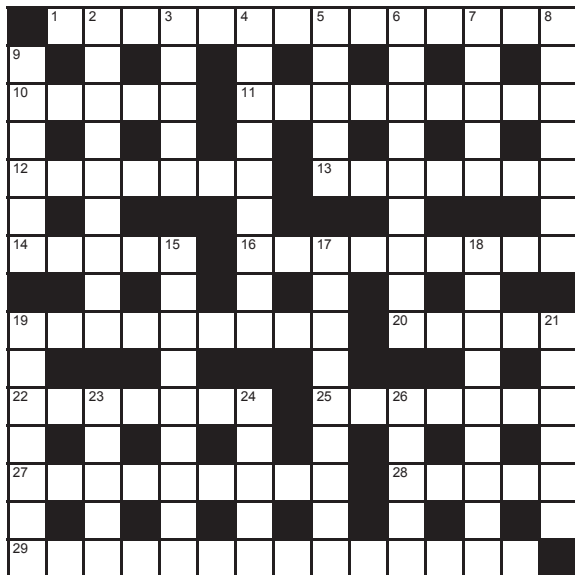


CROSSWORD

No. 16,256 Set by CRUX



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 A minor embarrassment for the French? (6,8)
- 10 A bit of colour in season, commonly blue (5)
- 11 Even foreign degrees give honours (9)
- 12 Finally spotted more unusual woodpecker, say (7)
- 13 The number left outside could be infinite (7)
- 14 Saw a danger for high-wire act – turning round (5)
- 16 Sally taking unknown dog in back row (9)
- 19 Compass direction to observe, it's said, off Alaska (6,3)
- 20 What a wrongful death would be, no doubt (5)
- 22 He has spread out in the west (7)
- 25 A foreign *famille* in disgrace (3,4)
- 27 A doctor needs superior sharp blade here, possibly (9)
- 28 Some notes Putin returned cause trouble (5)
- 29 Safety precautions for smokers in bed? (8,6)

DOWN

- 2 Not a bean, being idle perhaps (3-6)
- 3 Topside of meat cooked with one (1-4)
- 4 State involved in unfair rents for publicans (9)

- 5 Irene's new name (and gender!) (5)
- 6 One of those elements are rather strange (4,5)
- 7 Famous uprising without the French marshal's staff (5)
- 8 Poles in mix-up with a foreign letter (7)
- 9 Tick means a good grade (6)
- 15 Just 50% of course (4,5)
- 17 "Licorice sticks" much appreciated by Goodman (9)
- 18 On the way in, trains not usually on time (2,7)
- 19 Shaw's major article on public houses (7)
- 21 They are on the same score, à l'italienne (6)
- 23 Article upset Robert Clive, for instance (5)
- 24 Star performer at 12 (5)
- 26 Parasites maintained by public expense – I'm just one! (5)

Solution 16,255

