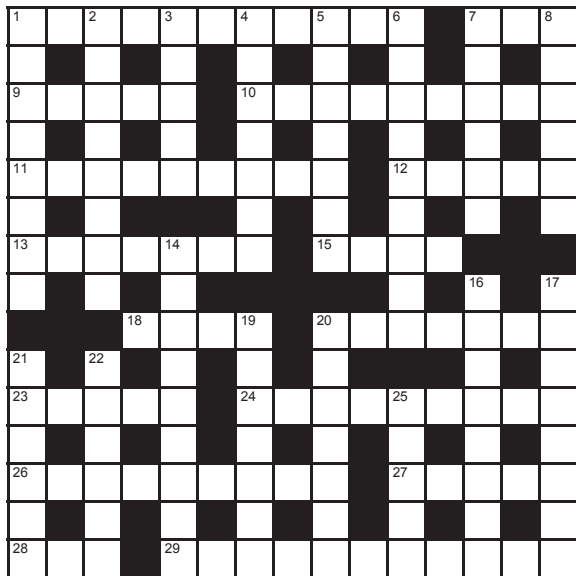


CROSSWORD

No. 15,840 Set by CRUX



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Personally present when card game begins? (2,5,4)
- 7, 28 Hospital blocks a medical screening? Refuse to go here! (3,3)
- 9 Gritty Scot (5)
- 10 Takes cover from birds' dropping (5,4)
- 11, 12 Doctor organises sales of toast (5,4,5)
- 13 Persuades others, perhaps, to accept the unknown (7)
- 15 Rather dull old poet from the east (4)
- 18 What sound may be out of (said to be in decline) (4)
- 20 He's rich so might provide prize (7)
- 23 Opposition starts to reform in vain after losing (5)
- 24 Bravest reveal such items of clothing (9)
- 26 Largely French (and Polish) campaign of WW1 (9)
- 27 It means around a hundred also, in short (5)
- 28 See 7
- 29 Crudely botched a test (minus 50% only!) (11)

DOWN

- 1 Spellbound little brothers go upstairs, asleep? (8)
- 2 Some steps outside an upper window (8)
- 3 What pay-day may do (5)
- 4 Old news that's mostly current! Unusual sign (7)

- 5 Defendant who's damned? Not right! (7)
- 6 Name a rude sign a teenager comprehends (9)
- 7 A hundred and fifty without a . . . without a key (6)
- 8 Just a little house and hideaway (6)
- 14 Money maker requires some sort of normality (5,4)
- 16 Working farmers need one to obtain weapons (8)
- 17 Reluctant to house youngster who could be cleaner (8)
- 19 Vouchers issued when companies take over (7)
- 20 Established standard in drug, a painkiller (7)
- 21 Distressing time with smoke seen rising (6)
- 22 No igneous rock climbs in this mythical land (6)
- 25 What scouts may do about cycles, oddly (5)

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