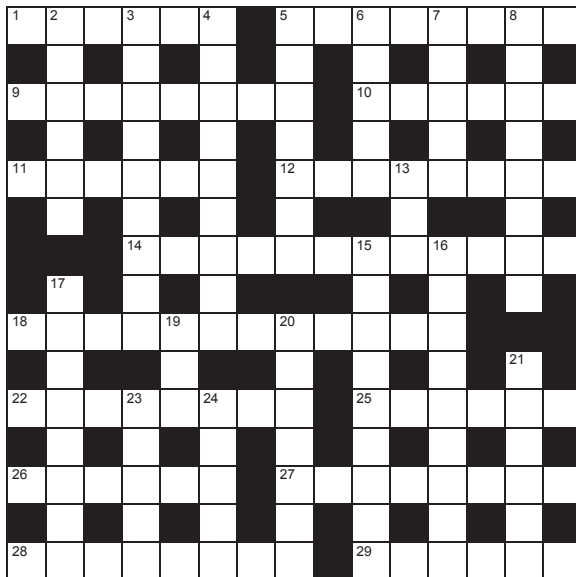


CROSSWORD

No. 16,003 Set by ALBERICH



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Retiring young woman follows secretary everywhere (6)
- 5 Star is beset by heartless stalker, possibly (8)
- 9 Look gross, wearing trendy item for shock? (8)
- 10 I will have ten to lunch? (6)
- 11 Blue suit keeps one extremely happy (6)
- 12 Running or a diet's producing a heavenly body (8)
- 14 Town hall's beginning to deal with surrounding parts of Ayrshire? (12)
- 18 Playing possum on air to trap one? That's mean (12)
- 22 What makes shape gradually terminate? (5,3)
- 25 Washington backed vote to strike (6)
- 26 Stop thinking about fashion trends, for a start (6)
- 27 Lamentable way to quote revolutionary (8)
- 28 Challenged self-description of one who's married? (8)
- 29 Success gets the woman to this place (6)

DOWN

- 2 Slowly a soldier gets into trouble (6)
- 3 Scores runs, restrained by first of several dismissals (9)
- 4 Suffering from advanced dry rot? That's sorted in minutes (9)
- 5 Calm primate eats seeds (7)
- 6 It is not pollution (5)

- 7 One up on gossip shortly returned (5)
- 8 Left bins out in sight? That's wise (8)
- 13 Periodically tell off mischievous creature (3)
- 15 Sample sandwiches Kitty served up? This'll give you time (9)
- 16 Having brass around versus having no brass? (9)
- 17 Place for washing cleaner clothes at hospital (8)
- 19 Reserve majestic Edwardian houses (3)
- 20 To pen a novel, initially defeat writer's block? (7)
- 21 Persuade to keep it up, offering inducement (6)
- 23 Mark has no time to produce letter (5)
- 24 Rock decapitated aquatic creature (5)

Solution 16,002

